



Welcome to OCHACHU

OCHACHU SCHOOL GUIDE 2025

Made by Regular class
& Returnee student class students



ABOUT OCHACHU

Ochanomizu Junior High school opened in 1875 at Ochanomizu and moved its campus to ōtsuka in 1932. We are taught to be independent and responsible, and to have a wide perspective. These are Ochachu's educational objectives. Every morning, we pass in front of this stone monument on which these objectives are written.

The main gate of the university is designated as a tangible cultural property. Ochachu is located a little far from the main gate of the university, so we are careful not to be late for school in the morning.



Ochanomizu University Junior High School
Tokyo, JAPAN



OCHACHU INTRODUCTION

NEW UNIFORM

In addition to the usual sailor uniform and school uniform, we can choose slacks as a school uniform. To make this uniform, the board of directors examined the results of a student questionnaire, and proposed a prototype to the uniform company. These wide pants are made to match a sailor with a belt, and the unique wide silhouette resembles a hakama. It reminds me of the time when Ochachu's roots, "Tokyo Women's Higher Normal School" and "Tokyo Women's Normal School Affiliated High School for Girls," had belts attached to their hakama. With this uniform, the students' wish to incorporate new things while inheriting tradition has come true.

Our school badge has an octagon mirror, orchid, and chrysanthemum as our motif.



SCHOOL SONG

The school song is "Migakazuba crystals and mirrors shall have something done, our learning paths shall be treated the same." This song was made by Empire Shoken, the emperor during the Taisho period.



CLASS AND STUDENT NUMBERS

Number of classes per grade : 4

Number of students per grade :

Regular classes : about 100 students, with about 30 boys and 70 girls

Returnee students class (first year only) : about 15 boys and girls

Describe Ochachu in 1 word ⇒

traditional

unique

autonomy

freedom

ACTIVITIES

OCHACHU LIFE

There are many classes you can take only at Ochachu. Since Ochachu is affiliated with a university, we have many activities in collaboration with other affiliated schools and universities.

There are also student teachers that come from Ochanomizu University. They help us with anything I don't understand during class or after school.

In our school, the students plan anything from our daily life to big events like sports festivals and student festivals. Teachers provide enthusiastic support to us.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Board of Officers, Board of Councilors, Board of Trustees, Student Morals Committee, Athletic Committee, School Beautification Committee, Library Committee, Student Health Committee, Press Committee, Student Festival Executive Committee, Student Council Magazine Committee, Welcome and Farewell Party Executive Committee

STUDENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

Sports Division: Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis, Table Tennis, Badminton, Soccer, Dance
Cultural Division: Brass Band, Science, Drama, Creative Cultural Expressions



WHAT IS JISHUKEN?

JISHUKEN

Independent Research is a special subject at Ochanomizu Junior High School.

We choose our own theme, and research it to our hearts' content. During the first grade, we have an orientation by teachers, and the research starts in the second grade. There are also some lectures by outside instructors. We recommend that you choose a topic that you like for the theme.

Enjoy Independent Research!

Describe Ochachu in 1 word ⇒

energetic

fantastic

active

powerful

ANNUAL EVENTS



FIRST HALF



APRIL

We have our entrance ceremony in April. Also, we have a welcome party for first graders. At the welcome party, each club introduces its activities to the first graders. Then, first graders decide what clubs they will join.



MAY

We have a sports festival. It is a very big event. We break into red, yellow, blue, and green teams, and each team's flag is stylish. The cheer dance is very cool. Some students exchange their hachimaki. Ochachu students practice very hard for the sports festival.



JUNE

First graders: Global camp in Yamanashi
Second graders: School camp in Nagano
Third graders: School trip in Iwate



JULY

In July, we don't have to wear our school uniforms. This policy was decided by the students. Many students enjoy wearing their own clothes. Also, summer vacation begins in July.



AUGUST

Summer vacation♡ Many students come to school for club activities and preparations for the student festival. We also have a lot of summer homework. It is very difficult, but very useful. Summer vacation is very fun!



SEPTEMBER

We have a Student Festival in September. At the Student Festival, students break into groups and plan some events or concerts. Students enjoy planning the festival, and visitors enjoy our presentations. This year's theme is “青瞬 (Seishun)” It must be fun!

ANNUAL EVENTS



SECOND HALF



OCTOBER

Ochachu has an Independent Research called Jishukenkyu. At a round table event in October, students present their study to classmates and students in other grades.



NOVEMBER

We have final exams for the second semester in November. We study hard to get good scores. Then, we look forward to our day off after the test! November 29 is the anniversary of the foundation of Ochachu.



DECEMBER

We have a jogathon in December. We do our best and enjoy it. After the end-of-term ceremony, winter vacation begins. Although we have a lot of homework, but we are able to relax during winter vacation.



JANUARY

We have many seminars for first graders who are just starting their Jishukenkyu. At these seminars, many associations, companies, and previous graduates come to Ochachu to inspire the first graders and help lead them in the right direction for their upcoming projects.



FEBRUARY

We have the entrance examination which all students take in order to enter the school. We look forward to welcoming the new students! Jishukenkyu presentations are also held in February, and all second graders present their research.



MARCH

March has a big event...our Choir Competition! We practice singing a lot. One of the students conducts the choir, and another student plays the piano. At the end of the school year, our graduation ceremony is held in the university auditorium.

SCHOOL SUBJECTS



I WILL INTRODUCE THE CLASSES
AT OCHACHU



Class Schedule

7:55~8:15 Students arrive at school
We are always in a hurry in the morning!

8:20~8:30 Homeroom

8:40~9:30 First period
Some students seem to be sleepy...

9:40~10:30 Second period
Students become more energetic!

10:40~11:30 Third period
Many students start to get hungry...

11:40~12:30 Fourth period
Many students can't wait for lunch time!!!

12:35~12:50 ~Lunch time~
We eat our lunches made with love

12:50~13:15 Recess
We have been waiting all morning!!!

13:20~14:10 Fifth period
I want to fall asleep, but I will push through...

14:20~15:10 Sixth period
The day is almost over, so we are a little happy!

15:15~15:30 Homeroom
We talk about tomorrow.

15:30~15:40 Cleaning
It feels good when the school is clean!

15:45~16:40 Clubs
Everyone enjoys club activities!!

16:50 School closing time!
See you tomorrow!!

Japanese

Hey!! This is a Japanese language class. In Japanese language class, we learn more things about Japanese than we had in the past, so we may feel Japanese is difficult. Grammar is especially hard, but you don't have to worry. If you pay attention, you won't struggle with Japanese so much. The Japanese language teachers are kind to students, so even if some things are difficult, you will learn a lot.

Social Studies

We have a social studies room. We can learn history, geography, and civics. We learn history from first grade, and we learn geography in second grade. We can not only study from our textbooks, but also have discussions with our classmates. The classes are easy to understand, so we can enjoy learning!



Mathematics

In mathematics classes, we learn functions, formulas, and geometry. We apply this knowledge to daily life examples, so it is very interesting and there are many new discoveries.

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Science

Science classes are amazing!! We learn four kinds of sciences.

Chemistry : We have many experiments and they are a special experience. The classes are interesting..

Biology : We have this class once a week. Also, we can see many living things on the university campus.

Geology : There are a lot of jewels in the science room and we can touch them.

Physics : We learn about electricity, sound, and light energy, and examine it using diagrams, formulas, and graphs based on experiments.

English

We have English class four times a week. During the first year, returnees learn English with native speakers, separately from the other students. During the second year, returnees have classes with native speakers twice a week, and normal English classes with the other students once a week, and a differentiated class once a week.

In classes taught by native speakers, we often learn reading and writing. In the normal English class, we study English grammar, vocabulary, and communication. Sometimes we play games and sing songs. In the differentiated classes, we break into small groups depending on our English level.

We love our English class ❤️

Music

We can play a lot of instruments such as the violin, shamisen, koto, and ukulele. The shamisen and koto are traditional Japanese instruments. We have a shamisen workshop every year. Shamisen teachers come to teach us shamisen.

We also sing songs, and we are good at singing. We practice so hard for our choir competition at the end of the year. Music is a wonderful subject !

Home Ec and Technology

We enjoy this class!!! This class is held only once a week.

In this class, we can acquire new knowledge to make our life better. For example, we cook, learn programming, and grow plants.

In this class, we can cook popular dishes such as ginger grilled pork and egg soup.

This class makes us happy and gives us a chance to get to know our classmates better.

Moral

We have moral class once a week. We learn about friendship, the importance of nature, and so on. We need to learn what is good or not as people, such as not disturbing others. There is no correct answer, but we will be able to act in ways that are considered morally right. In addition, you will be able to judge right and wrong.

P.E.

We play a lot of sports. We move our bodies a lot and it is very interesting. We mostly spend our time playing sports like basketball, track and field, and hurdles. We have to do a self-evaluation at the end of the term. It is one of the most important parts of the class, so everybody does it seriously. The teacher is a very good person and everybody enjoys the subject.

Art

Art class is very exciting! We have this class twice a week. We can create wonderful pieces of art! For example, we make paperweights, posters, and wooden objects. Also, we try drawing croquis. We draw our hands. It is very hard, but very fun.



MESSAGES FROM US TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

MESSAGES FROM OCHACHU STUDENTS
TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS CONSIDERING OUR SCHOOL

In Ochachu, there are many friendly older students and classmates. So don't be afraid of coming to this school. Be proud of yourself and your new school. Welcome!

Ochachu is a great school surrounded by the nature of the university's campus. Have fun and make memories that last a lifetime at this school.

There are a lot of interesting and exciting things at OCHACHU, so please come to our school, and let's enjoy a happy school life!

I think that you are very nervous about studies when you get into OCHACHU, but don't worry. It will be all fine, and actually it is very fun at OCHACHU! I'm waiting for you!!

When you come to ochanomizu junior high school, I think that you can enjoy your school life. Please come to this school!

Let's come to ochachu and have fun with us.

If you come Ochanomizu junior high school, you will be happy.

Almost all the students in OCHACHU are kind to everyone. So don't be afraid to join our school!!

There is a lot of beautiful nature on the Ochanomizu University Campus, so we can feel refreshed! We can enjoy studying in all the classes. Let's enjoy school life!

Junior High School of Ochanomizu University is very good place. All students are very kind. I am sure you can enjoy school life.

Ochachu is a very very very very nice school. Teachers and students are very friendly and kind. I welcome you!!

Are you feeling nervous about your new school life? Don't worry!! Everyone enjoys their own school life! There are lots of amazing events in OCHACHU, so you should look forward for them!

If you get into Ochanomizu Junior High school, you will enjoy every day and have great experiences. Come to OCHACHU! We want to do something with you!

There is always someone to help you when you are in trouble.

Study hard and there will be a GREAT LIFE here.

If you came to Ochachu, you can make many friends!

Ochachu students are crazy, kind and funny! I am looking forward to seeing you next spring!

I think that you will enjoy our school life because there are many interesting things in OCHACHU.