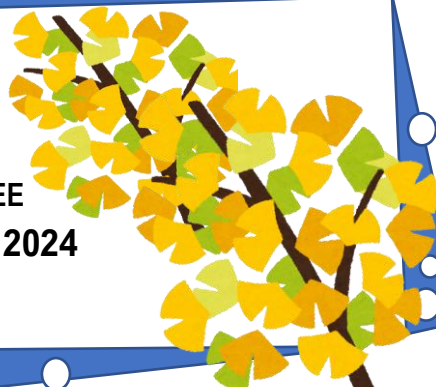


磐田地区制服選定委員会だより

FROM THE IWATA DISTRICT UNIFORM SELECTION COMMITTEE

November 2024



At the third meeting of the Uniform Selection Committee, the Master Maker was selected through a proposal process.

After receiving presentations from three companies, the selection committee members reviewed the proposals and decided on a master manufacturer.

Please tell us about your achievements as a master maker.

How will you incorporate student and parent feedback?

Is it possible to create specifications that allow other manufacturers to enter the market?



MASTER MAKER	
COMPANY NAME	Shizuoka Kankō Gakusei-Fuku Kabushiki Gaisha

The results of the review are posted on the Iwata City Hall website.



【Upcoming Schedule】

October 29 ~ November 5	Conducting a survey of awareness among children, students, parents and middle school teachers (regarding types colors images etc.).
November 25~December 13	Based on the awareness survey samples were prepared by the contractor and the Uniform Selection Committee Secretariat. Six to eight samples were presented to each junior high school. Through the exchange of opinions by representative students the intentions of each junior high school were organized.
Mid December	Based on the awareness survey and the intentions of each junior high school the Uniform Selection Committee selects 2~3 candidates for the new uniform.
Late January ~ February	Candidates for the new uniforms will be displayed and voted on by children, students, parents etc. Exhibition locations are currently being considered at junior high schools and public facilities.
March	Uniform Selection Committee decides on new uniforms

※ The uniform selection committee decides the specifications for the blazer skirt and slacks. The details of the white-collar shirt, polo shirt, tie, and ribbon will be discussed at each junior high school.

WE WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND TO THE OPINIONS SUBMITTED TO THE IWATA DISTRICT UNIFORM SELECTION COMMITTEE.



Q I have heard that some schools in other prefectures use polo shirts in the summer. I feel that there are many advantages, such as the choice of color and the ease of preparing a change of clothes. What are your thoughts on uniforms in the summer?

A In the report of the ~Uniform Policy Review Committee~ from the Iwata District Principals' Association (February 2024) it states that ~consideration is necessary to allow for choices including commercially available items for white collar shirts and polo shirts.~ The Uniform Selection Committee is requesting manufacturers to ensure that the new uniform is compatible with both white collar shirts and polo shirts.

Furthermore, the Uniform Selection Committee will establish specifications for jackets, slacks, and skirts while the decisions regarding white collar shirts, polo shirts, ties, ribbons, etc. (whether to wear them their colors designs etc.) will be determined by the independent judgment of each junior high school.

Q I have an older brother who will be a first-year junior high school student in the 2025 school year and will wear the current uniform, and a younger brother who will wear the new uniform. If the new uniforms are introduced in the 2026 school year, my family will have to purchase two uniforms, one new and one old. This will be a financial hardship. Is it really necessary to change the uniform?

A The introduction of the new uniform is scheduled to be implemented starting from the new students of the 8th Year of Reiwa (Year 2026). Students entering in the 7th Year of Reiwa (Year 2025) will in principle wear the current uniform for three years.

In consideration of the financial burden on parents there will be a transition period during which students may wear either the current uniform or the new uniform. We believe that a transition period of three years is desirable but each junior high school will consider how the transition period should be based on the opinions of the parents. Please consult with the junior high schools concerned including the use of reused uniforms.

Q It is said that school uniforms increase a sense of love and belonging to the school and foster a sense of camaraderie and solidarity, but isn't this something that varies from person to person and is not something that can be achieved overnight, but is built up through the entire school life?

A As you have pointed out, fostering a sense of school love, a sense of belonging, a sense of camaraderie, and a sense of solidarity is done through the entire educational activities of the school, and we believe that uniforms play a part in this process. We will continue to make efforts to foster a sense of school love and a sense of belonging through all school educational activities.

Q Do students have to wear uniforms to and from school? Are students allowed to wear jerseys or gym clothes to and from school?

A Although it is basic to come to school in uniform each junior high school has established timing and rules for going to and from school in jerseys and gym clothes taking into account the safety and health of students.

Q We do not want to go out of our way to purchase the old uniforms, which will no longer be available, at a high price. Until the new uniform is officially decided upon, can you please allow us some flexibility, such as having both skirts and pants be simple and inexpensive? I hope that when the new uniforms are introduced, those who wish to purchase them will be able to do so.

A In principle, students entering in 2025 will be required to wear the current uniform for three years. The transition period to the new uniform will be discussed at each junior high school taking into consideration the opinions of parents and guardians. Please consult with the junior high school concerned regarding the purchase of new uniforms for Second Year Students and above when the new uniforms are introduced.

Q I go to and from school in gym clothes most of the time, and I feel that I do not have many opportunities to wear a uniform. I don't want to spend money on uniforms if there are few opportunities to wear them.

A The heat during the summer season has led some schools to allow students to wear gym uniforms when commuting to and from school. Increasing opportunities for students to wear their school uniforms is a challenge for each junior high school going forward.