

Sister School

Inagakuen High School was founded in 1984 with a view towards the 21st Century and the international and societal changes it will bring. It is one of Japan's largest public high schools. The campus, covering 155,000 square metres of land, provides educational and recreational space for 3002 students and 221 faculty members (the equivalent of three ordinary high schools). Its size enables Inagakuen to offer a large number of elective subjects.

Educational Aims

Inagakuen was established to develop new procedures in high school teaching, meet the diversified learning demands of students, and improve upper secondary education. Its aims are to help students:

- love wisdom and improve themselves
- respect each other, cooperate, and be polite and well-behaved
- have strong wills and bodies and diligent minds

Curriculum

Inagakuen's unique curriculum is adaptable to the particular abilities, interests, and needs of its students. It offers all the subjects normally available in Japanese high schools, and some unusual options. For instance, the general course of study "Japanese" incorporates classes in modern poetry and classical Chinese verse; "Social Studies" includes the history of Japanese culture.

The school provides a range of commercial/ business classes (including information processing) and offers a variety of small classes covering special subjects (engine technology, horticulture, poetry, and sculpture, for example).

Inagakuen's somewhat specialized course structure has made it desirable for the school to select some students solely on the basis of interviews and recommendations from junior high schools. About 30% of the students admitted are not required to take the general entrance examination.

Each Inagakuen student selects one course of study and follows it for all three years of high school. Seven broad courses of study are offered:

- Humanities (Japanese and Social Studies)
- Languages (English, French, German or Chinese)
- Mathematics and Science
- Art (including Music)
- Physical Education
- Home Economics
- Business

The school gives students a relatively high degree of educational freedom and a large number of subjects from which to choose. First-year students take required courses and one elected course. Second-year students have five compulsory courses and several electives (there are 164 from which to choose). In the third year, there are four compulsory courses. By meeting the needs and aspirations of individual students, the curriculum helps them achieve their full potential in an increasingly complex, specialised, and international world.

Location

Inagakuen is located northwest of Tokyo in Ina Town, Saitama. Most students commute to school on the "New Shuttle", a train line connecting Inagakuen with Omiya station, the hub of the prefecture's public transport system. It takes about one hour to travel from Inagakuen to central Tokyo.

Address: 1300-1 Hanuki, Ina machi Kitaadachi gun, Saitama ken 362 Japan Phone: 048-728-2510 Fax: 048-729-1003