

# Web Page Made by the Students

## School Itself and Its Environment

I would like to talk about school location and surrounding environment.

First, let me tell you about our school's location. Hiratsuka Secondary School's location is about 10 minutes by bus from Hiratsuka Station. And from Isehara Station is about 30 minutes by bus. On the north side of the school is Ohara Elementary School and there is a general park beside our school. Therefore we study among beautiful nature.

Let's move on to talking about the environment. Hiratsuka Secondary School is near the general park. So we have a very good environment for studying. For example, we can do P.E in the park, and we can use a gymnasium. Besides, when the season changes, there are various changes in the park. We have a good time every day. Moreover, there are no high buildings. So, we can see a beautiful view of Mt Fuji.



Finally, I have introduced our school itself and its environment. The public transportation of this school is convenient from Hiratsuka Station, Isehara Station and Hadano Station. Moreover, I think that we can learn in a very good environment, because we are near the general park with a lot of greenery.

M.A.(2-3), N.K.(2-3), A.S.(2-3), C.T.(2-3)

## How We Come to School

I would like to tell you about how we come to school.

In our school, students come to school from various areas in Kanagawa. So, we come to school by train, bus or on foot. The shortest time to go to school is about 15 minutes. But the longest time is about 2 hours. Most students take from 45 minutes to one hour to go school. Some students read books while they are on the bus or train. We can use our time wisely.



When I entered the school I worried about "going to school" and I was tired every day. But I can make friends in the same bus or train. I can enjoy "going to school" Now, I got used to going to school. It is very fun for me.

A.S.(2-5), Y.Y.(2-5), A.Y.(2-5), A.W.(2-5)

## School Curriculum

I'd like to tell you about our school curriculum.

Let me start by talking about Japanese, English and math. We have five Japanese and English classes, and six math classes in a week. We have seven classes in a day. Each class is 45 minutes long. In our school we study very hard.

We learn "Kanagawa next generation education" as a part of the career education.



We learn "traditional culture and history, English communication, use of IT and environment" in the Kanagawa next generation. We bring up the leaders of the next generation to play an active part in the global community through a series of activities. The classes are easy to understand, and very fulfilling. Classes are very high quality. Everyday classes are very hard. But, I think it is good for my future. So, I'm very excited.

M.A.(2-1), M.K.(2-1), E.T.(2-1), A.T.(2-1)

## Culture Club Activities

I'd like to tell you about culture club activities.

Our school has five culture clubs. First, I want to tell you about school band club. 39 students are in the school band club. This club is the biggest club of the culture clubs. Usually, they play with Ohara High School students. Second, let me tell you about Igo club. There're 9 students in the Igo club. The Igo club participated the whole country rally this year. Third, I want to tell you about the science club. This club is divided into three teams. The members research about interesting things every day. Fourth, I'm going to tell you about chorus club. There're 6 students in the chorus club. They usually play with Ohara High School students. Fifth, let me tell you about the art club. The members draw sketches, and paint oil paintings, and the like.

Let's move on to the school band club. It participated in the Kanagawa prefecture contest with Ohara High School in the summer. It held a regular contest in March. You must come with everyone. I insist!

The number of culture clubs is smaller than that of sport clubs. But, every club has a very fruitful activity.



H.A.(2-2), T.I.(2-2), M.H.(2-2), H.M.(2-2)

## Sports Club Activities

Our topic today is “sport clubs.” I would like to tell you about our “sport clubs.” In this school, there are 8 “sport clubs.” They are tennis, soccer, basketball, table tennis, track and field, swimming, badminton and Japanese archery. Each club has short practice time. But we take part in many tournaments.



Tennis club members run almost every day. And they try get physical strength. Teamwork plays an important role in the basketball club. The members are very friendly to each other in the soccer club. And they practice hard for the games. The members of the track and field club challenge to beat their own best record day by day. There are a lot of unique students in the table tennis club. Badminton club is getting along very well. In the Japanese archery club etiquette is very important. Though there are few members, the swimming club wins a prize in a meeting every year.

So, we practice harder than last year and enjoy our school lives.

S.T.(2-4), N.T.(2-4), M.M.(2-4), M.Y.(2-4)

## School Events

Our topic is school events. Hiratsuka Secondary School has a lot of school events. This time, we will tell you about the orientation camp, the sports festival and chorus contest.

First, let me tell about the orientation camp. When we enter this school, we go to the orientation camp at once. We go to the *Miurafureainomura* and stay for two nights. We all make curry and rice, and we have a candle fire and the cohesion between students deepens. The students become closer. The sports festival is held every year. We play many events. We are divided into blocks. Each block tries to win the events. The chorus contest is held every year, too. We practice singing beautiful songs many times in each class in the morning and after school.



Finally, this time we introduced three school events the orientation camp, the sports festival and the chorus contest. They are very active and interesting!!! The sports festival which was held this year was a lot of fun, and I'm looking forward to the chorus contest very much.

C.A.(2-1), R.S.(2-1), R.S.(2-1), M.T.(2-1)

## School Strong Points



I'd like to tell you about our school's strong points.

First, let me tell you about our school uniform. Our school uniform is designed by COMME CA DU MODE. It has a traditional, sophisticated and fashionable design. In addition, it is very comfortable to wear. We love our school uniform. And our sport wear has cute logos. They express our school's educational concept. That is Live, Love and Learn.

Let's move on to the next point. It's comfortable for us to study in our classroom. For example, each classroom has an air-conditioner, desks and chairs, and the classrooms are very beautiful. Each class has 32 students. We have 16 boys and 16 girls in each class. It is a small size class.

Finally, our school is very excellent. Therefore, we have a nice school life. Our school uniform is fashionable. And we can spend our school life very comfortably. So our school is very very attractive. You should enter Hiratsuka Secondary School. We're waiting for you.

R.S.(2-4), C.S.(2-4), N.S.(2-4), M.H.(2-4)

## Teachers and Students' Council

Let me introduce and explain our teachers and student association.

First, I'm going to tell you about our teachers of second grade. First of all, I'll tell you about Mr. Miyata. He is a Japanese teacher. His lessons are very interesting. He has a strong sense of responsibility and is cool. Second of all, I'll tell you about Ms. Sakaoka. She is a math teacher. She is from Mie prefecture. And so, she is young and strong. She is often strict, but she is very kind. Third of all, I'll tell you about Mrs. Kimura. She is a P.E teacher. We don't think she is like a woman and she pushes ahead confidently. But, she understands student's feelings. Fourth of all, I'll tell you about Mr. Kuroki. He is an English teacher. He is "light" and a funny teacher. He is popular with students. Finally, I will tell you about Mr. Yamazaki. He is a social studies teacher. He is very serious and is the eldest of the teachers. So he is acting as their leader.



Next, let me introduce the student association. Our student's association has seven members. They were elected as students' representatives. They are very busy, because they make plans about sports festival and school briefing sessions.

We told you about student council and teachers. They were very friendly and wonderful. And so, this school is very wonderful, too.

R.O.(2-4), K.K.(2-4), T.S.(2-4), G.Y.(2-4)

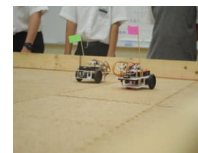
## The Multi-purpose room A



The multi-purpose room A is on the third floor. We use this room in I.T. classes and science classes. There are many laptop P.C.s in this room. They are usually put in the locked boxes. In I.T. classes we make robots. We also use this room when we have club activities and the committee activities of the student council. We go to this room at least once a week. We call this room “KIROBO’s room.” “KIROBO” is the name of a programming robot.



This room smells like machines. There are two air conditioners and large mirrors on the wall. In addition to this, the desks and chairs are clean. We like this room because it’s very cool.



S.Y.(1-5), A.S.(1-5), A.Y.(1-5), T.W.(1-5)

## The library



This is our library!

The library is on the first floor, across from the cooking room. When we want to read books and to research something, we go to the library. We can request at most ten books for the librarian to buy every week. When we watch DVDs, we go there, too. Some of us go to the library every day.



There are computers, an air-conditioner, fans, big desks and many chairs in it. We can use the air-conditioner or the fans when it is too hot.

We can find the book we want to read among many books with computers. We like the library because there are a lot of books and DVDs and because we have a kind librarian, Mr. Uchida. We sometimes devote ourselves to reading books and are shocked how long we stayed there without knowing it.

H.M.(1-3), K.M.(1-3), A.N.(1-3), S.K.(1-3)

## The English Room



This is the English Room of our school. It’s on the third floor. It is across from Multi-purpose room A. It’s next to the storehouse A and 2-1 class. You can use this room in English lessons or for meetings and club activities.

We have two globes, bookshelves, world maps, a projector, a big screen, a lap-top computer, and an air-conditioner in this room. English teachers put posters on the wall. Many useful English words and expressions are on those posters. We feel like we are in a foreign country because of these decorations.



There are 40 strange chairs in this room. A small desk is attached to the folding chairs. We use this room when we make presentations. We have introduced ourselves, our friends, favorite subjects, hobbies and so on. In July we drew pictures of our friends and projected them on the big screen and introduced them to the class. Now we are doing “Show and Tell.”

E.A.(1-3), Y. A.(1-3), S.I.(1-3), H.E.(1-3)

## Self-Study room

This room is on the first floor. This is the room for the students who want to study quietly by themselves. We seldom use this room because Ohara High School students (our sister school students) mainly use this room. But some of us use this room during the test period or after school.



We are requested to behave properly in this room. We are not allowed to make noise, speak in a loud voice, eat or drink juice in this room. We cannot use a headphone stereo in this room.



The self-study room is well equipped. There are twenty-eight compartments in this room. Each compartment has light-equipped desks and dictionaries. Of course it has an air-conditioner. Let's go to this room and study hard!

G.O.(1-2), N.Y.(1-2), N.Y.(1-2)

## The Multi-purpose Hall

This is our Multi-purpose Hall. It is on the first floor, near the entrance for Ohara High School.



We use this Hall in various ways. We have a piano, many chairs and desks, four round tables, four basins, three big heaters, six flowerpots and a big TV set in this room. Four big mirrors are on the wall. Thanks to the sky lights, the hall is always bright. Here we can talk with many friends. We sometimes use this hall for special activities. This hall is large and very clean.



T.K.(1-3), K.O.(1-3), T.F.(1-3), Y.T.(1-3)



## The classroom

Each grade has five classes in this school. This is our classroom.

We use this room every day. In Japan, the students don't change rooms for study. The teachers come to the classroom to teach. We study Japanese, English, social studies, math, English Communications and homemaking in this room. We have class meetings and homeroom



activities here. We also eat lunch in our classroom.

We have 32 desks and chairs, a blackboard, a big T.V. set, an air-conditioner and a lot of equipment in this room. Every class puts the class slogans on the walls and the ceiling.



can meet our friends.

We like this room because we can relax here and this is the place we

K.I.(1-4),S.K.(1-4), N.K.(1-4), M.T.(1-4)

## The P.C. rooms

We have three P.C. rooms and one CALL room. CALL stands for Computer Aided Language Laboratory. They are on the third floor. The floor and chairs in these rooms are comfortable.

We sometimes use the P.C. rooms for science and I.T. classes. The first graders are now learning how to use a word processor. We can also



get much information by using the P.C. rooms.

Each room has 40 P.C.s, a projector and a big screen. I like the new P.C.s in these rooms. Of course we have air-conditioners in this room. It is nice to study in these rooms on hot summer days. We like Hiratsuka Secondary School very much. Yeah!



K.K.(1-1), M.K.(1-1), Y.M.(1-1), A.M.(1-1)

## The open space on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

There is an open space called "a mall" on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. They are wide hallways in the connecting part between the buildings.

You can take a rest there. You can use it after lunch and after school. We sometimes have meetings here. There are new tables and long benches. Some Ohara High School students (our sister school students) eat lunch here.





One day, I had lunch as Ohara High School students do. But I had a stomachache because it was a very hot day and the food had gone bad before I ate it.

K.I.(1-3), S.I.(1-3), K.K.(1-3), N.S.(1-3)

## “*i* – ROOM”

Hiratsuka Secondary School has “*i* – ROOM.” This is the room for counseling. This room was set up when Hiratsuka Secondary School was open for the purpose of guiding the students who have troubles. Our senior students named it. “*i*” means “me” in English. At the same time, it means “love” and “meeting” in Japanese.



This room is open from eleven a.m. to six p.m. every Thursday. The school counselor Ms.

Mihara comes on every Thursday. She is kind, so that we can consult her about anything, any time. The graduate students of Tokai University majoring in psychology come to this room in the afternoon on the other days of the week.



Many students seem to have come to talk about the problems with their parents or their friends so far.

Y.S.(1-2), Y.K.(1-2), K.T.(1-2), R.T.(1-2)

N.I.(1-5), Y.K.(1-5), T.S.(1-5), K.Y.(1-5)