

West Virginia International School
(WVIS)

Since April 1997



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1. What is the West Virginia International School (WVIS)?

The WVIS was created in January 1997 as part of an incentives package proposed by the state designed to bring international Japanese corporations to West Virginia. It is a tuition-based Saturday school program designed to prepare Japanese students for their successful re-entry into the education system when they return to Japan.

International Corporations in WV



2. Where is WVIS located?

The WVIS is housed at Scott Teays Elementary School located in Putnam County at 4308 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, WV.

3. History of the WVIS:

1997 April

Originally established WVIS program for grades 1-6 only

1998 April

Started Middle School program (7th - 9th grade)

1998 June

Established Library

1999 April

Started High School program (10th – 12th grade)

1999 July

Recognized by the Ministry of Education in Japan. Started receiving grant funding from the Ministry of Education in Japan.

2004 April

Started Kindergarten program (4 and 5 year old students)

2010 February

Moved to new WVIS room (funded by West Virginia School Building Authority) at Scott Teays Elementary School

4. About the School

- What are the ages of the students that attend WVIS?

The school serves students in grades PreK thru 12th grade.

- What is the schedule at WVIS?

WVIS school schedule is based on Japanese calendar (the school year starts in April and ends in March).

Students attend 42 Saturdays each year, from 9:00 to 3:00 each week.

- What are the funding sources?

The school is funded through a combination of: student tuition (\$990 per year), an annual grant from the Japanese Ministry of Education, collaboration with Marshall University, and programmatic funding from the WV Department of Education.

- What subjects do students study at WVIS?

Japanese language Arts (3 periods), Math (2 periods), and Social Studies (1 period) 9:10am to 2:45pm. All of the textbooks for elementary school and middle school students are provided by the Ministry of Education in Japan.

5. Further questions?

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