



武蔵高等学校中学校

Musashi High School and Junior High School

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2025-2026 School Profile

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The School

Musashi High School and Junior High School, a six-year private boys' secondary school, was founded in 1922 by industrialist Kaichiro Nezu and is part of the Musashi Academy of the Nezu Foundation, which includes Musashi University. Musashi High School is historically recognized as one of Japan's leading academic institutions, with its graduates contributing significant leadership and innovation throughout Japanese society and around the world. Among notable graduates are Kiichi Miyazawa (78th Prime Minister of Japan), Akito Arima (Former Chancellor of the Musashi Academy, 125th Minister of Education, 24th President of University of Tokyo, Recipient of *the Order of Culture*), Sho Shibata (Novelist, *Akutagawa Prize* recipient, Former professor at the University of Tokyo), Makoto Gonokami (Physicist, 30th President of the University of Tokyo), Aiji Tanaka (Political scientist, President of Waseda University), and Noboru Mizushima (Biologist, *Thomson Reuters Citation Laureate* 2013, Professor at the University of Tokyo).

Mission Statement

1. To produce individuals dedicated to the ideal of incorporating the learning and cultural values of East and West.
2. To produce individuals equal to the challenge of acting on the world stage.
3. To produce individuals capable of independent thought and research.

Enrollment

Admission to the school is highly selective, with applicants chosen based on the results of a competitive entrance examination. The Junior High School (Grades 7-9) and the High School (Grades 10-12) each enrolls 176 boys per grade, for a total enrollment of approximately 1050 students. The student body is drawn primarily from boys residing in the Tokyo metropolitan area, with some commuting from the surrounding prefectures. Matriculation from the Junior High to the High School is dependent on successful completion of the required junior high school curriculum.

Curriculum

The academic program is organized on a trimester schedule, beginning in early April and concluding in mid-March. Six to seven fifty-minute classes are held weekdays, Monday through Friday, and four fifty-minute classes are held on Saturday morning. Some upper division classes meet for two consecutive class periods, and some elective classes are held in extra class periods in the late afternoon.

Academic Program – Highlights

Musashi High School follows the nationally-mandated curriculum for Japanese secondary schools, but offers especially rigorous and innovative instruction and practical experience during all three years of study. Although the national curriculum does not include “Advanced Placement”, or “Honors” classes, Musashi High School offers a variety of elective subjects, and in the upper grades some courses are customized for the students’ anticipated area of specialization in university.

Required Fields of Study

Japanese Language

Contemporary Japanese Language

Language Culture

Japanese Language (Logic)

Japanese Language (Literature)

Classics

Social Studies

World History

Japanese History

Geography

Civics
Politics and Economy
Mathematics
(see details below)
Science
(see details below)
Health and Physical Education
Fine Arts
Music, Art, or Calligraphy
Foreign Languages*
English
French, German, Chinese or Korean
Home Economics
Informatics
Inquiry-Based Cross-Disciplinary Studies

* Beyond the required curriculum, Musashi offers a unique extended program in **Foreign Languages**. **English** is a compulsory subject in all three years, but at least **one additional foreign language** (Chinese, French, German or Korean) must be studied for a minimum of one year. In addition, Musashi maintains student exchange relationships with secondary schools in Austria, China, France, Germany, South Korea, welcoming students from these schools as well as sending selected Musashi students to the participating overseas schools for short terms of study.

Mathematics

Mathematics I:

Algebra, Trigonometric Ratio, Quadratic Function, Basic Analysis

Mathematics II

Analytic Geometry, Equation of High Degrees, Pre-calculus

Exponential and Logarithmic Function, Trigonometry

Mathematics III

Differential and Integral Calculus, Limits

Mathematics A

Counting and Probability, Integers and Figures

Mathematics B

Probability Distribution and Statistics, Sequences

Mathematics C

Complex Plane, Vectors

Science

Physics

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

Chemistry

Physical Chemistry, Theoretical Chemistry, Organic Chemistry
Inorganic Chemistry

Biology

Cell and Molecular Biology, Genetics, Organismal Biology,
Neurology, Evolution and Diversity, Biochemistry

Earth Science

Geology, Astronomy, Geophysics, Oceanography, Atmospheric
Science

Grading

High School students receive a Certificate of Academic Record transcript each trimester. The grading scale is 5 through 1, with 5 being the highest grade. 2 is the lowest passing grade.

- 5 - (A) - Excellent
- 4 - (B) - Very Good
- 3 - (C) - Average
- 2 - (D) - Below Average
- 1 - (F) - Unsatisfactory

Cumulative, unweighted GPA scores are also included on the transcript, but class rank is not reported.

Final grades for students in Grade 12 are issued after the Second Trimester in December, when all academic studies are completed. No Third Trimester classes are offered in Grade 12. Graduation is scheduled for mid-March.

Matriculation

Following their graduation from Musashi, almost all graduates attend Japan's leading universities. In 2025, 52% matriculated into national universities, 47% into private universities, with 20% of the graduates entering the University of Tokyo or Kyoto University, Japan's most prestigious and selective schools. Each year, 1 to 3% of graduates choose to study at overseas universities, with recent graduates attending schools

such as, Deep Springs College, Purdue University, and Pomona College in the United States, the University of British Columbia and the University of Toronto in Canada, the University of Sussex in the United Kingdom, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich in Germany, and the University of Western Australia.

Fields of University Study

Graduates in the most recent five years have entered the following fields.

20%	Sciences and Engineering
16%	Economics, Management, Finance
15%	Humanities and Liberal Arts
14%	Pharmacology; Environmental Studies
14%	Medicine, Dentistry
14%	Law, Political Science
4%	Agricultural Studies
2%	Education
1%	Visual and Performing Arts