

Aoba-Japan International School

Tokyo, Japan



Home to Asia's first online IB Diploma pilot, this Tokyo IB Continuum school pairs the DP with its own Global Leadership Diploma track.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	66/100
Academic outcomes	67/100
University placement	65/100
Prestige & heritage	66/100
Alumni network	65/100
Facilities	69/100
Transparency	58/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Aoba-Japan International School has built a clear niche in Tokyo: a full IB Continuum school in English, spread across campuses in Nerima, Bunkyo and Meguro, with an extra layer that few competitors offer. The distinctive feature is the school's role as home to Asia's first online IB Diploma pilot, paired with its own Global Leadership Diploma track. That combination gives Aoba a more *future-facing* profile than the standard "IB in Tokyo" formula. It also matters that the school holds CIS, WASC and IB World School accreditation: not decorative badges, but a useful signal of external scrutiny in a market where international schools vary sharply in substance. For parents, the financial reality is plain. The average annual day fee across ages 3 to 18 is ****2,839,875 JPY****, which places Aoba in the *expensive* tier of the

Tokyo market.

What puts it on a shortlist is not heritage glamour or brute academic mystique, but fit. Aoba suits families who want an English-medium, secular day school founded in 1976, with the continuity of the IB from the early years through to the Diploma, and who value a school that has already engaged seriously with online and blended learning rather than treating it as an emergency workaround. The Global Leadership Diploma track adds a second signal: this is a school that wants students to frame learning in applied, outward-looking terms, not just chase examination credentials. That has appeal for internationally mobile families, for students who are **self-directed** and comfortable working across platforms, and for children who thrive in an environment with a **deliberately global** cast.

The trade-off is straightforward. Parents hunting for a single grand campus or a traditional Japanese-school feel will not find it here; Aoba is a multi-campus Tokyo international school, and its identity is tied more to programme design than to old-school institutional romance. Families who want exhaustive public data on outcomes will also hit limits; the school's accreditations and IB status are clear, but public-facing hard numbers beyond that are thin. The pupils who will get the most from Aoba are those who are academically organised, internationally minded and ready for an education with a **modernist edge**. Those who need a highly conventional, tightly sheltered school experience, or who want a cheaper route into international education, have stronger options elsewhere.

STRENGTHS

- Tokyo location suits internationally mobile families
- Three campuses across Nerima, Bunkyo, Meguro
- IB curriculum appeals to globally transferable students
- International school setting in Japan's capital

TRADE-OFFS

- Three campuses may mean cross-campus fragmentation
- Tokyo location likely means demanding commutes
- Primary sources give few concrete performance details

ADMISSIONS

Aoba-Japan International School is an IB school in Tokyo, with campuses in Nerima, Bunkyo and Meguro. Publicly available information in the material provided does not set out a full admissions structure, so parents should expect to confirm directly with the school which year groups are open at each campus and the relevant age ranges. As an all-through international school, entry is likely to depend on the child's age and the availability of places at the appropriate stage, but the school does not publish enough here to be more precise.

The same caution applies to selection. The school does not publish, in the source material provided, a detailed account of assessment format, interview requirements, application deadlines or any distinctive admissions filter. Nor is there any published information here on bursaries or financial aid. That does not mean support is unavailable; only that it is not evidenced in the source material supplied. For families considering application, the practical next step is to ask the admissions office for campus-specific entry points, timelines and any testing expectations.

WTS RATING 

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