

School Profile



1. Contact Address

Shiba Junior and Senior High School

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2. The History of Shiba Junior and Senior High School

Shiba Junior and Senior High School was founded as a mission school of “Jodoshu”, one of the Buddhist denominations, in 1887. The main aim in those days was to educate the disciples of the sect. In 1906, it was opened to the public and was recognized by the Ministry of Education as Shiba Junior High School.

Although the school buildings were burnt down by a fire in 1916, they were rebuilt again three years later. It was the third principal, Dr. Watanabe Kaigyoku, who made a great effort to rebuild the school at that time. He was also known as a world-famous Buddhist scholar. The school motto he wrote still lives on in the hearts of the students.

Afterwards the school gradually grew bigger. It was burnt down again by a fire during World War II in 1945 and was rebuilt in 1948 as Shiba Junior and Senior High School with six grades.

The Shiba spirit has been passed along by each generation of students and there are now more than 25,000 graduates.

3. School Motto “Jumpro-Jichi”

“*Jumpro*” is to obey the law of the world and universe that is to live up to the eternal truth. It was the very law that Shakamuni, the founder of Buddhism, pursued throughout his life as a monk.

“*Jichi*” means governing oneself or self-reliance. It is very important to create a moral code for oneself within the faith. Thereafter, to live within that code without being distracted by life’s temptations.

4. Curriculum

In Japan, the academic year starts on 1st of April and ends on 31st of March in the following year. Shiba follows a trimester system the same as other schools.

✓Grading (All grades are unweighted)

5 – Excellent

4 – Above Average

3 – Average

2 – Below Average

1 – Fail

✓Subjects Areas at High School (For students who enter by April, 2021)

Name of Subjects	Credits											
	1 st year	2 nd year				3 rd year						
		Humaniti es	Science	Humanities- 1	Humanities- 2	Science-1	Science-2					
Integrated Japanese Language	6											
Contemporary Japanese Language B		3	2	3	4	2	2					
Japanese Classics B		4	3	4	4	2	0 or 2					
World History A	2	e3										
Japanese History A		e3	e3	3								
Geography A		e3	e3									
World History B			6		e4		e4		e4		0or4	
Japanese History B					e4		e4		e4		0or4	
Geography B					e4	4-8	e4	4-8	e4	4	0or4	0-4
Contemporary Sociology	2	e3										
Ethics						e4		e4		e4		0or4
Politics and Economics						e4		e4				
Mathematics I	3				0 or 2	0 or 2						
Mathematics II		3	3									
Mathematics III			4					4		4		
Mathematics A	3											
Mathematics B					3	0 or 2		4		4		
Basic Physics		e2	4	e2	7	e2	4	0or2	0-4			
Basic Chemistry	2	e2		e2		e2		0or2				
Basic Biology		e2		e2		e2		0or2				
Basic Earth Science	2	e2		e2		e2		0or2				
Physics								e4	8	e4	4-8	
Chemistry			3					4		e4		
Biology								e4		e4		
Physical Education	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3		
Health	1	1	1	1								
Fine Art I	e1	1	e2	2	e1	1						
Music I	e1		e2		e1							
Fine Art II					0 or 2	0 or 2	0 or 2	0 or 2	0 or 2	0 or 2		
Basic Home Economics	2											
English Communication I	3											
English Communication II		5	4									
English Communication III					5	6	4	4				

English Expression I	2						
English Expression II		2	2	2	2	2	2
English Practice					0 or 2		
Information Study by Scientific Approach	2						
The Period for Integrated Studies	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total Credits	35	34	34	29-37	24-38	34-36	24-36

Required Credits for Graduation: More than 93 in total

Notes. *1 “e” means compulsory elective subjects and the total credits which they must get are shown in the right columns in each grade.

*2 “or” means completely elective subjects.

*3 The Period for Integrated Studies doesn't have any evaluation.

✓Course Highlights

Japanese

Integrated Japanese Language

This course is a combination of 3 credits of Contemporary Japanese and 3 credits of Japanese and Chinese Classics.

Contemporary Japanese Language B

This course covers Modern Japanese Literature.

Japanese Classics B

This course focuses on Classical Japanese and Chinese.

Geography and History

World History

Course A focuses on the later modern period whereas Course B takes up an overview of all recorded history.

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Geography

Course A focuses on Natural Environment and Industrials in Phylogeography whereas Course B mainly focuses on Ethnology, Culturology and Tourism in Phylogeography. Course B also focuses on Topography.

Sociology, Ethics & Politics and Economics

Contemporary Sociology

This course mainly focuses on problems in contemporary society (such as Informatization and Internationalization), Developmental Psychology of adolescence and Political Philosophy.

Ethics

This course mainly focuses on the History of Western Philosophy, Eastern and Japanese Thought, and Applied Ethics.

Politics and Economics

This course mainly focuses on the Scheme of Democratic Politics, Constitutional Law, Governing Structure, Fiscal and Financial Functions, and International Economics.

Mathematics

Mathematics I

Trigonometric Functions, Exponential Functions, Logarithmic Functions, Sequences

Mathematics II

Humanities course : Vectors

Science course : Vectors, Quadratic Curves, Complex Planes

Mathematics III

Limits of Sequences, Limits of Functions, Differential and Integral Calculus

Mathematics A

Formulas and Demonstrations, High-Degree Equations, Diagrams and Equations, Derivations and Integrals

Mathematics B

Practices of all categories

Science

Course A is a basic introductory course whereas Course B is a more advanced course. Advanced courses are only provided for 2nd and 3rd year students in Science courses.

Physics

Classical Mechanics, Thermodynamics, Electromagnetism, Wave Phenomena, Optics, Quantum Physics, Nuclear Physics

Chemistry

Theoretical Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Macromolecules

Biology

Molecular and Cellular Biology, Genetics, Metabolism, Homeostasis, Genesiology, Environmental Responses, Bionomy, Evolution

Earth Science

Geology, Oceanography, Astronomy, Aerography

5. Annual Events

April:

Opening Ceremony of 1st Semester

Entrance Ceremony (Junior / Senior)

“*Hanamatsuri*” (Buddha’s Birthday Festival)

“*Gyokisampa*” (All students attend Zojoji, The Chief Temple of the Jodo-Buddhist

	Sect)
May:	Athletic Meeting Mid-Term Examination
June:	School Excursion (Senior)
July:	Term-End Examination Closing Ceremony of 1 st Semester Summer Courses Seaside School (Junior) Study Tour (Canada, optional))
August:	Camping School (Junior / Senior)
September:	Opening Ceremony of 2 nd Semester School Festival
October:	Mid-Term Examination
November:	Field Trip (Junior) School Excursion (Junior)
December:	Term-End Examination Closing Ceremony of 2 nd Semester Skiing Training Camp (Junior, Optional)
January:	Opening Ceremony of 3 rd Semester "Daishusobi" (The Anniversary of the Death of Honen Shonin, the Founder of the Jodo-Buddhist Sect)
February:	Entrance Examination of Junior High School The Anniversary of the School
March:	Graduation Ceremony (Junior / Senior) Year-End Examination Closing Ceremony of 3 rd Semester Study Tour (New Zealand, Optional)

6. Club Activities

There are 36 Clubs and Associations (including both Liberal Arts and Sports) that conduct various volunteer activities. Through spring and summer camps, or through various field researches, club advisors and teachers bring out the best of the students physically and also mentally. Many clubs have won a lot of prizes in competitions, which gives the school a lot of pride.

✓Cultural Activity Clubs

Science	Crafts Production	Radio (Computer)
Debating	Brass Band	Photography
Astronomy and Meteorology	Biology	Art
Shogi (Japanese Chess)	Guitar	Archaeology
Fishing	Rakugo (Traditional Comic Storytelling)	
Cooking	A cappella	History

✓Sports Clubs

Hardball Baseball	Rubber-ball Baseball	Tennis
Soft Tennis	Volleyball	Track and Field
Mountaineering	Judo	Basketball
Wondervogel (mountain trekking)	Table Tennis	Kendo
Alpine Skiing	Badminton	Swimming
Soccer	Shorinji Kempo (Modern Japanese Martial Arts)	

7. University Acceptance

In the year 2019, Shiba students have matriculated at each of the following institutions. The schools listed below are some of the most competitive universities in Japan and in the world.

✓National and Public Universities

Hokkaido University	Tohoku University
Tsukuba University	Chiba University
The University of Electro-Communications	The University of Tokyo
Tokyo University of Foreign Studies	Tokyo Institute of Technology
Hitotsubashi University	Yokohama National University
Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology	Yokohama City University
Kyoto University	Osaka University
Kobe University	Hiroshima University
Kyushu University	

✓Private Universities

Aoyama Gakuin University	Gakushuin University
Keio University	International Christian University
Shibaura Institute of Technology	Sophia University
Chuo University	Tokyo University of Science
Nihon University	Meiji University
Waseda University	Ritsumeikan Asia-Pacific University

✓Medical Schools

Akita University	Tsukuba University
Chiba University	Yamanashi University
Yokohama City University	Kitasato University
Juntendo University	Showa University
Tokyo Medical University	The Jikei University School of Medicine
Nippon Medical School	Osaka Medical College

✓Universities Overseas

Tallin University of Technology

Webber International University

Trinity College Dublin

8. Notable Alumni of Shiba

Arts

- Imai, Tadashi : Film Director
Kitakata, Kenzo : Novelist
Nakajima, Seinosuke : Antiques Dealer, Essayist
Tanaka, Isson : Japanese-Style Painter
Yamaguchi, Yuichiro : Actor of Shiki Theatrical Company

Business

- Nakagawa, Sunao : Former President of Television Tokyo Channel 12, Ltd.

Education

- Isomura, Eiichi : Urban Sociologist, Former President of Toyo University
Kato, Hiroshi : Economist, Professor Emeritus of Keio University, Former Dean of Faculty of Policy Management, Keio University
Ugawa, Noboru : Former President of Toin Gakuen, Former President of Meikei Gakuen

Politics, Law

- Kano, Tokio : A member of the House of Councillors (The Liberal Democratic Party), Former Vice Minister of Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
Kohri, Yuichi : Politician
Nagahama, Hiroyuki : A member of the House of Councillors (The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan), Former Minister of the Environment
Sato, Yukio : Diplomat, Vice president of The Japan Institute of International Affairs, Member of The Japan Forum on International Relations