



### *Uto Senior High School*

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## HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

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### COMMUNITY

Uto Senior high School is located in Uto City, which is situated just south of the prefectural capital; Kumamoto City. Uto City is lucky enough to be able to meet the urban needs of the people as well as provide a relaxing atmosphere, thanks to its beautiful natural environment. This district enjoys diversified industries, convenience of transportation, cultural and historical sites, including a world heritage port, and at the same time, a calm and peaceful environment for education.



**Cherry blossoms in Uto City**



**Okoshiki beach in Uto City**



**A former samurai ruler of Uto**



**Kumamoto City at night**

## SCHOOL

Uto Senior High School, founded in 1920, is currently one of the leading academic high schools in Kumamoto prefecture, hence admission is competitive. It is a comprehensive three-year public high school enrolling around 700 students in grades 10 - 12. The academic year starts in April and ends in March of the following year. The graduation ceremony is held on March 1st, however, 10th and 11th graders' academic year ends at the end of March. The school also has an affiliated junior high school enrolling about 120 students in grades 7 - 9.

Since we are under Ministry of Education, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) in Japan, the school grade levels are, elementary school (1-6), junior high school (7-9), and senior high school (10-12). Up to 9th grade is compulsory; however, more than 97% of junior high graduates continue their education at senior high school. Since it is not compulsory to enter senior high school, students usually have to take an entrance examination. Each senior high school has its own uniqueness; some are more focused on academic achievement, others more on commercial or industrial education.

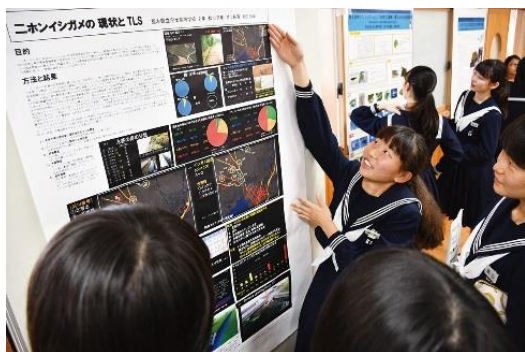
Our high quality education, paired with a long maintained reputation as the school with well-behaved students, attracts students with high academic ability. Our graduates attend various prestigious colleges and universities, and since our foundation, we have produced a number of distinguished people in academia, medicine, business and economics, technology and engineering, politics, and many other fields.

The students also enjoy extra-curricular activities, called club activities. Almost all students take part, with some students even belonging to more than one club. We have 11 cultural clubs, such as Wind Ensemble, Art, Japanese Calligraphy, Japanese Drum, Flower Arrangement, Tea Ceremony, and 17 sports clubs, such as Baseball, Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis, Track and Field.



## SUPER SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL

The school provides high quality science education, with the help of JST (Japan Science and Technology Agency), since it was designated as one of the Super Science High Schools, SSH, by MEXT in 2013. The students are very active in various kinds of research and enjoy presenting their findings in domestic and international academic meetings. With our abundant on-going research continually evaluated to the highest standard, we were selected the best SSH by JST and MEXT in 2016. In 2018, one of our research findings was selected to represent Japan in the ISEF (Intel International Science and Engineering Fair). The research was ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the physics division.



## CURRICULUM

As mentioned above, since we are under MEXT in Japan, our curriculum is probably quite different from the standard one you have in the United States. Please note that as a public school in Japan we do not have any block schedule, AP/IB courses, or honored courses. The academic year is divided into three terms; the first, April to July, the second, September to December and the third, January to March. To be qualified to graduate, students have to earn more than 90 credits.

## GRADING

Grade Level		Grade points*(100 - 0)
5	Excellent	100 - 70
4	Good	69 - 55
3	Fair	54 - 30
2	Below Average	29 - 18
1	Failure	Students with less than 30% of average

\* The average should be set around 60 - 55.

## Class of 2018

There were 230 students in the Class of 2018, who are graduating on March 1st in 2019.

At the end of the first team,

71 students earned 4.3 and above

78 students earned 3.5 - 4.2

57 students earned 2.7 - 3.4

4 student earned 2.6 - 1.8

0 student earned below 1.7

## **POST HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT**

Almost all the students are trying to continue into higher education.

### **COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES Attended by Uto Senior High School Graduates for the last five years. (number of students)**

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| ● Tokyo University (1)             | ● Kumamoto University (107)              |
| ● Kyoto University (3)             | ● Kumamoto Prefectural University (97)   |
| ● Nagoya University (4)            | ● Kitakyushu Municipal University (20)   |
| ● Osaka University (2)             | ● Waseda University (7)                  |
| ● Kyushu University (10)           | ● International Christian University (2) |
| ● Hitotsubashi University (8)      | ● Chuo University (17)                   |
| ● Tsukuba University (3)           | ● Hosei University (10)                  |
| ● Yokohama National University (2) | ● Meiji University (8)                   |
| ● Tokyo Gakugei University (1)     | ● Doshisha University (8)                |
| ● Kobe University (2)              | ● Ritsumeikan University (24)            |
| ● Kyushu Technical University (17) | ● Seinan Gakuin University (60)          |
| ● Kagoshima University (42)        |  |

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