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**Aoba-Japan International School**  
**Online International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Pilot**

**Summary:** Aoba-Japan International School (Aoba) has been selected by the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) to deliver Japan and Asia's first ever online Diploma Programme (DP) pilot to high school students. Students enrolled in the pilot programme will have the opportunity to achieve the Diploma Programme (DP) via a cutting edge, 100% online high school programme. Aoba-Japan International School (Aoba) is one of the first five schools in the world to be selected by the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) to deliver the online Diploma Programme (DP).

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**Purpose**

Aoba and the IBO will collaborate on the delivery of a 100% online Diploma Programme pilot in order to extend access to high quality international education to a wider demographic of students both in Japan and abroad. The flexible, accessible, and inclusive nature of the online DP pilot is aligned with Aoba and the IBO's shared mission to leverage international education as a means for supporting student achievement and preparing them to lead positive change in the world. As an international school with close ties to the Japanese community Aoba will also work to extend access to IB programmes to Japanese students learning English as a second language by providing a variety of English/Japanese support materials and services.

"We are on a mission to provide opportunities to enable more diverse cohorts of students



the chance to engage with IB programmes. Working collaboratively with Aoba-Japan International School (Aoba) in introducing the first pilot in the country will empower IB students to take ownership of their own learning and develop future-ready skills to make a difference and thrive in a fast-changing world”, said Mr Matt Costello, Chief Business Development Officer at the International Baccalaureate.

### **About Aoba-Japan International School**

Founded in 1976, Aoba-Japan International School (Aoba) is a secular, private international school based out of Tokyo, Japan serving a diverse student body of over 700 students and 30 different nationalities. An IB Continuum and IB World School, Aoba is authorised to deliver the IB Primary Years (PYP), Middle Years (MYP) and Diploma Programmes (DP) across its three Tokyo campuses. Aoba believes that students should reach their full potential as international citizens who are dedicated to learning and who are inspired to succeed in an ever-changing world.

### **About the International Baccalaureate Organization**

Founded in 1968, the International Baccalaureate (IB) pioneered a movement of international education, and now offers four high quality, challenging educational programmes to students aged 3-19. The IB gives students distinct advantages by providing strong foundations, critical thinking skills, and a proficiency for solving complex problems, while encouraging diversity, curiosity, and a healthy appetite for learning and excellence. In a world where asking the right questions is as important as discovering answers, the IB champions critical thinking and flexibility in study by crossing disciplinary, cultural and national boundaries. Supported by world class educators and coordinators, the IB currently engages with more than 2 million students in over 5,600 schools across 159 countries. To find out more, please visit [www.ibo.or](http://www.ibo.or).



## Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for entry into the online DP pilot, students must meet the following criteria:

<b>Language:</b>	Academic English ability (high school level)
<b>Residence:</b>	Must reside in Japan or in a timezone within 3 hours of Japan Standard Time for the duration of studies.
<b>Academic:</b>	Must have successfully completed the Middle Years Programme (MYP) or an equivalent high school preparatory curriculum.

## Selection Process

The student selection process for the online DP pilot will follow Aoba's Admissions Policies and Procedures, which can be viewed online [here](#).

## How to Apply

Interested students and families should first submit an enquiry to [admissions@aobajapan.jp](mailto:admissions@aobajapan.jp) after which an Aoba Admissions Officer will work with your family one-on-one to facilitate your application.

Alternatively, families may submit an application directly via our [website](#).

All application procedures can be completed 100% online.

## More information

Aoba-Japan International School Website : [Online Campus page](#)

Online Info Session : 1st June 2023, Registration [here](#)