

THE PROFILE OF YOSHIDA HIGH SCHOOL 2023

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About Us

Yoshida High School was established in 1937 as the Agricultural and Technical school in the Fuji-North District in Yamanashi Prefecture. In 1950, it was reorganized into 5 courses; General, Agriculture, Woodcraft, Textile and Dress Designing. Nowadays it has two courses; the General Course, and the Science & Mathematics Course. There are 688 students (349 boys & 339 girls), and 60 teachers & staffs. The total number of graduates since its establishment is about 29,000. They have been actively involved in many fields in domestic as well as international arenas. The school buildings, rebuilt in 2005, are located in the eastern part of Fujiyoshida city at the foot of Mt. Fuji, so the students can enjoy the view of it from all the classrooms. We have a large playing field, three tennis courts, two handball courts, and a two-floor gym with martial arts range. In addition to these, we also have a Japanese archery gym, a weight lifting room and a tea-ceremony room.



Message from the Principal

Thank you very much for accessing our Yoshida High School website. Under the school philosophy of "Jungo" (to be cheerful, fresh, strong-willed, and unpretentious) and "Hyakusetsu-Futoku" (to never give up no matter how many times we encounter difficulties), the aims of our school are to cultivate gratitude, friendship, mental and physical discipline, and emotional intelligence through learning and club activities.



Yoshida High School is the only traditional school with a science and mathematics department in the Fuji-North District and in the Eastern Part of Yamanashi Prefecture. Therefore, we, as a community school, try to foster students who will be able to survive in an advanced information society and will become leaders in Japan with a love for their hometowns, while developing their independence and inquiry.

The educational objectives that were handed down from generation to generation were renovated in 2017, and these have been shared by students and faculty members. We call these educational goals "Yoshida High School Graduation Policy (Yoshida High School GP)". Its students, faculty, and staff are working together to achieve them. The Yoshida High School GP's purpose is to acquire eight skills (self-affirmation, listening, analysis, thinking, transmission, imagination, creativity, and action) throughout the three years. All educational activities, including classes, school events, and club activities are conducted with this perspective in mind. We believe that by being aware of what skills to acquire, and reflecting afterwards, students will develop the ability to understand the characteristics of themselves and others from multiple perspectives. Above all, we believe that the establishment of a strong self that is not swayed by the evaluations of others will be a great strength for future social life. The GP is a system that aims to nurture the qualities and abilities of students for their future.

Meanwhile, as we are entering an age of unpredictability, we hope to educate students together with the whole community, including local leaders, elementary school students, and junior high school students. In order to achieve this, in 2021, we introduced the system of A Community School (a school with a school management committee). We have taken a step further from being just a "school open to the community" to becoming a "school that exists together with the community". We hope you will enjoy our website and learn more about our educational activities.

Principal Gonda Masahiro

Our Philosophy

Our philosophy is “百折不撓 (hyakusetu-futoo)”, meaning, “Never give up no matter how many times we encounter difficulties!” and “純剛 (Jyungo)”, meaning, “To be cheerful, fresh, strong-willed, and unpretentious”. We encourage the students to try hard in schoolwork, sports, and arts, giving high regard to both pen and sword. This inspires the students to be well-rounded in all disciplines.

Mission

Our mission is to foster spiritually rich and strong students with “*Yoshida PRIDE” who will succeed in the uncertain future. In order to survive the future, the students have to learn from the past, know the present, and think about the future.

*Yoshida PRIDE: The mind to try everything with his or her own idea in a responsible way and respect others

Educational Aim (Graduation Policy)

In order to achieve this mission, the students are to acquire the following 8 abilities;

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| 1) Self-confidence | 2) Attentive listening | 3) Objective analysis |
| 4) Evidence-based thinking | 5) Clear and expressive delivery | 6) Foresight |
| 7) Creativity | 8) Positive action | |

Our slogan from the foundation

“Why not try?”

This is the word the first principal loved and said back in the 1930’s. He implied that we should try a variety of things when faced with challenges.

Two Courses



Yoshida High School offers two courses: The General Course (5 classes per grade) and the Science and Mathematics Course (1 class per grade). The General Course has a long and glorious history which has made Yoshida High School famous in many fields, such as business, politics, education, arts and sports. The students work very hard to develop a deep sense of humanity, a strong and flexible mind and body, and creativity. The Science and Mathematics Course was established in 1991, (the third in Yamanashi Prefecture). A number of students have graduated from this course, and have been playing an active role in excellent professions such as engineers, researchers, doctors, dentists, professors and teachers.

Science and Mathematics Course

In 1991 the Science and Mathematics Course was established. Its purpose is to foster independent students who will contribute to the various fields not only in Japan but also abroad. A different curriculum that covers the wider range of subjects has been provided. According to their own interest or abilities, the students can select their own subjects and choose a Humanities Course or a Science Course in the process. In order to enhance their academic abilities, the department has also offered extracurricular classes in the 8th period every day and various kinds of activities such as study camps, themed research projects supported by local research institutes and career guidance several times. The whole system has enabled them to go on to study at prestigious universities and further realize their potentials.



Annual School Calendar (main events)

APRIL

- ENTRANCE CEREMONY FOR NEW STUDENTS
- CHEERING PRACTICE & FRESHMAN WORKSHOP
- PTA GENERAL MEETING

MAY

- STUDENT COUNCIL ASSEMBLY
- YAMANASHI HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS MEETS
- FIRST SEMESTER EXAM 1

JUNE

- SCHOOL FESTIVAL

JULY

- COUNSELING WEEK
- SUMMER VACATION

AUGUST

- SUMMER VACATION
- MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE COURSE STUDY CAMP
- SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

SEPTEMBER

- Mt. FUJI CLIMBING RACE
- FIRST SEMESTER EXAM 2

OCTOBER

- INTER-CLASS SPORTS MEETS
- FOUNDATION DAY

NOVEMBER

- SECOND YEAR STUDENT 'S SCHOOL TRIP
- SECOND SEMESTER EXAM 1

DECEMBER

- WINTER VACATION

JANUARY

- WINTER VACATION
- SUMMER LECTURE SERIES
- THE COMMON TEST FOR UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS

FEBRUARY

- SECOND SEMESTER EXAM 2

MARCH

- GRADUATION CEREMONY
- ENTRANCE EXAM
- YEAR-END (SPRING) VACATION

Characteristic Events

○ Studies of Mt. Fuji

The students work on this research as part of the Periods of Integrated Inquiry. From the relationship between the current state of our community and real life, they will find the issues of our community and explore its solutions. They discuss the problems with local leaders, analyze them, and finally present its solutions. With topics such as Environmental Problems, Culture, Disaster Prevention, Nature Conservation, and Town Renewal Project in this area, each student chooses one and investigates it. They work hard to write reports as a group for their presentation.



○ Mt. Fuji Climbing Race

In September, all students enjoy participating in this event. Starting from the sports field at the foot of Mt. Fuji, they run or walk all the way to the Fifth (boys) or the Fourth (girls) station of Mt. Fuji, turning back to the start within 8 hours. The boys' course is 41.5km, (1,165m difference elevation), and the girls' course is 35.5km (1015m). The fastest runners often reach the goal in three and half hours. This is a hard but rewarding experience for students. The percentage of students who complete the race is more than 90% every year.

○ School Festival

The School Festival is the biggest and the most exciting cultural event of the school year, where the students show





their passion and sensibility in various displays such as a chorus competition, musicals and other stage performances. You can enjoy many kinds of exhibitions including catering stands. Students, teachers, parents, neighbors, and junior high school students look forward to this event.



○ School Trip



Almost all Japanese students experience school excursions, usually in their final year of elementary school, junior high school, and high school. Considered as part of the school curriculum, these trips not only take students to famous historical sites and popular scenic spots, but also focus on developing self-reliance, group identity, and a sense of cooperation. Can you believe that a large number of students like this travel to several places as a group?

The second-year students in Yoshida High School spend their four-day trip in Okinawa in November communicating with local people and learning its culture, history, and customs.

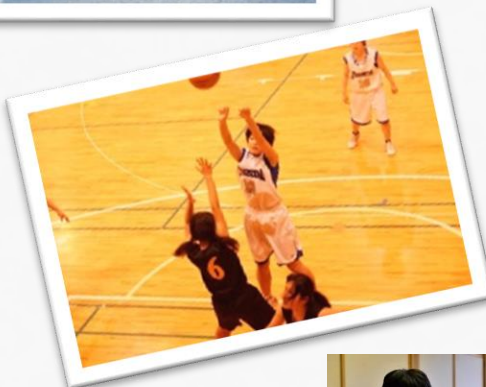
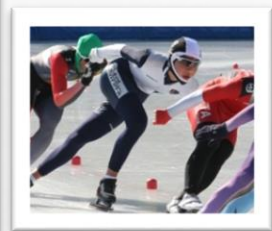


○ Extra-curricular Activities

Yoshida High School has had a high regard for extra-curricular activities for a long time, and accomplishments in some clubs are recognized at national level. Individual and team championships are common. Through these activities, bonds of friendships are cultivated.

SPORTS CLUBS : Track & Field, Baseball, Kendo, Soccer, Speed Skating, Hand-ball, Rugby, Table Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball, Soft Tennis, Rowing, Yacht, Japanese Archery, Weight-lifting

CULTURAL CLUBS: Photography, Visual Arts, Broadcasting, Music, Brass Band, Calligraphy, Math & Science, Tea Ceremony, Koto Music, Social Studies, Igo & Shogi, English Speaking Society



Career Guidance & Enrollment in Institutions of Higher Education in April 2023

Besides regular lessons, our school provides several programs or workshops to stimulate students' motivation, improve their ability and strengthen their knowledge. These programs are helpful especially for those wishing to go on to higher learning institutions.

- **Summer / Winter Lecture Series:** The lectures are conducted by the teachers of this school. Various programs are available.
- **Saturday Schooling:** Teachers in our school conduct Saturday study program 7 times a year. The aim of this program is to help students understand regular classes, develop students' practical skills and stimulate their motivation. Through this program, the students can extend their ability efficiently.
- **Counseling:** Counseling between the student, his or her parent and the homeroom teacher is held in July.
- **Career Guidance for Students:** We have career guidance for the first year students in July, the second year students in November and the third year students in May. The purpose is to have students make a good start on thinking about their future. To get the latest information, we invite lecturers from companies, higher education institutions and universities.
- **Career Guidance for Parents:** We have career guidance for the third year parents in April & June and for the first and second year parents in April & October.
- **Self-study Room** We have a self-study room with a pleasant surroundings. A lot of students use this room early in the morning and after school. This room is available all year around including Saturdays and Sundays.

Most of the students in Yoshida High School go on to a higher education. Here is a list of the top 18 universities that the students from Yoshida High School entered in April 2023.

The University of Yamanashi	26	Tsuru University	4
Chiba University	11	Shinshu University	4
Toyo University	6	Yamanashi Prefectural University	4
Waseda University	5	Suwa Tokyo University of Science	4
Hosei University	5	Rikkyo University	4
Chuo University	5	Tokyo Woman's Christian University	4

(The number indicates the number of the students who went there.)

School Song

校歌

一、朝日子映ゆる 富士ヶ嶺を

まなびの庭に あふぐ時

ゆふ雲ひくき すそ野路を

かつらの岸に 見やる時

なごみ われらと共にあり

二、ならばものなき この山の

けだかき姿 この川の

清しき心 うけつぎて

人としならん 健こやかに

のぞみ われらと共にあり

三、北齋ゑがく 「赤富士」の

虹なす彩を 君知るや

生命の潮の 高まりて

まこと求むる 智慧の色

ひかり われらと共にあり

1. あさひこ はゆる ふじがねを
asahiko hayuru fujiganewo
まなびの にわに あおぐとき
manabino niwani aogutoki
ゆうぐも ひくき すそのじを
yuugumo hikuki susonojiwo
かつらの きしに みやるとき
katsurano kishini miyarutoki
なごみ われらと ともにあり
nagomi warerato tomoniari



THE KATSURA RIVER IN THE SUN

Looking up to Mt. Fuji glowing in the rising sun,

from this school,

Looking into the evening clouds low at the foot of Mt. Fuji in the distance,

across the Katsura river,

Calm is here together with us.

2. ならば ものなき このやまの
 narabu mononaki konoyamano
 けだかき すがた このかわの
 kedakaki sugata konokawano
 すがしき ころ うけつぎて
 sugashiki kokoro uketsugite
 ひととし ならん すこやかに
 hitotoshi naran sukoyakani
 のぞみ われらと ともにあり
 nozomi warerato tomoniari

So magnificent is this mountain that there are no rivals.

So graceful is this river.

Sharing their spirit of purity for the future,

I'm determined to be an enlightened human.

Hope is here together with us.

3. ほくさい えがく あかふじの
 hokusai egaku akafujino,
 にじなす あやを きみしるや
 nijinasu ayawo kimishiruya,
 いのちの しおの たかまりて
 inochino shiono takamarite
 まこと もとむる ちえのいろ
 makoto motomuru chienoiro
 ひかり われらと ともにあり
 hikari warerato tomoniari



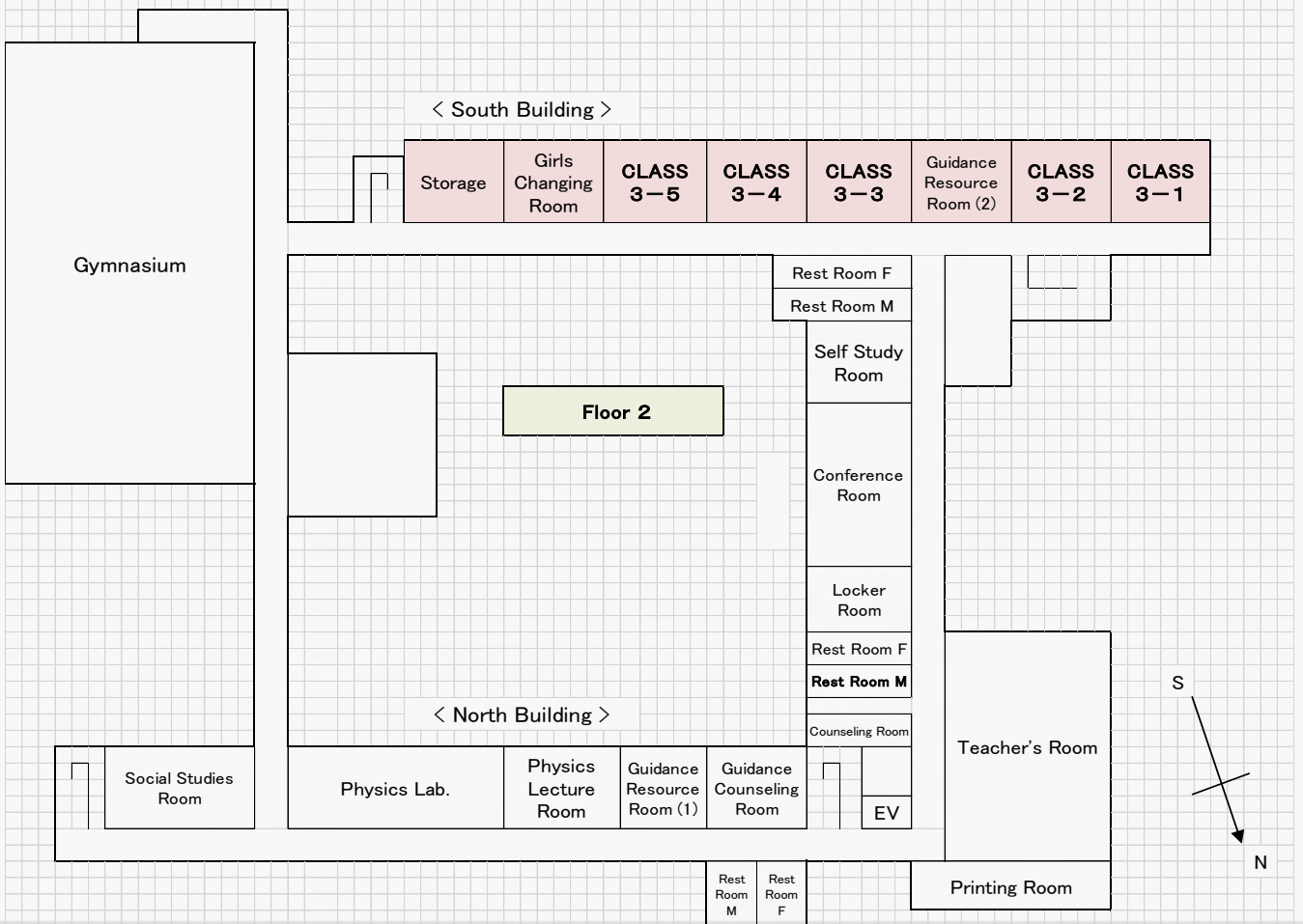
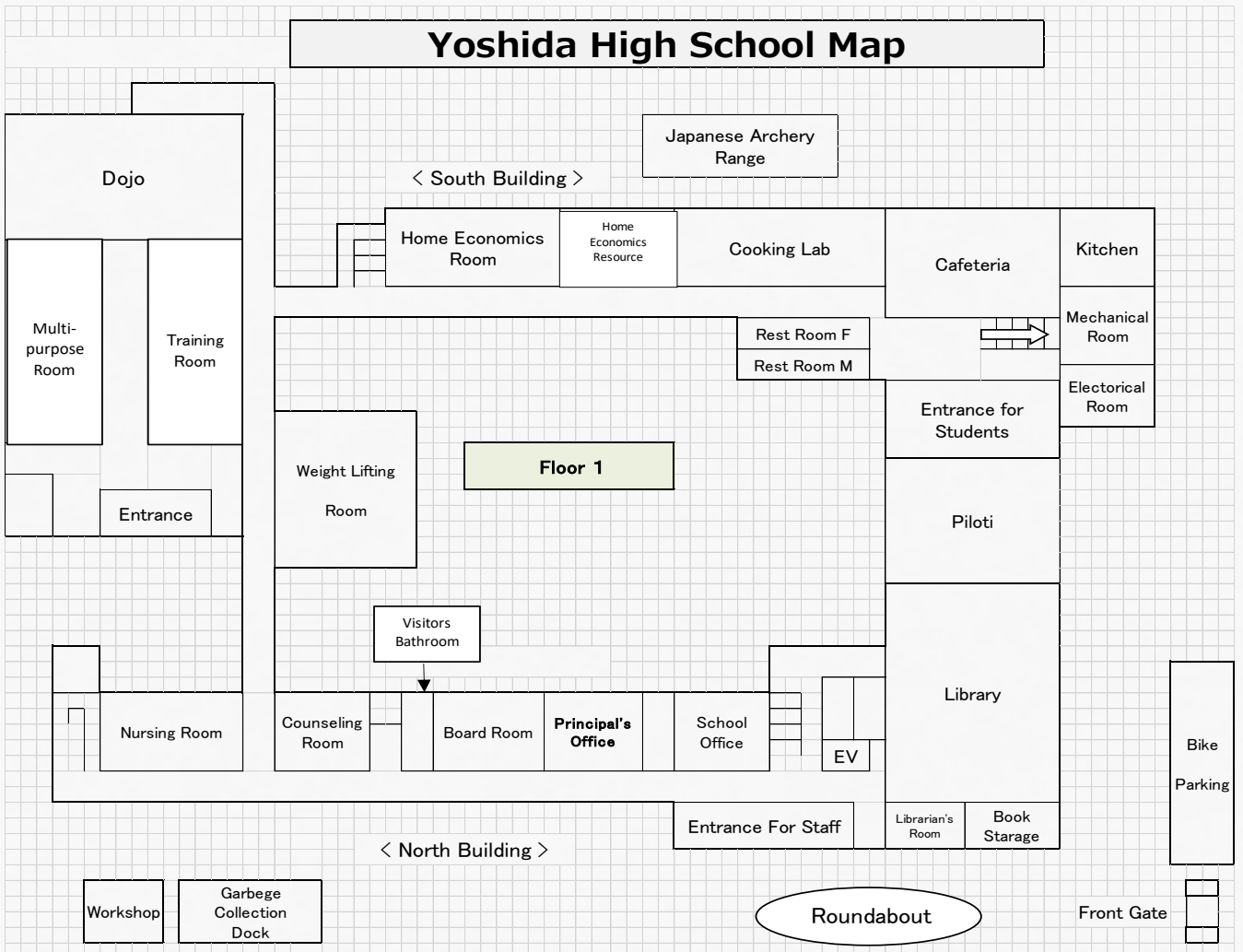
Katsushika Hokusai painted Red Fuji.

You already know the fascinating tint of Mt. Fuji dyed red by the dawn sun
 in the early autumn.

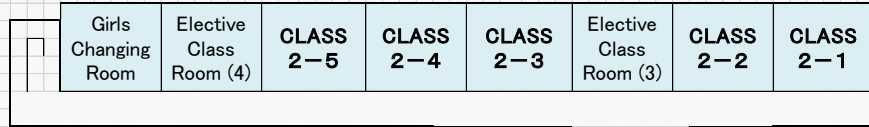
In the rising tide of life, we seek for the truth, the color of wisdom.

Light is here together with us.

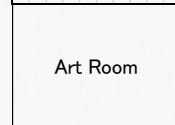
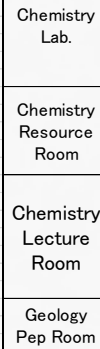
Yoshida High School Map



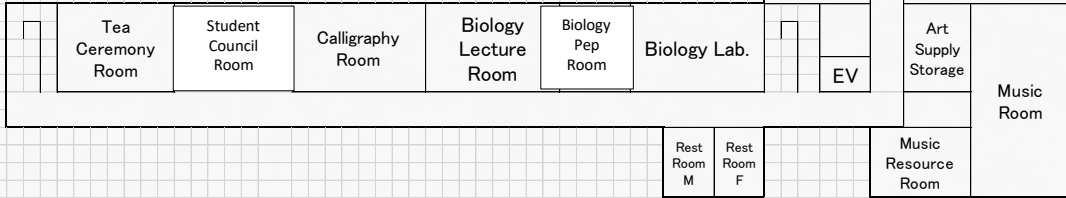
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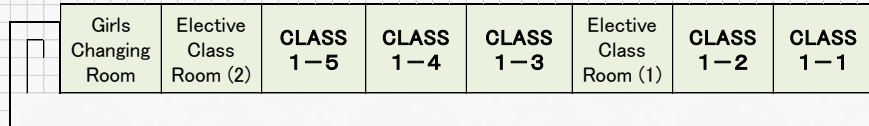
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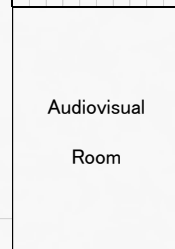
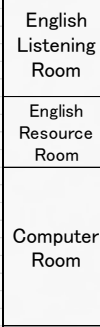
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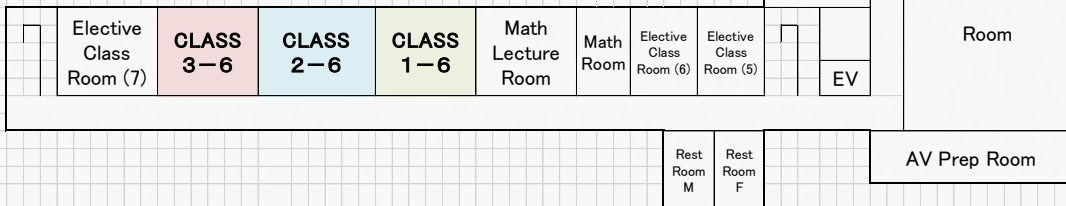
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Yamanashi Prefectural YOSHIDA HIGH SCHOOL



**Hello, there. I'm AOKAZE. I appear
when the students in Yoshida High School
smile. I'll bring you the wind of happiness.
The students call me "AOKAZE KUN".**

**Please come and see me. I'm really
looking forward to seeing you here!**



ACCESS: Take the Chuo Line toward Kofu / Matsumoto and get off at Otsuki Station. Change to the Fujikyuko Line and get off at Mt. Fuji Station. From there, Yoshida High School is a 17-minute walk.