

Message from the Principal



Among the eight Sapporo City municipal High Schools, Keihoku prides itself as the oldest and the only Vocational High School. Over the past eighty years,

Keiichi Suzuki graduated students have gone on to excel in both the workplace and the community. For a long time our school has focused on Accounting, Information Communication Technology (ICT), Economics, Marketing and English education. In addition, the school is always evolving and creating new education framework, such as 'Education for Sustainable Development' (ESD).

The Japanese Ministry of Education (MEXT) has been implementing a program called 'Super Professional High School' to develop professionals who will contribute to society as a whole. Since 2017, Keihoku has focused on the areas such as Tourism, Entrepreneurship, Local Business, Intercultural Communication and MICE. Keihoku has always foster a relaxed atmosphere between staff and pupils, which we hope you will experience some day.

About Keihoku

Located in Ishiyama, Keihoku is surrounded by beautiful mountains with a rich history of stone masonry. It's a public high school with 6 classes in each grade (about 720 students).

Established in 1941, Keihoku celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2011. About 18,000 students have graduated from Keihoku.

Keihoku means 'to pioneer (kei) north (hoku)', and its school emblem has Mercury, who is the Roman God of Our teachers and career advisors are committed to mentoring the students' preparations for job applications and university entrance examinations. There are many special lessons to prepare for college entrance examinations and various qualification examinations, such as accounting and English.

Many courses are available, such as Accounting, IT, and International Studies. They are seminar-style with fewer students in each class, leading to a more intimate learning experience. Students participate in local product development, volunteer activities and global-centered events.

Students obtain practical experience through internships and prepare for a changing global-centric society. With a qualified school counselor and a peer support group, students are supported during their entire school life.

Through these various programs, students become independent, learn self-motivation, and cooperate with others.

Classes

There are various commercial subjects (Bookkeeping, Product Development, Marketing, Financial Accounting, Programming, Digital Graphics, etc.).



Keihoku has over 300 computers which students use for their course work.

Students have access to many qualifications for bookkeeping, business document writing, and more.

They collaborate with local universities and communities. For example, the product development project of Ishiyama Nanseki (local soft stone) is ongoing.

With virtual stock, students have the opportunity to learn about the stock market first hand.

International Education

Keihoku has two full-time ALTs from U.K and Australia. All first year students take English conversation classes. Second year students can take a cross-cultural communication class.

Students have the opportunity to study in both Portland, America and Malaysia as part of exchange programs. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

trainees from Africa also visited Keihoku to promote cultural exchange.



Events

There are many school events at Keihoku.

- ✧ School festival
- ✧ Farewell party
- ✧ Athletic meets
- ✧ School trip to Kyoto, Nara and Tokyo



Extracurricular Activities



Keihoku offers a variety of after-school activities, where students can participate in one of the 26 sport and cultural clubs. 70% of students are members of a club. All of our students also

belong to various school committees.

- ✧ **2017-2018 Japanese National Competitions:**
Archery, Bookkeeping, Swimming, Word Processing

Volunteer

Students do volunteer work throughout the year.

- ✧ Brass band: performs regularly at retirement homes and festivals.
- ✧ Sports clubs (baseball, soccer, softball): build snow statues at retirement homes.
- ✧ Archery club: clear the autumn leaves off the streets around the school.

Careers

Keihoku offers career guidance and lectures from university professors. Students take part in an internship during their second year too.

Tertiary

After graduation, about 70% of our students attend universities, junior colleges, technical schools and nursing schools.

- ✧ Otaru University of Commerce, Hokkaido University of Education, Hokkai Gakuen University, etc.

Employment

Other students apply to enter the workforce (public and private sectors) with a nearly 100% success rate, due to the school's good reputation with companies.

- ✧ Sapporo City, Hokkaido Prefecture, Hokkaido Bank, Hokkaido Electric Power Co., JR etc.

Access

About 10km south from the city center towards Jozankei Hot Springs. Take the subway on the Namboku Line to Makomanai Station, then the Jotetsu Bus# 12, get off at Ishiyama 2-2.

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Mr. 'Onigiri (rice ball) Giro'



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