

AN INTRODUCTION TO
HIBARIGAOKA HIGH SCHOOL

2005 – 2007

KANAGAWA PREFECTURAL
HIBARIGAOKA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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I N T R O D U C T I O N

Kanagawa Prefectural Hibarigaoka Senior High School opened in 1987. Hibarigaoka Senior High School was one of five high schools that opened in the same year. In 1973, Kanagawa Board of Education made a plan to establish 100 high schools in Kanagawa prefecture in order to accommodate the growing number of children. This plan was carried out by 1987. Hibarigaoka Senior High School was one of the last high schools to open under the plan.

ORIGIN OF SCHOOL NAME

People started to live in this area in around 1945. At that time, everyday items such as food and clothing were in short supply, so they were rationed. There were many inconveniences; and around 1949, the town government and people from two regions, Iriya-bun and Kurihara-bun, talked together and decided to make one community. They held a meeting in a field where the skylarks were singing, and for that reason, they called the place HIBARIGAOKA or "Hill of the Skylark." Hibarigaoka Senior High School was named after its location. It is hoped that the school will establish itself firmly in the community, and thereby aid the development of the region.

SCHOOL BADGE AND EMBLEM

The School Badge depicts a skylark which symbolizes both the unlimited possibilities for youngsters and international view points, and the white color of the skylark represents the pure and fresh hearts of the youngsters. The emblem on the school uniform shows the motto of our school, taken from Hipocrates: "Ars Longa Vita Brevis." This ancient quote reflects upon the longevity of art in comparison to the brevity of life. The duty of Hibarigaoka students is to study hard and spend their days usefully.

PURPOSE OF EDUCATION

Education enhances students' intelligence, cultivates their aesthetic sentiments, and brings them up to be individuals, with both sound minds and healthy bodies.

PRINCIPLES OF EDUCATION

The following objectives are based on our school philosophy. The school program shall provide opportunities for students to:

1. Cultivate their minds to be concerned for the welfare of others, based upon a spirit of mutual respect.
2. Develop their own individual personality and acquire fundamental scholastic abilities.
3. Gain an ability to adapt in today's 'high-tech' world.
4. Cultivate a broader perspective of the world through cross-cultural understanding and exchange.

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL HISTORY

1. School name: Kanagawa Prefectural Hibarigaoka Senior High School
2. School Address: 3-58-1 Hibarigaoka, Zama-shi, Kanagawa-ken,
Japan, 228-0003
Telephone Number: 046-255-2555
Fax Number : 046-252-5409
3. School Curriculum: A full-time liberal arts curriculum
(Co-educational)
4. School History:

September 1, 1986 : Kanagawa Prefectural Education Bureau set up Preparation for establishing new schools. Minoru Masuda, vice-principle of Kanagawa Prefectural Astugi Senior High School, was appointed chief official superintendent. Takeshi Koutani, a teacher at Kanagawa Prefectural Asao Senior High School, was appointed superintendent, Katsumi Yamazaki, director of the School Construction Section of the Supervision Department of Kanagawa Prefectural Education Bureau, was appointed director of the plan.

January 1, 1987 : Kanagawa Prefectural Hibarigaoka Senior High School was established. Kanagawa Prefectural Education Bureau made the following appointments;
Principal: Minoru Masuda
Vice-principal: Takeshi Koutani
Head official: Katsumi Yamazaki
Others: Four teachers and two officials
The staff used space at Kanagawa Prefectural Yamato-Nishi Senior High School to make preparations for the new school.

March 18, 1987 : School buildings were completed.

- March 20, 1987 : Kanagawa Prefectural Hibarigaoka Senior High School moved from Kanagawa Prefectural Yamato-Nishi Senior High School to its present address, 3-58-1 Hibarigaoka.
- April 1, 1987 : Kanagawa Prefectural Hibarigaoka Senior High School was opened.
- April 6, 1987 : The first entrance ceremony was held. There were 360 entrants. The Parent-Teacher Association of Hibarigaoka Senior High School was set up.
- April 6, 1988 : The second entrance ceremony was held. There were 384 entrants.
- April 6, 1989 : The third entrance ceremony was held. There were 431 entrants.
- March 3, 1990 : The first graduation ceremony was held. There were 346 graduates.
- April 1, 1990 : Kanagawa Prefectural Education Bureau appointed Takeshi Koutani, the vice-principal, to be the new principal.
- April 6, 1990 : The fourth entrance ceremony was held. There were 367 entrants.
- March 5, 1991 : The second graduation ceremony was held. There were 374 graduates.
- April 6, 1991 : The fifth entrance ceremony was held. There were 358 entrants.
- October 18, 1991 : Hibarigaoka Senior High School and Leonardtown High School, Maryland USA, signed a sister-school agreement. Two teachers and three students visited Leonardtown as the representatives of Hibarigaoka Senior High School for the first time.
- March 4, 1992 : The third graduation ceremony was held. There were 416 graduates.
- April 1, 1992 : Kanagawa Prefectural Education Bureau appointed Hitoshi Wada as the new principal.
- April 7, 1992 : The sixth entrance ceremony was held. There were 352 entrants.
- October 22, 1992 : Leonardtown High School, sister-school of Hibarigaoka, sent five representatives, two teachers and three students, to visit Hibarigaoka.

- March 4, 1993 : The fourth graduation ceremony was held. There were 363 graduates.
- March 29, 1993 : The swimming pool was completed.
- April 6, 1993 : The seventh entrance ceremony was held. There were 319 entrants.
- November 6, 1993 : Twelve representatives (two teachers and ten students) from Hibarigaoka Senior High School visited Leonardtown High School.
- March 1, 1994 : The fifth graduation ceremony was held. There were 353 graduates.
- April 1, 1994 : Kanagawa Prefectural Education Bureau appointed Masaru Kyono as the new principal.
- April 6, 1994 : The eighth entrance ceremony was held. There were 325 entrants.
- March 1, 1995 : The sixth graduation ceremony was held. There were 350 graduates.
- April 1, 1995 : Introduction of Cross-Cultural Understanding Course.
- April 6, 1995 : The ninth entrance ceremony was held. There were 241 General Course entrants. There were 41 entrants for the Cross Cultural Understanding Course.
- March 1, 1996 : The seventh graduation ceremony was held. There were 316 graduates.
- April 6, 1996 : The tenth entrance ceremony was held. There were 199 entrants for General Course entrants. There were 41 entrants for the Cross Cultural Understanding Course.
- March 1, 1997 : The eighth graduation ceremony was held. There were 319 graduates.
- April 1, 1997 : Kanagawa Prefectural Education Bureau appointed Katuhiro Osawa as the new principal.
- April 7, 1997 : The eleventh entrance ceremony was held. There were 198 entrants for General Course. There were 39 entrants for the Cross Cultural Understanding Course.
- March 2, 1998 : The ninth graduation ceremony was held. There were 269 graduates.
- April 7, 1998 : The twelfth entrance ceremony was held. There were

- 200 entrants for General Course. There were 41 entrants for the Cross Cultural Understanding Course.
- March 1, 1999 : The tenth graduation ceremony was held. There were 243 graduates.
- April 6, 1999 : The thirteenth entrance ceremony was held. There were 200 entrants for General Course. There were 41 entrants for the Cross-Cultural Understanding Course.
- March 1, 2000 : The eleventh graduation ceremony was held. There were 231 graduates.
- March 13-24,2000 : 18 representatives (two teachers and 16 students) visited Leonardtown High School.
- April 6, 2000 : The fourteenth entrance ceremony was held. There were 201 entrants for General Course. There were 41 entrants for the Cross-Cultural Understanding Course.
- August 3, 2000 : Sister-school relationship was established between Hibarigaoka SHS and Goomeri State School, Queensland, Australia.
- March 3, 2001 : The twelfth graduation ceremony was held. There were 225 graduates.
- April 1, 2001 : Kanagawa Prefectural Education Bureau appointed Katuhiko Inoue as the new principal.
- April 6, 2001 : The fifteenth entrance ceremony was held. There were 200 entrants for General Course. There were 40 entrants for the Cross-Cultural Understanding Course
- July 23-August 7, 2001: Sister school visit to Goomeri State School, Australia
- March 2, 2002 : The thirteenth graduation ceremony was held. There were 231 graduates.
- April 6, 2002 : The sixteenth entrance ceremony was held. There were 200 entrants for General Course. There were 39 entrants for the Cross-Cultural Understanding Course
- March 4, 2003 : The fourteenth graduation ceremony was held. There were 229 graduates.
- March 14-26, 2000 : 20 representatives (two teachers and 16 students) visited Leonardtown High School.
- April 8, 2003 : The seventeenth entrance ceremony was held. There were 240 entrants for General Course. There were 40 entrants for the Cross-Cultural Understanding Course

July 16-31, 2003 : Sister school visit to Goomeri State School, Australia.

March 2, 2004 : The fifteenth graduation ceremony was held. There were 231 graduates.

April 6, 2004 : The eighteenth entrance ceremony was held. There were 240 entrants for General Course and 40 entrants for the Cross Cultural Course.

October 25, 2004 : Kanagawa Prefectural Education Bureau announced the consolidation of Hibarigaoka SHS and Kurihara SHS in 2007.

March 2, 2005 : The sixteenth graduation ceremony was held. There were 228 graduates.

April 1, 2005 : Kanagawa Prefectural Education Bureau appointed Masahiro Tadano as the new principal.

April 6, 2005 : The nineteenth entrance ceremony was held. There were 202 entrants for General Course and 40 entrants for the Cross Cultural Course.

Size of Land and Buildings : Land Area 32,702m²
Buildings Space 10,115.5m²
Gymnasium 3,322.67m²
Total floor space 13,438.17m²

Maps of the School

SCHOOL CALENDAR:

Hibarigaoka's school year starts in April and ends in March. There are three terms in a year. The first term runs from April to July, the second from September to December, and the third from January to March.

TIMETABLE:

The school has six periods a day, each period being 50 minutes long, Monday through Friday.

Time	Period
8:40 - 8:45	Home Room
8:50 - 9:40	1
9:50 - 10:40	2
10:50 - 11:40	3
11:50 - 12:40	4
12:40 - 13:25	Lunch Time
13:25 - 14:15	5
14:25 - 15:15	6
15:20 - 15:40	Home Room and Cleaning

ANNUAL EVENTS

April	Opening Ceremony / Entrance Ceremony Students' Orientation / Achievement Test Physical Examination / School Trip
May	PTA General Meeting / Students Meeting Mid-term Examination
June	Change to Summer Uniform / Athletic Meet Founders' Day Consultation between Teachers and Parents
July	Term Examination Closing Ceremony of the 1st Term Welcoming short-visit exchange students
September	Opening Ceremony of the 2nd Term Summer Achievement Examination School Festival
October	Change to Winter Uniform / Mid-term Examination School Trip / Speech Festa
November	Achievement Test / Cross Country Run
December	Term Examination Closing Ceremony of the 2nd Term
January	Opening Ceremony of the 3rd Term Entrance Examination
February	Entrance Examination
March	Graduation Ceremony / Final-term Examination Sports Tournaments / Closing Ceremony

Staff members :

Principal	1
Vice principal	1
Teachers	51
Health nurse	1
Assistant science teacher	1
Part-time teachers	13
Assistant language teachers	2
Office Manager	1
Office staff	3
Librarian	1
Custodians	2
School doctors	3
School dentist	1
School pharmacist	1
Advisors for club activities	8
School guards	3
TOTAL	93

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT HIBARIGAOKA

1. FOREIGN LANGUAGES:

Every student is required to take English as his/her first foreign language. Therefore, the school has provided a language laboratory for students to improve their ability. In addition, students have the opportunity to speak with native assistant English teachers. If a student wishes to learn another foreign language, he/she can choose French, Spanish, or Chinese as his/her second foreign language. These students have the opportunity to speak French with an Assistant French Teacher, Spanish with a native speaker of Spanish, and Chinese with a native Chinese speaker. It is hoped that students will realize the relevance of foreign languages when they think about the importance of international understanding.

2. ARTS:

Every student has to take one of the following elective subjects: Music, Art, or Calligraphy. It is hoped that these courses will help students to develop and cultivate their aesthetic sentiments.

3. COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION:

Students are required to take Computer Science. The Computer Laboratory is equipped with 48 state of the art computers. Ability in this field is an increasingly useful tool for future employment in high-tech society. The course is organized to teach basic computer skills.

4. SCIENCE LABORATORIES:

The school has three science laboratories for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Students can learn about science through many different kinds of experiments.

5. HOME ECONOMICS:

The school has two special classrooms for Home Economics, one for sewing and another for cooking. Students learn textiles, sewing and cooking in these rooms.

CROSS CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND THE SISTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

When Hibarigaoka Senior High School opened in 1987, one of the principal missions of the staff was to create an atmosphere that would encourage regional internationalization through cross-cultural understanding and exchange. For the first step, the school asked to participate in the JET Program (Japanese Exchange and Teaching Program) administered by Monbusho (the Ministry of Science, Education, Sports, and Culture). Under the JET Program, native speakers of English and other foreign languages come to Japan and assist Japanese teachers in foreign language classroom instruction. It also provides an opportunity for native foreign language speakers to share their culture and experiences with Japanese students. Hibarigaoka has participated in this program since 1987. Currently a French Assistant Language Teacher and an English Assistant Language Teacher come and teach students several days a week.

In addition to the JET Program, Hibarigaoka has encouraged cross-cultural understanding in a variety of ways. The school has willingly accepted study abroad students. In September 1987, for example, a male student from the United States of America came to study with the students. Since that time, other exchange students have also come to the school.

Also, in 1995, a new cross-cultural understanding course was established. This class, which has two sections, is designed to promote international understanding and encourage students interested in foreign languages. In 1996, 21 students in this course went to Australia for an exchange and stayed with families for sixteen days.

The Kanagawa Board of Education came to recognize the positive influence that international understanding activities have had over Hibarigaoka High School students and recommended a sister school abroad. In 1990, Kanagawa Prefecture established a "Sister-State and Prefecture relationship" with Maryland in the U.S.A. In 1990, the Kanagawa Board of Education chose Hibarigaoka as one of only nine high schools out of one hundred and sixty five to have their own sister school in Maryland.

With the help of an Assistant Language Teacher from Maryland, Hibarigaoka requested partnership with Leonardtown High School. Leonardtown High School readily accepted and the sister school program began. Hibarigaoka High School chose three students and two teachers to be members of a special delegation for the establishment of an educational exchange relationship with Leonardtown High School. In October 1991, the representatives from the Board of Education and the Hibarigaoka delegation traveled to Maryland to formalize the agreement with Leonardtown High School.

In October 1992, Hibarigaoka High School welcomed a delegation from Leonardtown High School. Their visit to Hibarigaoka did much to further international understanding among the students of Hibarigaoka. In November 1993, Hibarigaoka sent ten students and two teachers to Leonardtown High School. In March 1996, eighteen students and two teachers from Hibarigaoka visited Leonardtown.

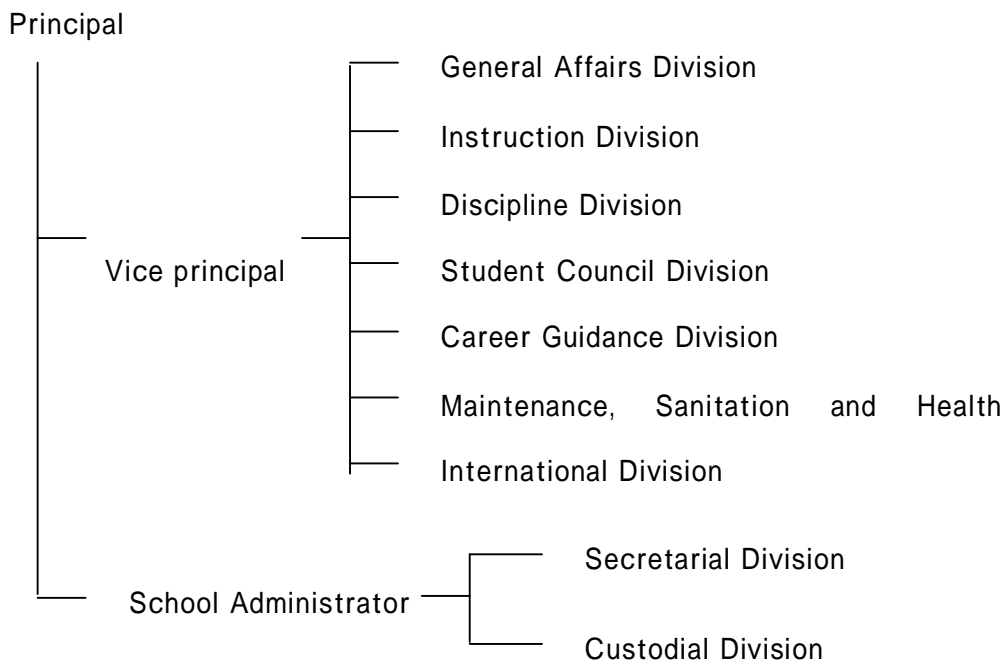
In 2000, Hibarigaoka High School established another sister school relationship with Goomeri State School in Queensland, Australia. Since then, students and teachers have visited Goomeri State School every other year to promote this friendship. It is hoped that continuing exchanges will further strengthen the sister school relationships. The sister school program is a continuing benefit to Hibarigaoka students. Stereotypes of peoples and cultures pervade the media and lead to cross-cultural misunderstanding. Only direct exposure to other people from different cultural backgrounds and personal interaction can open the mind to a greater appreciation of different customs and cultures.

In 1999, Hibarigaoka SHS started to admit ten students a year with foreign nationalities through a special entrance examination. As a result, there are about 30 students with different nationalities in Hibarigaoka High School every year, which adds to the international atmosphere of the school campus, and gives every student the privilege to gain global points of views through everyday communication.

The existence of those foreign students as well as the sister school program provides an invaluable opportunity for students to directly engage in personal exchange and to promote a positive attitude toward international understanding.

D I V I S I O N O F D U T I E S

Duties at Hibarigaoka fall into eight divisions. Every member of staff is required to belong to and take an active part in one division. The following chart shows the division of duties at the school.



COMMITTEES

Committees consist of representatives from the different divisions, subject departments, and grade teachers. The vice principal is a permanent member of every committee.

Domestic School Organization Committee
Curriculum Committee
Budget Committee
Computer Committee
Recommendation Committee
Reports Committee
Entrants Selection Committee
Domestic School Organization Adjustment Committee
Special Project Committee

SCHOOL CLUBS

Hibarigaoka Senior High School has the following clubs.

Track and field
Table Tennis
Baseball
Karate
Soccer
Kendo
Tennis
Judo
Basketball
Softball
Volleyball
Badminton
Photography
Cooking
Fine Art
Science
Brass Band
Drama
Japanese Culture (Tea Ceremony and Flower Arrangement)
Popular Music
English Speaking Club(ESC)
Computer
Illustration

