

Position**IB Diploma Programme Biology teacher****School****Meikei High School, Tsukuba, Japan****Salary****Dependent on experience but compares favorably to other schools in Japan.****Benefits****Full medical and essential dental coverage, relocation allowance, partial housing allowance.****Period of contract****3 years (extension possible)****Start date****1 April 2022 (This date is non-negotiable.)****A minimum of 3 years teaching experience required (IB experience an advantage). Not suitable for newly qualified teachers.****Application Deadline:****31 October 2021**

Meikei High School, renowned for academic excellence, is seeking to appoint a dynamic, inspiring and ambitious professional to the position of IB Biology teacher commencing in April 2022. Applicants must be eligible to work in Japan and fluent in English.

Meikei High School is an independent Japanese Article One IB World School located in Tsukuba City, approximately 45 minutes from Tokyo by train. Established in 1979, it is regarded as one of Japan's leading independent schools and is particularly popular with Japanese families returning from periods abroad, not only for its academic excellence, but also for its English program.

The school is coeducational and at present has a roll of 1,544 students ranging in age from 12-18 (junior and senior high school under the Japanese education system). Most students are Japanese, but there is a high percentage of returnees and some international students. The majority are day students, but there is also a dormitory with some 200 boarders.

Designated as a Super Science High School by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Meikei has superb facilities. These include five fully equipped science labs, extensive art, music and Japanese calligraphy programmes, five gymnasiums for different sports (with two dojos), a rugby field, a baseball pitch, an outdoor swimming pool and numerous other facilities spread over a large site. The school

is closely affiliated with The University of Tsukuba and a number of research institutes.

In 2016, Meikei received IB accreditation to become one of the first schools in Japan to teach the Dual Language IB Diploma Programme (in English and Japanese). We are now teaching our fourth cohort of IB Diploma students and are looking to expand our programme. Initially, this has meant increasing the number of subjects taught in English, with a view to starting a full English IB Diploma programme from April 2022.

Currently, the number of students in the Diploma Programme is relatively low, but it is expanding rapidly. Applicants will be expected to assist with curriculum development and the expansion of the IB programme in general.

Meikei High School believes in academic excellence, and students are motivated and hard working. The first cohort of IB Diploma students all obtained the full Diploma, the majority with bilingual certificates. All students have gone on to notable universities both in Japan and abroad.

Meikei High School is located in Tsukuba City, which was built as a satellite science and learning hub for Tokyo and is home to Japan's space program. It is connected to central Tokyo by a high-speed rail link and motorway, enabling access to Akihabara Station in 45 minutes. As the city is outside of the Tokyo metropolis, there is a mixture of both modern and rural Japan: a high-tech city and university surrounded by rice and lotus fields and forested mountains. This location makes living in Japan a culturally interesting and varied experience.

The profile

- A dynamic and pro-active teacher, preferably with independent sector or international experience
- A strong team player willing to support other colleagues
- Good working knowledge of the IB Diploma Programme and recent developments
- Fluency in written and spoken English
- Pastoral responsibility or experience would be an advantage
- Willingness to contribute to the wider life of the school
- Willingness to help develop the IB programme as the course expands
- Knowledge of Japanese, or willingness to learn Japanese would be an advantage

We are currently looking to appoint an individual who has:

- Achieved Qualified Teacher status (not suitable for NQT's)
- A degree or equivalent in the subject to be taught
- Experience in teaching and the ability to motivate a diverse student body
- Strong IT skills

In return, we will provide you with the following:

- The opportunity to work in the stimulating environment of our dedicated and hardworking IB Department
- Support with professional development needs
- A positive and modern working environment

To find out more about this exciting opportunity to join the IB teaching team at Meikei High School in Japan, please send an updated CV as well as a cover letter to

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The closing date for applications is 31 October 2021.

To find out more about Meikei High School, visit <https://www.meikei.ac.jp/>