

Luther Senior High School and Aoba-Japan International School Joint Program

Program Information and Application Requirements

1. Program

This program is a hybrid curriculum between Luther Senior High School in Kumamoto and Aoba-Japan International School in Tokyo for students who will study mostly in English and go on to higher education. Students who complete the curriculum will receive the Global Leadership Diploma (GLD) offered by Aoba-Japan International School. This high school diploma allows students to apply for and attend universities around the world including North America, South America, Europe, Africa, and Asia, and Oceania (Australia, New Zealand, et al.) A Japanese high school diploma cannot be obtained through this hybrid curriculum.

※The GLD program requires two years of study and is Aoba-Japan International School's personalized high school pathway. It can be taken in-person or online and is accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The GLD covers Grades 11 and 12. If the students have not completed schooling up to grade 10 or cannot provide transcripts, they are first required to take a year of classes called the Transdisciplinary Learning Units (TDU). The classes of TDU are specifically designed to support students during the transition into Grades 11 and 12. These three years, spanning Grades, 10, 11 and 12, are equivalent to the three years of high school in Japan. For more details regarding the GLD, see the Aoba-Japan International School website.

Students will take approximately 30% of classes in-person, mostly in Japanese and 70% of classes online with Aoba-Japan International School. All lessons will be taken at the Luther Senior High School campus.

【In-person classes】 approx. 10h (out of 32h)/week

Potential Subjects: Japanese for foreigners, PE, Music, Home Economics, Individualized English, etc. These subjects are taught in Japanese except for Individualized English which are taught by native English teachers.

※Currently, no Japanese tutors or support is provided to facilitate for the Japanese classes.

【Online classes】 approx. 22h (out of 32h)/week

Online classes for the GLD offered by Aoba-Japan International School will be taught in English separate from Japanese students. Individual support regarding classes is available from Aoba-Japan International School staff online. In the event that students have to leave Japan halfway through their degree requirements, they can continue to take classes even after returning to their home countries.

While participating in this hybrid program, students can benefit from both aspects; the campus life of Japanese high school students at Luther Senior High School and a curriculum taught in English with Aoba-Japan International School. By doing so, students can experience new culture in Japan, but also prepare for university in English with an international curriculum.

After-school extracurricular activities and clubs are also available for students in this program. The library, music practice rooms, and other such school facilities are available for students to use after school. Teachers, especially the American English teachers, are also available for students' questions. Students can join the following clubs:

【Athletic Clubs】

Basketball, Volleyball, Handball, Japanese Archery, Track and Field, Swimming, etc.

【Cultural Clubs】

Choir, Brass Band, Calligraphy, Tea Ceremony, Flower Arrangement, String Ensemble, etc.

Sample of a weekly schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30~8:45	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Morning Worship
1 st hour (50 mins) 8:50~9:40	English Logic and Expression	Home Economics	Japanese for foreigners	Biblical Studies	Art
2 nd hour (40 mins) 9:50~10:30	P.E.	Home Economics	Japanese for foreigners	English Logic and Expression	Art
3 rd hour 10:30~11:10	GLD with Aoba-Japan International School (on Luther High School Campus)				
4 th hour 11:30~12:10					
5 th hour 13:30~14:10					
6 th hour 14:10~14:50					
7 th hour 14:50~15:30					
After-school extracurricular activities at Luther Senior High School					

2. Timing of Enrollment

The school year for this joint program begins in late August and ends in July. In the event that students cannot begin the school year in Japan, they could begin taking Aoba-Japan International School classes in their home country online, and then move to the Luther Senior High School campus later. (Conversely, as mentioned previously, in the event that students have to leave Japan halfway through their degree requirements, they can continue to take classes even after returning to their home countries.) Students are accepted at any time, but arrival in August is preferred.

3. Entrance Exam Procedure

The application for the joint program can be downloaded by following the link on the Luther Senior High School website. It can be completed online and submitted via the website. After the application is assessed/verified, the student will be notified on how to take the entrance exam.

Procedure after submission

Step one: Screening of application by Luther Senior High School and Aoba-Japan International School

Step two: Interview in English and exam in English (including English essay)

※ Interview in English: In order to test student's English proficiency, communication skills and assess motivation for learning.

※ Exam in English: In order to test basic academic skills in English with general questions across various subjects like math, science, etc.

After the application process has been completed, applicants will receive notification of the results. Accepted students will receive an acceptance letter from Luther Senior High School, along with an approval letter from Aoba-Japan International School within two months.

4. Tuition and Other Costs

Tuition: Approx. ¥2,000,000 (annually)

(1) Payment Information

Description	Amount	Payment Due Date
Tuition	¥2,000,000	To be advised
Technology Fee	¥45,000	To be advised
Entrance Fee	¥0	waived
Application Fee	¥0	waived
Total Amount	¥2,045,000	To be advised

※ No reimbursement of tuition, fees, or payments of any kind will be given upon the voluntary withdrawal or dismissal of a student from the program.

(2) The following items are provided by the school upon enrollment.

- ① Student Insurance ② Annual Health Screening ③ School Uniforms (Summer / Winter)
 ④ PE Uniforms (Summer / Winter) ⑤ Gym Shoes ⑥ School Pin ⑦ Bible and Hymnal

※The cost of ordering additional or replacements for any of the above items must be paid by the parent/guardian and will be billed separately.

(3) A separate invoice will be sent to the parent/guardian for the following:

Required as needed

Items	Amount (Tax Included)
School Trip	To be determined
Mock Exam(s)	To be determined
Religious Retreat	To be determined
Club Activities	To be determined
Textbooks	To be determined

Optional

Items	Amount (Tax Included)
Summer Cardigan (For Girls)	¥6,800
Winter Cardigan (For Girls)	¥7,800
School Shoes (Black Leather)	¥8,000 (For Girls) ¥8,800 (For Boys)
Coat (For Girls)	¥24,780
Slippers	¥1,700
School Bag (LG Logo)	¥5,000
Backpack (LG Logo)	¥7,500
Sweater (For Boys)	¥6,100
Swimming Suit	¥4,400 (For Girls) ¥2,800 (For Boys)
Socks	¥500

For Graduating Students

Items	Amount (Tax Included)
Graduation Fee (required by Aoba)	¥50,000

※Please prepare your own computer, tablet, etc.

5. Other Information

Chinese and English speaking staff are available for the support of the students and to facilitate communication between home and school as needed.

6. **Click here to apply (Please select "Online" for the campus to be selected on the way.)**

https://portals.veracross.com/aoba/form/contact_admission/contact_admission_auto-account/account-lookup