

# Asaka Kaisei High School



*Global Spirit,  
Creative Spirit,  
Human Spirit*

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# School Overview

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## International Studies Course

Founded in 1996, Asaka Kaisei High School (AKHS) aims to cultivate a “Global Spirit,” a “Creative Spirit,” and a “Human Spirit” in every student. It is the first and only high school in Fukushima Prefecture to offer an International Studies Course. This course is designed to develop a global perspective through the study of science and language. AKHS offers students a choice of 5 languages including Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and English. We also encourage them to take part in seminars for international cooperation and cross-cultural understanding.

## International Days



In addition to the International Studies Course, AKHS provides students with opportunities to deepen their interests in International Cooperation and Cross-cultural Understanding. In 2023, many lecturers such as NPO organizers, professors, and participants of the Japan International Cooperation Agency provided lectures on a variety of topics like gender, education and SDGs.

Through the lectures, students learn what the severe circumstances of children in developing countries as well as how to interact with foreigners

living in Japan, etc. Furthermore student representatives present their research on International Days.

## Study Abroad Programs

AKHS not only encourages its students to study abroad, but offers 2 affordable ways to do so. The first is the Australia Program in which the students travel to Australia on a two-week exchange. They live with host families, go to Australian schools, and participate in cultural activities. In the second program, students visit a county in Asia for a week. The program is offered every other year and students must apply to be accepted. Both programs aim to further cultural exchange and international understanding on a grassroots level.



# Other Study Programs



In 2023, AKHS student went to South Korea and engaged in exchanges with local high school students. In addition to these overseas study programs, we also plan numerous domestic training sessions, with many students participating. To ensure that the lessons of the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake are not forgotten, we also conduct activities to pass on the memories and lessons of the disaster through study tours and exchanges with high school students from other

prefectures.

Moreover, our school is very active in volunteering. Students are engaged in various activities rooted in their daily lives, such as fundraising for Ukraine support, environmental conservation activities at Lake Inawashiro in Fukushima Prefecture, and collecting various plastic products.



# Career Paths

Graduation Year	National Public University	Private University	Public College	Private College	Nursing School	Vocational School	Private Company	Public Servant	Overseas University	The Next Year of Study	Total Graduates
2023	7	47	0	16	11	47	14	1	7	4	154
2022	1	64	4	24	10	67	10	1	6	1	188
2021	4	69	4	20	15	55	13	3	3	4	190
2020	5	49	0	25	25	59	21	0	6	7	197
2019	3	54	4	24	13	67	19	1	8	3	196

# Clubs

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Most Japanese high school students are supposed to join club activities. They have it almost every day after school and sometimes even on weekends. Club activities not only help student to improve their skills but also provide them with opportunities to develop important life skills.



Volleyball



Basketball

Badminton

Soccer



Soft Tennis



Table Tennis

Kendo



Field and Athletic

Music Club

Drama Club

Yosakoi Dance Club



Multicultural Club



Hula Dance Club



# Courses Offered

## Credit-Based System

AKHS operates on a credit-based system which means that students receive a certain amount of credits for each course they take. This system grants flexibility to the students by allowing them to choose their preferred courses of study. More specifically, after students complete the required subjects below, they can choose elective courses from the list on page 5. The school year starts in April and is divided into two semesters. The first semester ends in September while the second semester starts in October and finishes in March.

Subject Area	Subjects	1st year	2nd year	3rd year
Japanese Language	Contemporary Japanese Language	2		
	Language Culture	2		
Geography and History	Modern and Contemporary History	2		
	Geography		2	
	Advanced World History		2	
	Advanced Japanese History		2	
	Advanced Geography			4
Civics	Public	2		
	Politics and Economy		2	
Mathematics	Mathematics I	2		
	Mathematics II		4	
	Mathematics III			4
	Mathematics A	2		
	Mathematics B		2	
Science	Basic Physics	2		
	Basic Chemistry		2	
	Basic Biology	2		
	Basic Earth Science		2	
	Advanced Physics		4	
	Advanced Chemistry			4
	Advanced Biology			4
Health and Physical Education	Physical Education	3	2	2
	Health	1	1	
Art	Music I	2		
	Music II			2
	Art and Design I	2		
	Art and Design II			2
	Calligraphy I	2		
	Calligraphy II			2
Foreign Language	English Communication I	4		
	English Communication II		4	
	English Communication III			4
	Logic and Expression I			2
Home Economics	Basic Home Economics		2	
Informatics	Informatics I	2		

Subject Area	Subjects	1st year	2nd year	3rd year
Business	Business Fundamentals			2
	Bookkeeping			4
	Information Processing		4	
	Software Application			4
Home Economics	Basic Childcare		4	
	Practical Childcare			4
	Life and Welfare			2
	Culture of Clothing			2
	Food Culture			2
Specialized Science and Mathematics	Advanced Mathematics I			4
	Advanced Mathematics II			4
	Advanced Mathematics III			4
	Basic Mathematics I		2	
	Basic Mathematics II			2
	Comprehensive Physics			2
	Comprehensive Chemistry			2
	Comprehensive Biology			2
	Comprehensive Earth Science			2
Physical Education	Lifetime Sports			2
English	Debate and Discussion I		2	
	Essay Writing I		2	
	English Understanding			4
	Current Affairs English			2
	Language Laboratory I		2	
	Language Laboratory II			2
Humanities	Comprehensive Japanese		5	4
	Current Affairs Japanese			2
	Advanced Japanese			2
	Advanced General World History			4
	Advanced General Japanese History			4
	Advanced General Geography			2
	Advanced Politics and Economy			2
	Current Affairs Studies			2
	Advanced Civics			2
Chinese	General Chinese I		2	
	General Chinese II			2
Spanish	General Spanish I		2	
	General Spanish II			2
Korean	General Korean I		2	
	General Korean II			2
International Studies	Global Society and the SDGs		2	
	International Society Studies			2
Liberal Arts	Music Appreciation			2
	Art Appreciation			2
	International Relations		2	
	Traditional Japanese Culture			2
	Japanese Sign Language			2
Period for Inquiry-Based Cross-Disciplinary Study		1	1	1
Homeroom Activities		1	1	1

# **Basic Schedule of the year**

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## **April**

- ♦ Opening Ceremony
- ♦ Entrance Ceremony
- ♦ Welcoming Ceremony
- ♦ Student Council Assembly
- ♦ Medical Exams

## **May**

- ♦ Curriculum Guidance
- ♦ Golden Week (National Holidays)

## **June**

- ♦ Mid-term Examination
- ♦ SDG's Week
- ♦ Prefectural High School Sport's Tournaments
- ♦ The Presentation of Inquiry-Based Cross-Disciplinary Study

## **July**

- ♦ Australia Home Stay Program
- ♦ Summer Vacation
- ♦ Intensive Study Course

## **August**

- ♦ Summer Vacation
- ♦ Intensive Study Courses

## **September**

- ♦ Term-End Examination
- ♦ Athletic Meetings
- ♦ School Festival
- ♦ Closing Ceremony

## **October**

- ♦ Opening Ceremony
- ♦ School Foundation Day (Holiday)
- ♦ School Excursion Abroad (2<sup>nd</sup> years )
- ♦ Area High School Sports Events

## **November**

- ♦ International Day
- ♦ SDG's Week
- ♦ School Field Trip ( 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> years )

## **December**

- ♦ Area High School Sport's Tournaments
- ♦ Mid-term Examination
- ♦ Winter Vacation
- ♦ Intensive Study Course

## **January**

- ♦ New Year Holidays
- ♦ National Center Test for University Admissions

## **February**

- ♦ Term-End Examination
- ♦ Commendation Ceremony

## **March**

- ♦ Graduation Ceremony
- ♦ High School Entrance Examination
- ♦ Closing Ceremony
- ♦ Spring Vacation

# **Koriyama**

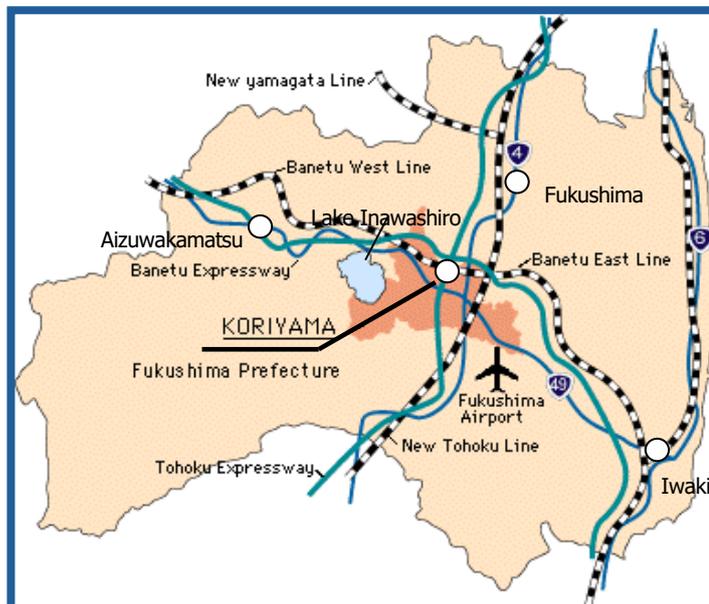
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## **The City**

Founded in 1924, Koriyama is a relatively new city. It has approximately 330,000 people and has become the leading distributor of commercial and industrial goods in the Southern Tohoku district. It boasts some of the best shopping, entertainment, and restaurants that Fukushima Prefecture has to offer.

## The Location

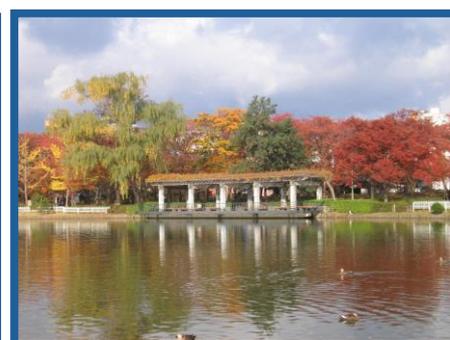
Conveniently located, Koriyama sits at the heart of Fukushima Prefecture. Its central location provides easy access to all major cities and attractions. It is roughly a 40 minute drive to one of the clearest lakes in the world, Inawashiro, and an hour drive to the magnificent Mount Bandai. To find out more information about the area, please refer to page 8-9.



In addition to its prime location, Koriyama also lies at the crossroads of major transportation systems, including the Tohoku Expressway, the Banetsu Expressway, the Tohoku Highway, and the Tohoku Shinkansen (bullet train). To get to Tokyo via the Shinkansen, it costs less than 8,000 yen one way and takes about 90 minutes (prices and times vary according to the type of train). Fukushima Airport lies in the neighboring town of Sukagawa, about a 30 minute drive from Koriyama Station.

## Kaiseizan Park

This is the largest park in Koriyama, covering an area of 305,000 square meters. It features a myriad of attractions including a baseball stadium, an amphitheatre, a few large swimming pools, a 2.2km jogging/walking path, an athletic track, an archery range, a playground, a rose garden, a duck pond, and numerous fountains. Kaiseizan Park is especially popular during the springtime for its extraordinary cherry blossoms.



## **Downtown Area & Shopping**

The Koriyama station area contains a number of major department stores, including Usui and Muji. On the south side of the station, there is a small, but well stocked Yodobashi Camera electronics store. Koriyama station has numerous small boutiques, used clothing and vintage stores. On the East side of the station lies Aeon Town, which features a Sports Authority and an ABC Mart shoe superstore. As far as shopping goes, there is little that one cannot find in Koriyama.

## **The Big I**

Upon first glance, one might assume that The Big I is simply an office building. However, it holds a multitude of different attractions. On the top floor, there is a planetarium in which people enjoy star gazing. Located just a floor below the planetarium is an observation deck which offers breathtaking views of the city, free of charge. The remaining floors contain a diverse collection of stores, restaurants, and a school.



## **Fukushima**

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### **Lake Inawashiro**

This is the third largest lake in Japan, measuring 55.32 km in circumference. It is nicknamed, “Heavenly Mirror” because it reflects the majestic Mt. Bandai on its surface. In the summertime, people enjoy the sandy beaches and pristine water, ideal for swimming and water sports. During the winter, many people come to see the migrant swans.



### **Mount Bandai**

Mount Bandai, renowned for its numerous ski resorts and fantastic hiking, is the symbol of Fukushima. This volcano is unique in that one side resembles Mt. Fuji's beautiful hillside, while the other is covered in a rugged crater. The area around Mount Bandai, northeast of Aizuwakamatsu, has been declared a national park.



## **Goshikinuma**

Goshikinuma means “5 Colored Lakes,” which refers to the lakes’ changing color, ranging from emerald to cobalt blue. The waters of Goshikinuma present an impressive contrast with the foliage around them, especially in autumn when the leaves begin to turn crimson red. The lakes lie along a 3.7 km nature walk that is always bustling with tourists from May to November.



## **Taimatsu Akashi (Sukagawa Fire Festival)**

With a history of 400 years, Taimatsu Akashi is one of Japan’s three greatest fire festivals. A group of men and women carry thirty giant torches to the top of a hill and set them alight when dusk falls. Taiko drums play as the torches burn in the night sky. It is truly an amazing spectacle.



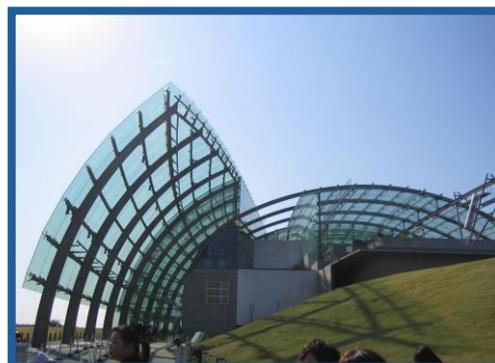
## **Tsuruga-jo**



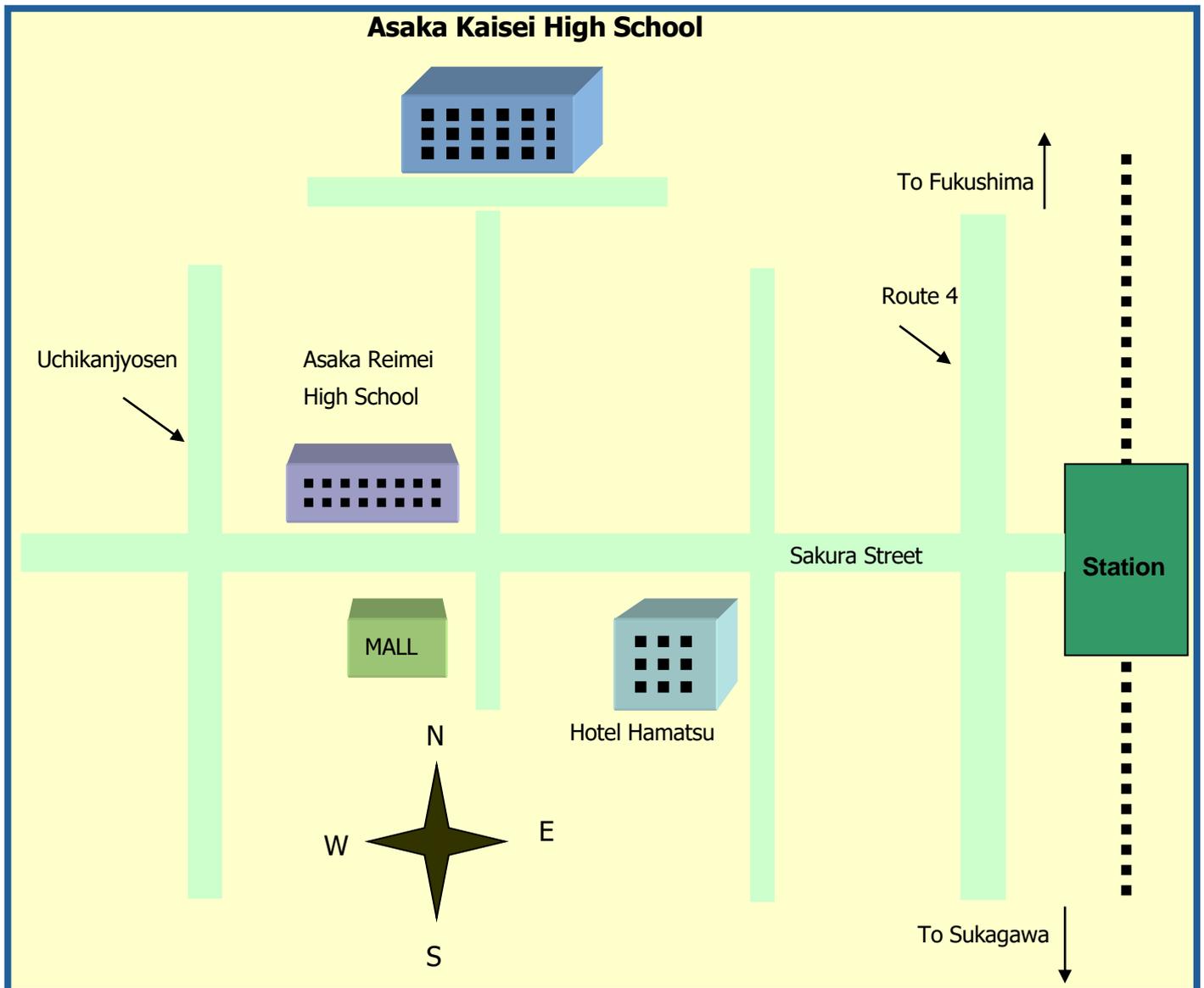
Located in Aizuwakamatsu, this castle houses a local history museum and has been named a national historical site. It is best known for the countless cherry trees sprinkling the castle grounds. People flock from all over the prefecture to see the famed cherry trees in bloom. Additionally, Tsuruga-jo is the symbol of Aizuwakamatsu and is the only remaining castle in Fukushima.

## **Aquamarine Fukushima**

Located in a seaside town near Iwaki, this new state of the art aquarium is applauded for its innovative architecture, interactive displays, and educational appeal. It consists of 4 floors, each designed to give the guests a close up view of the ocean’s mysterious creatures while simultaneously emphasizing the vastness of the ocean and the importance of human influence on nature.



# School Location



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