

Osaka YMCA International School 24-25 MYP-DP School Profile

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, not-for-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 30 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 enrolls 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 more than a dozen countries around the world. 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.

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.

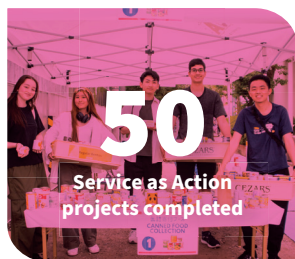
Accreditation, Curriculum and Activities

OYIS is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and is an authorised three programme IB World School. OYIS was authorized in 2021 to offer the IB Diploma. Students in Grades 11 and 12 have a choice of three pathways: the IB Diploma Programme, the IBDP Courses or the WASC-accredited OYIS Diploma. All qualifying students also receive an accredited OYIS High School diploma.

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

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

OYIS MYP 2024 At a Glance

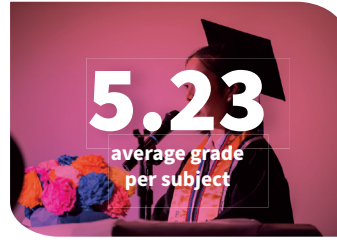
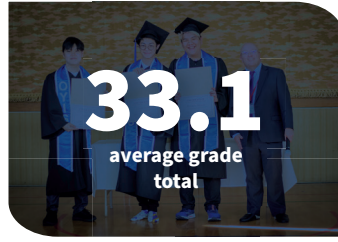
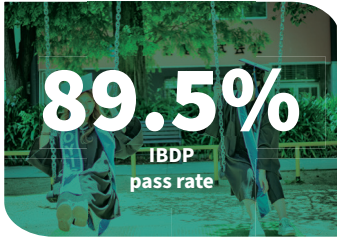


During my time at OYIS, I strongly connected with the OYIS staff, teachers, and students. I maintained comfort in a diverse environment and kept an international perspective in understanding and learning, not only academically but also socially, by considering students' and staff members' opinions and ideas. This helped in keeping everyone open-minded in the OYIS community.

- KD, Class of 2024



OYIS DP 2024 At a Glance



Curriculum and Grading in the DP

The IBDP aims to provide students with a rigorous and balanced education that encourages academic quality, a service-minded approach to life and an appreciation of other cultures and beliefs. 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 Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay, and CAS components.

To graduate with an OYIS High School Diploma, students must complete each of their courses with a final score of at least a 3 in each subject and an overall score of 24 or above. Students must pass the Personal Project with a score of 3 or above and attend at least 75% of all classes.

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

OYIS High School Pathways to Graduation

	IBDP Full Diploma	Diploma Courses Pathway	OYIS High School Diploma
Pathway is designed for	High-achieving students who excel in balancing demanding workloads, are independent learners, and thrive on academic challenges. They require the full IBDP for their desired university or post-secondary institution. The diploma is awarded by the IB. The High School Diploma is awarded by OYIS.	Students who pursue external challenges in select areas, are self-directed learners, and may enhance their OYIS Pathway with targeted IBDP courses to align with their goals and interests. Individual course certificates are awarded by the IB, with no pass or fail for IBDP courses, and the Core is not externally assessed, so no diploma is granted. The High School Diploma is awarded by OYIS.	Students who excel in OYIS Pathway courses, with options for those not requiring IBDP for post-secondary education. They value a balanced, less academically-oriented pathway that aligns with their future goals. The High School Diploma is awarded by OYIS.

OYIS DP Course Offerings

Group	Subjects Offered
1: Studies in Language & Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language & Literature [HL/SL/OYIS] • Japanese Language & Literature [HL/SL/OYIS] • Korean Language & Literature [HL/SL/OYIS] • School Supported Self-Taught Literature A [SL]
2: Language Acquisition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English B [HL/SL/OYIS] • Japanese B [HL/SL/OYIS] • Spanish B / ab initio • French ab initio • Mandarin ab initio
3: Individuals & Societies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Management [HL/SL/OYIS] • Global Politics [HL/SL/OYIS] • Psychology [HL/SL/OYIS]
4: Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology [HL/SL/OYIS] • Chemistry [HL/SL/OYIS] • Physics [HL/SL/OYIS]
5: Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications & Interpretation [SL/OYIS] • Analysis & Approaches [HL/SL]
6: The Arts & Electives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music [HL/SL/OYIS] • Visual Arts [HL/SL/OYIS]

Grading Descriptors

7	Consistently attained an outstanding level of achievement.
6	Attained an excellent level of achievement.
5	Attained a good level of achievement.
4	Attained a satisfactory level of achievement
3	Attained the minimum level of achievement
2	Has not attained the minimum level of achievement
1	Has not met the requirement of the course
N/A	Non Applicable

The above grade descriptors are a compilation of the characteristics of performance at each grade for DP courses in general, and are intended to help explain the academic achievement required to achieve a particular grade. Examiners use the individual subject group descriptors when determining grade boundaries for examination papers and coursework components, and when marking student work.

**OYIS does not rank students or give GPA and percentages.*

Class of 2024 DP Exam Results

	Pass rate (per cent)	Average grade total	Average grade per subject
OYIS	89.5%	33.1	5.23
Worldwide	80.1%	30.3	4.9

University Acceptances

Japan:

- Asia Pacific University
- Hosei University
- Ritsumeikan University
- Waseda University

Korea:

- Sungkyunkwan University

Malaysia:

- Taylors University

United States:

- Boston University
- Ithaca College
- Mount Holyoke College
- Northeastern University
- Occidental College
- San Francisco State University
- Skidmore College
- University of California San Diego
- Wesleyan University
- Whitman College

Canada:

- Carleton University
- Emily Carr University of Art & Design
- Simon Fraser University
- University of Toronto

Australia:

- University of Melbourne

Netherlands:

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

Germany

- University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt, Constructor University
- SRH University

United Kingdom:

- Aberystwyth University in Wales
- Anglia Ruskin University
- Central St. Martins
- Durham University
- London MetFilm
- London Metropolitan University
- Manchester University
- Nottingham Trent University
- Royal Holloway University
- University of Bristol
- University of Leeds
- University of Southampton
- University of the Arts
- University of Westminster
- York St. John University

Hungary:

- McDaniel College Budapest



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