

General Information

<http://www.nishimachi.ac.jp> SY2010-2011

Nishimachi International School is a private, non-sectarian, coeducational day school founded in 1949 to serve as a center of education for Japanese and expatriate children. Nishimachi's educational philosophy is rooted in a spirit of internationalism and humanism that allows children to learn in a supportive caring environment. The tradition has been to provide children with an education in English and one period of daily Japanese that seeks to develop international perspective and understanding. The program extends from Kindergarten through Grade 9. The school year is divided into two academic semesters beginning in late August and ending in June.

•ORGANIZATION AND ACCREDITATION

The school is recognized by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government as a foundation with eight directors and seventeen trustees. It is also fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) as well as the Council of International Schools (CIS). The accreditation by WASC and CIS is based on a self-study and the report of a visiting evaluation team, thereby providing a "stamp of approval," as well as a means to systematically evaluate the total school operation by involving the faculty, staff, students, and community. It also provides a common international evaluation criteria link with schools in the United States, in Asia, Hawaii, and the Pacific as well as schools in Australia and Europe.

•CURRICULUM

The school features a unique, rich international curriculum taught in English using an inquiry approach to learning knowledge, skills and understandings. Our mission is to educate students to be communicators, thinkers, and motivated life long learners who thoughtfully contribute to a diverse and changing world. The program is complemented by music, physical education, art, drama, exploratory and outdoor education programs. We also offer an optional Japanese language-based summer school and many of our students (Grade 1 to 9) take Japanese national achievement tests. Extended science study and social studies field trips for grades 4 to 9 are held during the year at the school's lodge "Kazuno", Kyoto/Nara and Hiroshima. Grades 2-5 participate in off-campus swimming programs and grades 4-9 have 3-5 days of ski school in Niigata.

•FACULTY

There are approximately 60 faculty members from Japan, United States of America, Argentina, Australia, United Kingdom, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand and Peru. The faculty members come to Nishimachi with an average 8 years of experience and remain at Nishimachi an average of 9 years. Of the current staff, approximately 33% have advanced degrees.

•ENROLLMENT

In August 2010 the number of Nishimachi students 435 (K-2, 162; 3-5,157; 6-9, 116) representing 30 countries. Approximately 53% are U.S. citizens, 19% are Japanese and 28% of other nationalities such as Brazil, France, Germany, India, Israel, Mexico, Sweden, U.K. to name a few. 50% of all the students hold dual or multiple citizenship.

•FACILITIES

The campus is located in central Tokyo and comprises six buildings: Matsukata House, Ushiba Memorial gymnasium/auditorium, kindergarten building, primary building housing grades 1-2 and upper elementary/middle school building housing grades 3-9. Matsukata House was the original family residence of Nishimachi's founder "Tane Matsukata". The sixth building the "Yashiro Media Center" was inaugurated in August 2007 and contains a library of about 20,000 volumes, 65% in English and 35% in Japanese. Nishimachi's outdoor education center, Camp Rioichiro Arai, is located in Kazuno in Gunma Prefecture, 150 kilometers northwest of Tokyo.

•TUITION AND FEES

Nishimachi does not receive substantial funding from any government, and operates almost entirely from tuition and generous donations. The cost of books, field trips, swimming, and ski trips are all included in the tuition. An optional summer school fee is charged separately. School fees for the 2010-2011 school year are as follows:

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| • Application fee (non-refundable) | ¥ | 20,000 |
| • Registration (new students only) | ¥ | 300,000 |
| • Building Fee (new students only) | ¥ | 500,000 |
| • Education Enhancement Fee (annual) | ¥ | 100,000 |
| • Tuition: Kindergarten - Grades 9 | ¥ | 2,082,000 |

(Enrollment cancellation fee may be requested when applicable).

Corporate Contribution Plan (CCP): Corporations and other organizations may participate in a scholarship contribution program that offers significant tax benefits to the corporation. Under this program scholarships granted to dependents of donor corporations and organizations are not taxable as personal income in Japan. More information about CCP is available from the school's development office.

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