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School Profile and Educational Policies

Murasakino High School was one of the first schools in Kyoto to pioneer the two-term school-year system. The two-term system enables us to have a more flexible curriculum, with more selective courses. The school is also rare in that it is very active in participating in numerous projects and exchange programs with several schools overseas, including our sister school in Australia.

At Murasakino we aim to cultivate creative, healthy, well-balanced individuals who display intelligence and good morals. The school's staff is dedicated and hard working. They devote themselves to providing the students with a quality education and guidance. It is the goal of every staff member to prepare the students to succeed in their future education and establish rewarding careers.

- We aim to guide students in their studies and improve their academic abilities.
- We provide students with effective counseling to ensure that they can fully enjoy and benefit from their school lives.
- We encourage and assist students to be fit and healthy.

The School Motto: "Freedom and Responsibility"

Murasakino High School has a reputation for encouraging its students to express themselves freely and spontaneously, while fostering an accompanying sense of responsibility. Perhaps the most obvious manifestation of this ideology is the lack of any school uniform, though it also resonates in the school's curriculum and in its rules and regulations, as well as in the style and contents of classes.

International Exchange Programs

Spring 2014 saw the establishment of our Academia course. Students in this course participate in a number of classes and projects to increase their understanding of other countries and cultures, and to improve their aptitude for inter-cultural exchange.

Every March, the first year Academia course students (approximately eighty students in all) participate in an overseas home-stay program for about three weeks. Every year, up to eight second-year English course students embark on one-year overseas study programs in countries such as The United States and Canada. In addition to these programs, a number of our students successfully undertake long-term exchange programs through third-party organizations.

There are also exchange programs for students who are not enrolled in the Academia course. We also have an annual ongoing program with our sister school in Australia in which each school alternates in sending group of twenty students to visit the other. In addition, all first grade students take part in a five day trip abroad. They enjoy seeing the sights of Malaysia and experience life in English speaking countries.

Courses and Curriculum

Murasakino High School has two courses, or “streams” in each grade:

- General Course :** (1)**Standard Course** (4 classes)
(2)**Advanced Course** (2 classes)
Consisting of: Humanities oriented class (1 class)
Science and Mathematics oriented class (1 class)
- Academia Course**

Subjects provided for students vary slightly each year. Outlined below are the main subjects in our current curriculum:

Japanese	Integrated Japanese Language, Japanese Language Expression, Contemporary Japanese Language, Classics
Geography & History	Japanese History, World History, Geography
Social Studies	Contemporary Society, Politics & Economy, Ethics
Mathematics	Mathematics I~III, Mathematics A/B, Application of Mathematics
Science	Physics, Chemistry, Biology(Basic/Advanced)
Physical Education	Physical Education, Health
Arts	Music, Fine Art & Design, Crafts Production, Calligraphy
Foreign Languages	English Communication I~III, English Expression I&II, Active English I~III, English Communication Study, English Expression Study, Basic French, Basic Chinese
Home Economics	Basic Home Economics, Food & Nutrition, Clothes-making, Child-care
Information Technology	Information Study for Participating Community
Others	Homeroom class activities, general study periods, the Period for Integrated Studies

The Number of Students Enrolled in 2015

	1 st year	2 nd year	3 rd year	Total
General Course	240	284	322	846
Academia Course	82	84	-	166
Total	322	368	322	1012

School Staff

- Administration (managerial, clerical, janitorial, school nurses): 21
- Teachers: 89

In addition to their usual teaching responsibilities, most teachers also have other roles. These include being a homeroom teacher and belonging to other school responsibilities such as student counseling, academic and vocational counseling, healthcare and club activities.

Annual Schedule

First Semester (April 1 ~ October 13)	Second Semester (October 14 ~ March 31)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Entrance ceremony● School excursion● Mid-term exams I● Mid-term exams II● Parent-teacher meeting● Summer vacation (approx. 5 weeks)● Exchange visit to Australia (alternate years)● School festival● Final exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Parent-teacher meeting● Sports day● Mid-term exams● Visit from Australian students (alternate years)● School marathon day● <i>Karuta</i> competition (traditional card-game)● Graduation ceremony● Final exams● Overseas study program (for first-year English course only)● Five-day overseas study program (for first-year students)

School Festival

For students, the school festival is one of the highlights of year. The main event of the festival is a costumed performance and parade. Every homeroom class in the second and third years creates a dance performance using props and fancy-dress costumes, competing with each other to put on the best show. The festival also has other features and events such as dramas, concerts, and cultural exhibitions by the school's various clubs and societies.

After-school Clubs and Activities

Murasakino has a large variety of sports and cultural clubs such as Soccer, Track & Field, Judo, Kendo, Brass Band, Tea Ceremony and many others.