OYIS Mission Statement

We are committed to empowering our students to become independent and globally-minded. We will create an engaging learning environment by providing educational excellence through global mindedness and the core YMCA values of building a healthy spirit, mind, and body.

Our School and Community

Located in the heart of Osaka Prefecture, just a 15-minute walk away from Umeda Station, Osaka YMCA International School (OYIS) is an independent, notfor-profit, school for students from Preschool to Grade 12. Opened in 2001, it serves the needs of the multicultural, international and internationally-minded community of the Kansai region of Japan. We welcome students whose parents work in the international business community as well as Japanese nationals and other long-term residents of the Kansai region. Osaka is considered to be Japan's economic hub and is the largest city in western Japan. Due to its central location and its role as an international port city, many students commute from other prefectures such as Hyogo, Kyoto and Shiga. OYIS is proud to be the only IB continuum school in Osaka City, teaching more than 300 students hailing from 26 countries. We offer the IB's Primary Years Programme (PYP), Middle Years Programme (MYP) and Diploma Programme (DP).

OYIS is an inclusive, co-educational, day school that enrols students with diverse interests, creative talents and service-minded beliefs who benefit from the programmes we offer. The MYP/DP faculty consists of experienced, fully-qualified teachers from 10 different nationalities. School-wide, the student-teacher ratio is approximately 7:1. The 180-day school year is divided into two semesters, starting in late-August and finishing in mid-June.



Accreditation, Curriculum and Activities

OYIS is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and is an authorized three programme IB World School. OYIS was authorized in 2021 to offer the IB Diploma. All students in Grades 11 and 12 are encouraged to take the IB Diploma Programme (IBDP). All qualifying students also receive an accredited OYIS High School diploma.

 ${\it OYIS}\ offers\ a\ wide\ range\ of\ extracurricular\ activities, including:\ Chess\ Club,$ Gardening Club, The OYISter Newspaper, Performing Arts, Robotics (VEX & First Lego League), Dance, Student Government, Model United Nations and more.

Sports include: Badminton, Basketball, Volleyball, Cross Country, and Soccer.

OYIS MYP/DP At a Glance











Thanks to the IB Diploma Programme I had great opportunities to learn about myself more deeply and grow as a better person with self-management, thinking, and interpersonal skills.

I have no doubt that all students who took the IB Diploma will become awesome global citizens.

- Grace, Class of 2023

















MYP Personal Project Results 2023

Subject Results - Grade Distribution														
	Number of Candidates	Grade 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 P N			N	Average Grade (school)	Average Grade (Worldwide)	Highest Grade	Lowest Grade					
Subject Group														
Personal Project My English	21	1	5	9	6	0	0	0	0	0	5.05	4.05	7	4
Personal Project My Japanese	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.50	4.05	5	4

Curriculum and Grading in the DP

The IBDP is structured to provide students with a rigorous and balanced education, to facilitate geographic and cultural mobility, and to promote international understanding and awareness. Courses are examined externally in May of Grade 12, but all have at least an internally assessed component that is externally moderated.

Graduation Requirements

To graduate with an IB Diploma, students must meet all external requirements set by the International Baccalaureate. These include a minimum score of 24 in six subjects, as well as successful completion of the ToK, Extended Essay, and CAS components.

Graduation Pathways

- Osaka YMCA International School WASC Diploma and the IB Diploma
- Osaka YMCA International School WASC Diploma and IB Course
- Osaka YMCA International School WASC Diploma

Subject	OYIS DP Full Dipoma	Diploma Courses Pathway	OYIS High School Diploma
English (2.0 credit/year for 4 years)	8.0	8.0	8.0
Second Language (Japanese and/ or other language)(2.0 credit/year for 4 years	8.0	8.0	8.0
Individuals & Societies (2.0 credit/ year for 3/4 years)	8.0	8.0	8.0
Sciences (2.0 credit/year for 3/4 years)	8.0	8.0	6.0
MYP Design (2.0 credit/year)	2.0	2.0	2.0
MYP Physical Education & Health (2.0 credit/year)	2.0	2.0	2.0
Mathematics (2.0 credit/year)	8.0	6.0	4.0/6.0
Theory of Knowledge (1.0 credit/year)	2.0	2.0	2.0
Arts (MYP Visual Arts, MYP Music) (2.0 credit/year)	2.0	2.0	2.0
Grade 11, 12 Electives (Group 3-6, two courses) (2.0 credit/year)	4.0	2.0	2.0
DP Extended Essay (1.0 credit/year)	1.0	n/a	n/a
Grade 12 Thesis/Project (1.0 credit/ year)	n/a	1.0	1.0
Total Credits	/53 minimum credit requirement to be awarded the full DP + OYIS WASC Graduation Diploma	/47 minimum credit to be awarded the DP Courses + OYIS WASC Graduation Diploma	/42 minimum credit requirement to be awarded the OYIS WASC Graduation Diploma

- 2 Credits are awarded per subject (4 Classes/Week) per year for passing the course (3+)
- \bullet 1 Credit is awarded per semester of study for passing (3+) each course
- 1 Credit is awrded per year per subject (1-2 classes/week) per year for the passing course (3+)
- Courses that meet 1-2 times a week are awarded 0.5 credits for passing (3+) one semester and 1.0 credits per year (MYP Visual Arts, MYP Physical and Health Education, MYP Design, DP Theory of Knowledge)

SAT Participation & Performance

Class of 2023	Total Mean Score	ERW Mean Score	Math Mean Score
October, 2022	600	570	1170
January, 2023	635	610	1245
March, 2023	730	550	1280
May, 2023	700	480	1180
June, 2023	608	627	1235

Class of 2023 DP Exam Results

	Pass rate (per cent)	Average grade total	Average grade per subject
OYIS	94.7	33.4	5.27
Worldwide	79.2	30.2	4.84



I feel that OYIS has helped me develop my communication skills, as I was always given opportunities to speak my mind with peers and teachers.

- Dennis, Class of 2023

Universities that have accepted our students

Japan:

- University of Hyogo
- Osaka University
- Sophia University
- ICU (International Christian University)
- iCLA

United States:

- Columbia College Chicago
- University of California San Diego
- Arizona State University
- University of California Santa Cruz
- Marquette University
- Texas State University
- Hofstra UniversityWestern Michigan
- Caldwell University
- Menlo College
- Valley Forge Military Academy

Canada:

- University of Toronto
- University of British Columbia

- York University
- University of Manitoba

Australia:

- Monash University
- University of Auckland
- La Trobe University
- Deakin College
- University of Otago

Netherlands:

- University of Amsterdam
- Erasmus University Rotterdam
- University of Groningen
- Tilburg University

United Kingdom:

- University of Glasgow
- University of Greenwich

Turkey:

- Bahçeşehir University
- Istanbul Bilgi University

France:

• The American University in Paris