

June 6 - 29, 2026

- ✿ Join a three-week cultural experience in Japan at a renowned high school in Yokohama.
- ✿ Live with a Japanese host family and attend school with your host sibling.
- ✿ See the best of Japan with a full week of domestic travel to different regions.
- ✿ Learn Japanese language & culture.
- ✿ Make lifelong friends among your fellow visiting students and Toin's Japanese students.
- ✿ Round-the-clock support from program staff.

Program Fee:

\$4,000 tuition + airfare + travel insurance
(Tuition includes all meals, accommodations, class materials, local transportation, and airport pickup & drop-off.)

Application Deadline:
Feb 1, 2026



✉ TGC@toin.ac.jp

The TIES Program is a short-term study abroad program offered by the Toin Gakuen school exclusively to students of :
Phillips Academy Andover, Choate Rosemary Hall, Phillips Exeter Academy, Deerfield Academy, St. Paul's School, and The Hotchkiss School.

For detailed information and application forms, scan the QR code or email the Toin Global Center at the address above.



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SUMMER IN JAPAN



THE TIES PROGRAM

Toin International Exchange
Student - Program

Toin Gakuen & The TIES Program

Toin Gakuen is a renowned private educational institution located in the outskirts of Japan's second largest city, Yokohama. The school's 100-acre campus is home to a community of over 7,000 students and ranges from kindergarten to graduate school. The school has long maintained a strong commitment to international awareness in its educational philosophy. One product of this is the Toin International Exchange Student Program, or TIES Program. The TIES Program offers students a unique cultural experience in Japan. As a TIES Program student, you will travel to Japan, attend Toin, live with a host family, participate in various on-campus activities, and travel to domestic destinations within Japan.

If you are considering the TIES Program, and this would be either your first experience traveling abroad or your first extended time away from home, rest assured that you will be supported every step of the way. Not only will your host family do their best to help you adjust to your new surroundings, but TIES Program staff will always be available to help you.



Language Lessons

Japanese language lessons are available for students of any ability: from absolute beginners to those who have been studying the language for years. Lessons focus on practical skills that students can utilize outside of class—whether it's ordering food at a restaurant, asking for directions, making friends at Toin, or getting to know their host families.



Homestay

You won't find nicer or more helpful people in Japan than your homestay family. Unique to the TIES Program, all our host families are Toin families, each with a student who attends Toin. Your host sibling will help you adjust to life in Japan, both at home and at school. Host families often go above and beyond to accommodate TIES students, and with a little effort, you can cultivate your relationship into a lifelong bond.



On-campus Activities

The program includes plenty of first-hand cultural experiences right on campus. A typical day at school may include homeroom with your host sibling, language exchange games with Toin students, joining Toin students' classes, or participating in a special after-school club activity. These experiences will culminate in the TIES Students' Symposium, a TED Talk-style event where you will reflect on your time in Japan.



A Typical Day

- 6:30 AM – Wake up
- 8:20 – HR with host
- 8:45 – 9:00 – TIES HR
- 9:00 – 10:30 – Japanese Lesson
- 10:35 – 12:05 – Exchange Activities
- 12:45 – 1:15 – Bento Lunch
- 1:20 – 2:20 – Free Period
- 2:20 – 3:50 – Exchange Activities
- 3:50 – 5:00 – Afternoon HR with host
- 5:00 – 6:30 – Club Experience/ Hang out on campus
- 6:30 PM – Return home w. host

Club Activities

- Taiko Drumming
- Koto Harp
- Shorinji Kempo
- Tea Ceremony
- Calligraphy

Classes

- Kendo
- Judo
- P.E.
- (Music)



Excursions

Embark on a full week of travel across Japan, exploring a variety of regions that highlight the country's rich diversity.

From historical landmarks to modern marvels, you'll experience the many facets of Japanese culture, history, and daily life. This journey offers a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in different aspects of Japan, ensuring unforgettable experiences for every traveler.

