

Q1 It seems that there are various types of senior high schools. How can I know the characteristics of each school?

You are best advised to visit every school individually. To let you understand the characteristics and its appeal, each school accepts your visit, holds open classes, experimental enrollment, etc.

You can also visit the annual school festival and athletic meeting, etc. In July, the date of these activities will be available on the website of Tokyo Metropolitan Government Board of Education. From the end of October to the middle of November, joint explanatory meetings of Tokyo metropolitan senior high schools will be held. You can directly consult with a teacher in charge and receive the materials such as "School Guide". (Please refer to the website of Tokyo Metropolitan Government Board of Education and the location of joint explanatory meetings.)

Q2 Who can apply for the entrance examination with recommendation?

Students who are living in Tokyo and enroll in a junior high school in Tokyo as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2010 and are expected to graduate in March 2011 can apply. A Tokyo metropolitan high school must be their first school of choice.

For the examination with general recommendation, students must be admitted by the principal of his/her registered junior high school. Concerning the exam with the special recommendation (for culture, sports, etc), applicants need to fulfill the criteria designated by each high school and must be allowed to apply by the principal of his/her registered junior high school.

Q3 What kind of examination is the entrance examination with special recommendation (for culture and sport, etc) ?

It is the entrance examination introduced as from 2004 school year, aiming at developing prominent ability of students together with individualization and the characteristics of schools.

- Each school decides the categories and number of students to be accepted according to its characteristics of educational activities, and announces the detail about the middle of September.
- Among the eligible applicants, the successful examinees will be screened by an interview and practical skill test, etc.
- Last year, 85 high schools conducted this type of entrance examination.

You are allowed to apply for both the general and special recommendation exam at the same school simultaneously.

Q4 Please tell me about the interview in examination with recommendation.

Some schools conduct a personal interview or a group interview. The interviewer will confirm the applicant's motivation, the reason of application, interest, aptitude, the content of self-promotion card, activities at junior high school and future career during the interview. The ability to understand the interviewer's questions properly as well as the accuracy of the answers will be checked.

Q5 Can I take the general examination of the high school which I failed in the recommendation exam?

Yes, you can. Even if you fail in the recommendation exam, you may apply once again for the general examination of any high schools. But you have to keep in mind that you cannot expect any special treatment when you apply for the same high school you failed. On the other hand, the successful examinees to the Tokyo metropolitan senior high schools are not allowed to apply again.

Q6 How can I get an application form?

For students who enroll in public high schools in Tokyo, their junior high schools distribute “Application for entrance examination by recommendation” and “Application for entrance examination by achievement tests (the first recruitment, the first half-term recruitment, the second recruitment and the second half-term recruitment).” The other students can receive them at every metropolitan high school, Tokyo Metropolitan Education Consultation Center and the consultation department for the entrance examination to metropolitan high school in the Tokyo Metropolitan government office. Application forms are scheduled to be available around the beginning of December.

The following schools have their own application form. If you are going to apply for them, please refer to each high school.

- Day/night half-time high school  
Hitotsubashi, Asakusa, Shinjuku-yamabuki, Ogikubo and Sunagawa High School
- \* Although Hachioji-takushin High School adopts the common application form, please ask how to fill out the form to the school directly.
- “Challenge School”  
Roppongi, Oedo, Setagaya-izumi, Minorigaoka and Kirigaoka High School
- Corresponding course  
Hitotsubashi, Shinjuku-yamabuki and Sunagawa High School
- Schools targeting returning students  
Mita, Takehaya, Minami-tama and Kokusai High School
- \* You need to get an application form for returning students.

Q7 Can I change my school of choice after I submit the application form?

You cannot change your school of choice with the exam based on a recommendation. However, in the general entrance examination to full-time high schools, the change (withdrawal and resubmit) is allowed. In the examination to half-time high schools, the change is not acceptable except for the following schools: Roppongi, Oedo, Setagaya-izumi, Minorigaoka, Kirigaoka, Hitotsubashi, Asakusa, Ogikubo and Hachioji-takushin.

However, in the second recruitment to the half-time high schools, the change of the school of choice is allowed. More detailed information will be available on “Guide to recruitment of Tokyo metropolitan senior high schools 2011 school year”, scheduled to be issued at the beginning of November.

Q 8 How the student will be selected by the special selection?

Regarding the first recruitment (Dai ichiji bosyuu) and the first half-term recruitment (Bunkatsu zenki bosyuu) of the general examination, 80 to 90% of the number to be accepted will be admitted based on the total test records. And the other 20 to 10 % of them by the each high school's criteria designated beforehand. 27 schools adopted this special selection method last year: some schools put emphasis on school records, others may put emphasis on the designated subject of achievement tests and others on interview.

Q 9 How are applicants selected in the method of "the deregulation of the enrollment limit by gender"?

Tokyo metropolitan senior high schools decide the number of students to be recruited for the general course of full-time high schools, separately by gender. This way of selection is conducted in the first recruitment (Dai ichiji bosyuu) and the first half-term recruitment (Bunkatsu zenki bosyuu). Up to 90 % of the number to be accepted are classified by gender and admitted based on the total test score. The other 10% will be decided based on the total test score without regarding gender.

Last year 35 schools in Tokyo's 23 wards and 19 schools in Tokyo (total 54 schools) conducted this type of test.

Q 1 0 Please tell me about the independent examination questions.

In 2009 the following 13 full-time high schools conducted the achievement tests by adopting their own questions (in Japanese, mathematics and English) along with the common examination (in sociology and science). It aims at rating not only the applicants' knowledge and understanding of the basic subject designated in "Education Ministry Guidelines" but also to evaluate precisely their degree of academic achievement; in particular, the ability of thinking, judging, adopting, describing etc.

(Hibiya, Shinjuku, Toyama, Hakuou, Sumidagawa, Ryougoku, Aoyama, Fuji, Nishi, Oizumi, Hachioji-higashi, Tachikawa, Musashi, Kokubunji and Kunitachi High School)

Regarding Kokusai high school, only the achievement test of English is independent. Also some part-time high schools conduct the entrance examination entirely with independent questions.

Q 1 1 Is it possible for junior high school students in island to take the examination of a metropolitan high school away from the island?

If you are certain to move to Tokyo (not the islands) and live together with your sponsor (adult relatives, etc) until the day of your enrollment, you may apply to any metropolitan high schools. Resident masters in dormitories are also regarded as your sponsor.

Q 1 2 We have to move outside Tokyo after I graduate from junior high school. Is it still possible for me to apply to a full-time metropolitan high school?

To apply for a metropolitan high school, it is required to live together with the guardian and definitely go to school from the address in Tokyo after your enrollment. If you already know that you will move outside Tokyo and wish to apply for the public schools, you have to apply for the public high school where you will settle. However, you may apply to part-time metropolitan high school, if the applicant would live or work in Tokyo.

Q 1 3 I am currently living abroad. Can I apply to metropolitan high school?

Students who enroll in educational facilities abroad such as Japanese schools and/or local schools can apply to any metropolitan high schools as long as the requirements listed in Q13 are fulfilled. Four high schools (Mita, Takehaya, Minami-tama and Kokusai) conduct the entrance examination targeting returning students. (Enrollment in April and September) To apply for the examination for returning students, specific eligibility is required.

For details, Please make an inquiry at the school you apply or at the consultation department for the entrance examination to metropolitan high schools listed on the back cover.

Q 1 4 I am a foreign student. Can I apply for a metropolitan high school?

As long as you fulfill the condition listed in Q13, you can apply to any Metropolitan high schools. Foreign students who stay in Japan less than 3 years are now eligible to take the examination with readings attached to questions upon request. Kokusai high school conducts the entrance examination targeting foreign students in Japan with the specific eligibility. (Enrollment in April and September)

For details, please make an inquiry at Kokusai high school or at the consultation departments for the entrance examination to metropolitan high schools listed on the back cover.

Q 1 5 I heard that the applicant with frequent absences still has the chance to explain the reason to his/her high school. What kind of procedures should he/she take?

If you submit a “self-assessment declaration” when you apply to the school, you are allowed to explain your absences. Forms are available at the metropolitan high schools, etc. If you wish to receive the form at your junior high school, please consult with your teacher.

Schools conducting entrance examinations for foreigners living in Japan

- Kokusai high school (<http://www.kokusai-h.metro.tokyo.jp/>)
  - Address : 2-19-59 Komaba Meguro  
(5 minutes' walk from Komaba Toudaimae Station, Keio Inokashira Line)
  - Phone : 03-3468-6811
  - Quota : 25 students (entrance in April)  
15 students (entrance in September, including Japanese who graduated from schools in abroad)
  
- Asuka high school (<http://www.asuka-h.metro.tokyo.jp/>)
  - Address : 6-8-8 Ooji Kita-Ward  
(15 minutes' walk from JR Oji Station or 6 minutes' walk from Metro Nanboku Line Oji Kamiya Station)
  - Phone : 03-3913-5071
  - Quota : 15 students (entrance in April)  
3 students (entrance September)

★ Please inquire the detail to each school.