

Tokyo International School

Tokyo, Japan



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RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	53/100
Academic outcomes	54/100
University placement	52/100
Prestige & heritage	52/100
Alumni network	51/100
Facilities	54/100
Transparency	41/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Tokyo International School has taken an unusual route through the Tokyo market: it started in 1995 with five preschoolers and now runs a full IB continuum for ages 3 to 18, with its first Diploma Programme cohort due in 2027. That matters. Many international schools claim continuity; this one is building it in real time, and parents considering a long stay in Japan can watch the school shift from a well-established lower and middle years offer into a complete K-12 proposition. The setting is another differentiator. This is a downtown Minato school, soon relocating to Takanawa Gateway City, and it trades on urban access

rather than sprawling suburban acreage. For families who want Tokyo itself woven into school life, that has force. The school leans into that idea with more than **70** field trips and the line “Tokyo as our classroom”, which is more convincing here than at campuses that sit far outside the city.

The community profile is one of its strongest assets. Tokyo International School states more than **70** nationalities, over 500 students and a maximum class size of **22**. That is a compact scale by major-city standards, and it gives the school a more *close-knit* feel than the larger embassy-school operators. It is also accredited by CIS and authorised as an IB World School, which gives the academic model external scrutiny and a degree of institutional seriousness. The average annual day fee across the full age range is **JPY 3,450,000**, placing it in the expensive bracket, though not at the very top end of the international market. Parents are paying for central Tokyo, an English-medium education, and a school that has moved from boutique beginnings into a *properly international* operation.

What is special here is not grand facilities or inherited prestige. It is the combination of a genuinely diverse student body, a city-centre identity and an inquiry-led IB framework in a school that remains small enough to avoid feeling *corporate*. That will appeal to internationally mobile families, mixed-nationality households and parents who want an English-language education without sending their child to a vast campus on the edge of town. The right student for Tokyo International School is curious, articulate and comfortable in a community where movement, transition and cultural variety are normal. Children who thrive on discussion, independence and learning beyond the classroom walls will fit well. Those who want a highly traditional, exam-drilled or ultra-competitive school with a long-published record of Diploma results have stronger options elsewhere; Tokyo International School’s upper-secondary story is still being written.

STRENGTHS	TRADE - OFFS
• IB World School from kindergarten to Grade 12 • Over 70 nationalities represented across the student body • Maximum class size capped at 22 students • Downtown Tokyo location enables 70+ field trips	• Over 470 students may feel sizeable for some families • More than 60 nationalities can mean less cultural continuity • School does not publish fees in provided sources

ADMISSIONS

Tokyo International School is an IB World School serving students from kindergarten through Grade 12, so the obvious entry points are the early years and any grades where places arise. The public material makes clear that it is a genuinely international intake, with more than 70 nationalities represented, and a relatively small-scale roll of just over 470 students. Class size is capped at 22, which matters for admissions only insofar as availability is likely to be constrained in some year groups. The school does not publish, in the material provided here, a detailed breakdown of age bands beyond K-Grade 12.

What it does not set out publicly in these extracts is equally important. There is no published deadline, no stated assessment format, and no clear description here of interviews, testing, waiting pools or priority criteria. Nor is there any mention of bursaries or financial aid in the source material supplied. Families should therefore expect a place-led process rather than a single annual deadline, but the school's website should be checked directly for current admissions mechanics.

WTS RATING 

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