



NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF
INDEPENDENT
SCHOOLS

Independent Schools and Japan

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Renewed Interest in Japan

Cause: the Earthquake and Tsunami

Effect: fund raising, and new contacts with schools and organizations in Japan



Flat Numbers on Teaching Japanese

- 82 member schools (out of 1400) offer Japanese
- 420 member schools offer Mandarin (up from 150 in 5 years)



Exchanges and Trips

- At least 21 schools have exchanges and sister school programs with Japanese schools
- At least 13 schools have regular study and language trips to Japan



Japanese Students at US Secondary Schools

Exact numbers and nationalities are not available, but 396 member schools accept international students, including Rutgers Prep (first school to admit Japanese students, in the 19th century).

Japanese students attend the most selective U.S. boarding schools

Overall numbers have been exceeded by Chinese and Korean students



Faculty and Administration

- NAIS member school faculty and administrators have participated in the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teachers Program; the Laurasian Institute programs and the Fund for Teachers
- A handful of schools have teacher exchanges with Japan.



The Role of Government

- Embassy of Japan has an outreach program for DC area schools
- Hanban, a Chinese government funded agency, runs world-wide guest teacher, Confucius Institute and Confucius Classroom programs to promote teaching of Chinese language and culture. Subsidizes teachers and other aspects of programs



What Could Be

Punahou School, Honolulu

Japanese language I-V Honors and culture courses

Exchange with Keio High School for 50 years. Added middle school with Tamagawa school and a service trip to Sado island

PD trips for faculty several times

Internet collaboration with schools in Japan, 2nd grade-HS

As part of APEC, DoE selected Punahou and a Japanese school to develop an online middle school course on efficient building technologies

Student Global leadership Institute summer program includes 3 schools from Japan, 4 from China, one from Jordan and 6 from the U.S.