

## ④ The Elementary and Middle School Curriculum

### A. Subjects taught in elementary school

Grade Level	Subjects Taught
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Language Arts (Japanese)    Arithmetic    Life Skills    Music Arts and Crafts    Physical Education (PE)
3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Language Arts (Japanese)    Arithmetic    Social Studies Science    Music    Arts and Crafts    PE
5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Language Arts (Japanese)    Arithmetic    Social Studies    Science Music    Arts and Crafts    PE    Home Economics

### B. Subjects taught in middle school

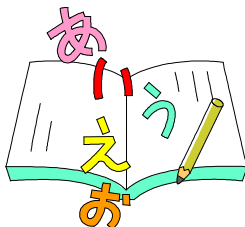
1 <sup>st</sup> through 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Language Arts (Japanese)    Social Studies    Math    Science Music    Art    Health & PE    Crafts/Home Economics    Foreign Language (English)
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### C. Other topics taught in elementary and middle school

Elementary and middle school	Moral Education (how human beings live their lives) Special activities (school functions, school committees, club activities, children's club, student body activities, grade-level activities) General studies (from 3 <sup>rd</sup> year of elementary school)
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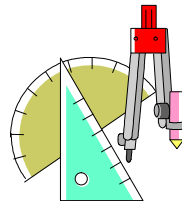
Examples (please ask a teacher or another student for specifics)

#### Language Arts



Japanese, narrative and expository writing, poetry, *tanka*, penmanship, classics, etc.

#### Arithmetic/Math



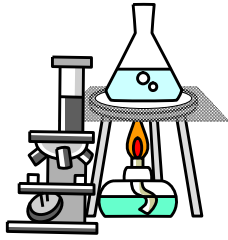
numbers and addition, graphs amounts and measurements, etc.

#### Social Studies



Japanese and world geography, Japanese history, politics, economy, global society, etc.

## Science



biology, chemistry  
physics, astronomy  
meteorology, etc.

## Music



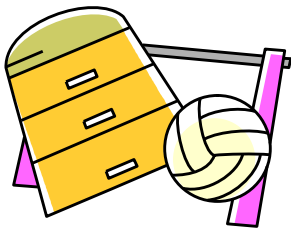
chorus, instrumental  
performance, music  
appreciation, etc.

## Arts and Crafts



painting, crafts  
sculpture, design, etc.

## PE & Health Education



calisthenics, track and field  
ball sports, swimming  
contact sports, etc.

## Technical Skills



※middle school only  
woodworking, metal-  
working, electricity,  
using machines,  
computers, etc.

## Home Economics



sewing, cooking  
nutrition, environment,  
home, etc.

## Foreign Language (English)



※middle school only  
speaking, grammar  
writing, etc.

## Lifestyles



※1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> year of  
elementary school only  
commuting to school,  
family, observing nature,  
growing plants, etc.

## General Studies



students choose problems  
and learn how to solve  
them, international under-  
standing, environment,  
welfare, careers,  
workplace observations, etc.

※Foreign language activities are also held in elementary school grades 5 and 6.

※In middle school (usually during students' 2<sup>nd</sup> year), workplace observations are held in which students spend three days away from school visiting workplaces.