

Higashiosaka College (東大阪大学)

Evaluation summary

“Standard 1. Mission and Objectives, etc.”

The mission and objectives of the Higashiosaka College are clearly defined and known to everyone on and off campus as the following: “we aim to educate to create humanity through learning, and teach and research comprehensive liberal arts related to children, and foster deserving human resources who carry on a rich power of execution, based on the spirit of foundation and tradition of Murakami Gakuen according to the Basic Act on Education and School Education Act”. The College features aiming for education to create humanity through learning based on the spirit of the school motto “Banbutu Kansha (express one's appreciation to everything), Shitsujitsu Kinro (make an effort simply and earnestly), and Jita Keiai (adore both oneself and others)” and to aspire to the establishment of “Child Science” which covers Asian countries widely. Its Faculty of Child Science has Department of Child Studies and Department of Asian Child Studies, as well as various research centers to supplement the education and research. Therefore, it ensures consistency with the construction of the educational research organizations.

“Standard 2. Learning and Teaching”

The College defines the admission policy of each division and conducts various entrance examination under an appropriate system. Although the rate of filled acceptance limits of the Department of Asian Child Studies is extremely low, the rate of the Department of Child Studies remains in good status. In addition, all faculty and staff try to secure enrollees to keep an appropriate number of accepted students according to the entrance limit.

Educational curricula are systematically organized based on the curriculum policies defined in their respective divisions, and the College tries to make the credit system useful by specifying an upper limit and targeted goal of credits. In addition, the entire College offers learning and lecture support to students to enhance the education efficiency by adjusting office hours, the advisor system, seminar system, and tutor system for foreign students. Furthermore, it is conducting online lecture evaluation questionnaires to get evaluation and feedback of achievement status of its educational objectives.

The College is working on support for a stable student life, as well as teaching support in an organized way. For example, it has a health center which has both the roles of healthcare room and counseling room for students.

“Standard 3. Management, Admission and Finance”

The College adheres to the related laws and regulations, and has an appropriate operation system which maintains the discipline and truthfulness of the management. The Board of Directors is operated functionally so that it can make a strategic decision to attain its mission and objectives based on the code of donative activities and related regulations. It also established a “College Council,” where the President can exert appropriate leadership, to

organize an assistant system for the President. Communication and cooperation between the corporate business and the College are performed smoothly and functionally by the governance of “Administrative Position Meeting” by means of communication and mutual checks among sections.

Although imputed balances and balance in business activity remain in excess over expenditures, the College tries to secure a balance of payment by reducing management costs, etc. The accounting procedures are conducted properly according to new accounting code of the incorporated school and a triple audit system of auditors, third-party auditors, and internal auditors is built.

“Standard 4. Self-Inspection and Evaluation”

To attain the mission and objectives of the university, the College is conducting voluntary and autonomous Self-Inspection and Evaluation of educational research activities, etc. under the proper system in an appropriate cycle based on the “Code of Self-Inspection and Evaluation of the Higashiosaka College”. The report of Self-Inspection and Evaluation is shared in all faculty and staff and known to everyone in society widely. The College has also built a system of plan-do-check-action (PDCA) cycle by interlocking the Self-Inspection and Evaluation and business plan/report prepared annually.

In general, the College aims to “educate to create humanity through learning” while looking at Asian countries widely and to establish “child science”, which aims to build society securing healthy growth of children who will lead the next generation. It also applies its strength as a small-sized College and promotes detailed education and regional exchange rooting on the local society. It is expected that the College will develop further with its characteristics and features.

Please see the general comments of the standard for “Standard A. Contribution to and Cooperation with Local Society” defined as a unique framework of the university based on its mission and goals.