

Welcome to Yoka Senior High School

(Translated by ESS Club)

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School History

- April 1, 1897 Founded as Hyogo Sericultural School
- April 30, 1901 Changed its name to Hyogo Prefectural Sericultural School
- April 1, 1908 Opened to girls
- March 31, 1938 Changed its name to Hyogo Prefectural Agricultural and Sericultural School
- April 1, 1948 Changed its name to Hyogo Prefectural Agricultural and Sericultural High School
- September 1, 1948 Classes became coeducational
Night courses started
- March 1, 1949 Became a general high school with four courses: a sericultural course, an agricultural course, a home economics course, and an academic course
- April 1, 1959 Stopped the sericultural course and set up a farming course instead
- April 1, 1976 The academic course remained as Hyogo Prefectural Yoka High School, but the agricultural course, the home economic course, and the farming course separated into Hyogo Prefectural Tajima Agricultural High School
- October 10, 1997 Held the 100th anniversary ceremony
- October 12, 2007 Held the 110th anniversary ceremony

Educational Goals

Our goals are to develop students who have very good character, in accordance with the thoughts of the Constitution and Educational Fundamental Laws, and to nurture students into mentally and physically healthy people, who act as responsible citizens of society in a peaceful nation.

School Motto

Our school motto is “ 尋師訪友 克己勉勵 (*Jinshi Hoyu Kokki Benrei*) ”
This means, students need to receive teachings and instructions from teachers and friends with the same goals and to develop themselves through friendly competition: to encourage one another, to overcome weaknesses, and to be willing to study hard.



School Emblem

Our school emblem is composed of three parts. '高 (Ko)' at the center means high school. It is enclosed by three mulberry leaves, which silkworms are fed with. This is because Yoka High School was once a sericulture school. Finally, these symbols are enclosed by the motif of the Chinese character for '八 (Hachi)', which comes from '八鹿 (Yoka).'



School Administration Mission Statement

1. We aim to have the students acquire intelligence, virtue, health and physical strength, and learn to value the lives and human rights of others, for a better life.
2. We aim to have students acquire essential scholastic proficiency and indispensable knowledge and skills, and to foster their self-education ability and their willingness to engage in a lifetime of learning.
3. We cultivate students' subjective abilities to achieve their dreams by enhancing their individuality and creativity, as well as by providing career guidance to help them develop their strengths.
4. We cultivate strong relationships between our school, students' families, and our community. We also encourage students to develop well-rounded personal and moral character. We believe that good education is based on rich human relationships and integration with the local culture.

Two Courses of Study

[Natural Science Course]

We cultivate human resources to contribute to the development of the natural sciences and scientific discoveries in the international community.

Features :

- We offer advanced science and math courses within a distinctive and diversified curriculum.
- Students receive teachings with a much greater emphasis on math and science than in the general course.
- After graduating from the natural science course, students will have the opportunity to attend university in a science related field such as, engineering, medicine, pharmacy, agriculture, or science education.
- Students who are interested in the humanities can substitute select math courses for humanities course.

[General Course]

The first-year students

- We have two tracks in the general courses: the general education track and the arts and sciences track (*sogo-ruikei, bunritankyu-ruikei*).
- In the general education track, students study classical Japanese, English, math, and physics in

small classes.

- Students in the arts and science track receive teachings from an advanced curriculum. Eligibility for this track is determined by students' academic performance and their desire to participate.

The second-year and the third-year students

- After considering their goals for the future, students can choose from three tracks of humanities courses: science track, general track, and arts track (*rika-ruikei*, *sogo-ruikei*, and *bunkatankyu-ruikei*).
- Students in the science track will have the opportunity to attend university in a science related field such as, engineering, medicine, pharmacy, agriculture, or science education.
- We offer a number of electives to accommodate additional subjects in which students in the general education track might be interested. These students can choose from a wide variety of subjects to study in university.
- The arts track prepares students to apply to national universities where they can pursue studies in the arts after graduation. At Yoka High School we offer these students a unique class (practical communication) to meet their interests better.

After Graduation (Graduates in 2012, 2013, and 2014)

	Graduates in 2012	Graduates in 2013	Graduates in 2014
University	163	169	136
Junior College	4	17	12
Technical College	16	29	25
Employment	3	11	11
Cram School and etc.	9	10	10
Overseas Education and etc.	2	1	2
Total	197	237	196

Events

[The First Term]

- Entrance Ceremony
- Orientation
- Students view a Theatrical Performance
- Emergency Drill
- Second-year Students' School Trip



[The Second Term]

- School Festival
- Lecture Presentation for the School's Anniversary
- Cross-country Race
- Learning Sign Language

[The Third Term]

- Cultural Clubs' Festival
- Graduation Ceremony
- Chorus Competition



Club Activities

Cultural Clubs

ESS Club (English-speaking Club)

In our club we learn not only English, but also many other things about foreign countries with our ALT. The main activities in our club are learning about foreign cultures and histories, making videos to introduce our school, writing stories in English, watching foreign movies, translating recipes and cooking foreign dishes, writing newspapers in English, and so on. Our club has a very relaxing and homelike atmosphere.

Photography Club

We belong to the photography club. As you can see, in this club we take pictures. We mainly use digital cameras. Our pictures are exhibited during the school festival, the cultural clubs' festival, and in an amateur photographer contest. We also sometimes take pictures of school events. You are welcome to join our club, even if you have other interests. Almost all of our members also belong to another club.

Wind Ensemble Club

We have thirty seven members in our club. Our main performances are the brass band festival in Tajima, brass band competitions, the school culture festival, the brass band festival in Asago (held with Wadayama high school), ensemble competitions, and so on. Last year, we also played in the Yoka Station one hundredth anniversary ceremony.

Art Club

Drama Club

Chorus Club

There are twenty eight members in our club. We have had many requests to give concerts since last November. Please come and listen to our songs. Our songs are sure to make you feel comfortable and to make your heart feel warm, even though it's cold outside. You can find information about our club on our homepage. Please check it out!

Broadcasting Club

Hello! We are the members of the broadcasting club. Our main activities are broadcasting music at lunch time, presiding over school events, joining in the cultural clubs' festival, and so on. There is also a broadcasting tournament. Our club is fun! Please come to our club. We need more members, so please join us.

Ikebana (Flower Arrangement) club

In our club, we have two activities a month with an Ikebana instructor. We base our works on the instructor's examples, but make our own original designs. We enjoy arranging flowers as we please. Each year we have only two opportunities to show off our work; the school festival, and the cultural clubs' festival, but our club is fun.

Science Club

Hello! We meet on Wednesdays and Fridays. We design our own experiments. Each year we join in the school festival and the cultural clubs' festival, as well as the Science Festival for children during the summer vacation. Our club is interesting, so please come to see our work at the school festival!

Tea Ceremony Club

Our club meets on Wednesdays and Fridays. We try to master the basic to the advanced techniques used in traditional tea ceremonies. We have only a few chances to show off our work (*Otemae*), but we are devoted to serving wonderful tea. Please enjoy our tea. We look forward to seeing you.

Home Economics Club

Hello, we meet every Friday. Our club activities are only held once a week, so you can join us, even if you are busy. Whenever we meet, we cook something. But we want to try knitting and sewing as well. Every February we sell Oden and Miso soup with pork (*Tonjiru*) at the cultural clubs' festival. Please come try it! We want to try many things in addition to cooking. Please come join us.

Calligraphy Club

Hello! We are the members of the Calligraphy Club. We have eleven members and all of us enjoy our club's activities. In our club we write Chinese letters (calligraphy) and do rubbings of the words carved on stone monuments. During summer vacation, we go to a calligraphy camp to improve our skills. This year, at the school festival, we sold fans and guests could request their favorite Chinese characters on them. Our club has a very homey atmosphere and everyone is very friendly.

Sports Clubs

Track And Field Club

Boys' Soft Tennis Club

Hello, we are the members of the boys' soft tennis team. Since the third-year members of our club retired to work on their studies, we have decided to take our training back to the basics. We still have a lot to learn, so we practice hard every day.

Girls' Soft Tennis Club

Hello, we are the members of the girls' soft tennis team. We love practicing tennis together. Our club has a motto, the three Cs. Do you know them? They are combination, control, and concentration. We work hard to uphold our club's motto and traditions.

Table Tennis Club

Hello, we are the members of the table tennis club. We practice every day to be one of the top eight teams in Hyogo Prefecture. We believe that even beginners can be good players if they practice hard every day. Every member of our team is very cheerful and energetic. It doesn't matter whether we can play during the games or not. All of us practice hard for our team. We do our best to win as many matches as possible.

Football (Soccer) Club

We have tried very hard to win as many games as possible since the third-year members retired. As a result, we won a place in the Hyogo Prefectural Football Championship for the first time in two years. We weren't good enough to win the tournament, but we'll stick to it till the end.

Boys' Volleyball Club

Hello, we are the members of the boys' volleyball team. Our goal is to be able to enter the Kinki region high school volleyball competition. We have only nine members, but we believe that we are the most motivated of all the clubs. We don't care whether you are a beginner or not. Why don't you join us if you have an interest in playing volleyball. Please join us!

Girls' Volleyball Club

Hello, we are the members of the girls' volleyball team. Our team is very energetic and cheerful. Also, we are all good friends. However, during practice, we are strict, not only with ourselves, but also with our teammates. We believe that such discipline improves us. So please come support our team.

Boys' Basketball Club

Hello, we are the members of the boys' basketball team. We normally practice basketball in the big gym, and we practice every day. Our motto is "to enjoy basketball." We enjoy practicing hard so that we can win the Tajima Championship. We practice every day to become better players.

Girls' Basketball Club

Hello, we are the members of the girls' basketball team. We practice hard every day, but we don't have as much time as we'd like to. We are all good friends and very cheerful. We remember to smile and to try our best to win, even when times are tough. Please come support our team.

Baseball Club

Hello, we are the members of the baseball team. We practice hard every day to become winners. Our goal is to win as many games as possible in our final tournament, so we always try our best. In order to fulfill the expectations of our supporters, we give it our all. Please support us.

Softball Club

We practice softball on the small field every day. During holidays, we can go to practice games, thanks to our parents' support. We show our appreciation for the people who support us by doing our best. Please support our team.

Kendo Club

Hello, we are the members of the Kendo club. We practice hard every day. We have many friends throughout Japan, because we compete in matches all around Japan. We welcome beginners!

Badminton Club**Judo Club**

We are the Judo Club. We practice Judo from Monday to Saturday for about two hours a day. We don't have many members, but we practice hard for the tournaments in spring and fall. If you are interested in Judo, please come visit us.