



Fukuoka Prefectural Dazaifu High School

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1 School Goal

Our aim is to foster thoughtful, well rounded, and talented people. We strive for our students to possess knowledge, virtue, an enterprising spirit, and a deep understanding of internationalism. We aspire to prepare young adults for contributing to the future of society.

2 School Motto *Ambition, Faith, Sincerity – Characters Which Build Society.*

3 Brief School Description

(1) History

Dazaifu High School started in April, 1985. It is the newest prefectural school in School District 6.

(2) Overview of Courses

The school consists of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade. There are eight or nine classes per grade.

- ◇ General Course (6 or 7 classes per grade)
- ◇ English Course (1 class per grade)
- ◇ Art Course (1 class per grade)

※ The English Course accepts applicants from School Districts 4, 5, and 6.

※ The Art Course accepts applicants from all school districts within Fukuoka Prefecture.

(3) 『Our School is an Art Museum』

The beautiful buildings of DHS are located on a hill overlooking Dazaifu City, which is home to Kyushu's National Museum. Being the only public high school in all of Fukuoka Prefecture with an Art Course, "Our School is an Art Museum". The art course students' work is displayed all over campus making the school itself an art museum to be enjoyed. This creates a calm and relaxed atmosphere where DHS students are able to settle in and lead a fulfilling high school life.

4 Characteristics of Dazaifu High School's Curriculum

Our school curriculum allows students to choose electives that match their ability and career choice. In doing so, students learn the skills necessary in making their dreams a reality. Classes are taught valuing each student's unique character and encouraging students to reach their full potential.

We have established three courses (General, English, and Art) in order for students to fully realize their ability and individuality in the field of their choice.

(1) General Course

- ◇ Students can choose electives that value their individuality and are in accordance with their career goals. (For example: national social studies, private social studies, science, medicine [i.e. nursing], government employment, etc.)

(2) English Course

- ◇ The aim of DHS's English Course is academic improvement, starting from the basics to practical use. There are English lessons divided by ability as well as those with mixed ability. DHS has two full time

teachers from a foreign country (ALTs). The English Course fosters students capable of actively participating in today's internationalizing society. The program provides technical studies and improves the student's ability in speaking English as well as thinking internationally.

- ◇ Ideal English classes – Class sizes are small and taught by foreign teachers (ALTs).
- ◇ Classes specific to English Course: English comprehension, listening practice, foreign cultural understanding, conversational English, English application.
- ◇ Events specific to English Course: English theater, English summer camp (2 nights, 3 days), English recitation contest, English speech contest, home stay in Australia (2 weeks), study abroad for 6 to 12 months (school credits earned while studying abroad are acknowledged).

(3) Art Course (Art and Calligraphy)

- ◇ Art Course students cultivate their technical skills after acquiring the fundamentals of art and calligraphy. By studying in a class environment which fosters unique works of art, students are able to pursue rewarding careers after graduation.
- ◇ Students actively participate in various art exhibitions, such as the Fukuoka Prefecture art exhibit, while receiving individual guidance from teachers.
- ◇ Events specific to Art Course: overnight training, off campus art practice, visiting of art museums, visiting of Europe (optional, 7 nights 8 days), graduation art exhibit.

※In order for students to gain a fuller and deeper education, DHS provides morning extracurricular classes. For 12th graders, the extracurricular classes are based on the student's career goals and are held in the morning as well as after school.

5 A Fulfilling School Life

DHS truly values character building through school events and various club activities. There are numerous school events throughout the year such as hiking, camping, the Cultural Festival, Class Match, etc. We also have many clubs, including the only rifle shooting club in all of Fukuoka.

Clubs offered at DHS:

- 〈Athletics〉 Archery, badminton, baseball, basketball, boxing, hand-ball, kendo, rifle shooting, rugby, soccer, softball, tennis, track and field, volleyball
- 〈Cultural〉 Art, broadcasting, calligraphy, chorus, cooking, English, flower arrangement, literature, music, tea ceremony

Further Education of Recent Graduates

Public Universities …… Tsukuba University, Kyushu Institute of Technology, Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music, Saga University, Saga Medical School, Fukuoka University of Education, Kitakyusyu University, Aichi University of Fine Arts and Music, Hiroshima City University, Shimane University, etc.

Private Universities …… Waseda University, Keio University, Sophia University, Dokkyo University, Kansai University of Foreign Studies, Ferris Women's University, Aoyama Gakuin University, Ritsumeikan University, Asia Pacific University, Seinan University, Fukuoka University, Kurume University, etc.

6 Directions to DHS

From Nishitetsu's Futsukaichi Station, East Exit, take the Nishitetsu bus. It is approximately a twenty minute ride. Get off at the stop named "*Dazaifu koukou iriguchi*" (Dazaiфу High School Entrance). It is a five minute walk to the school from the bus stop.