

## Tagajo Senior High School

Tagajo High School was founded in 1976 at Tagajo city, which is near Sendai City, the capital of Miyagi Prefecture. There are 835 students, 401 boys and 434 girls, and more than 12,000 graduates. Tagajo High School is an academic high school where the curriculum is geared towards preparing students for higher education. After graduating, about 80% of the students go on to university. Students are really enjoying club activities. This year, mountaineering club and tennis club qualified for the national competition.



5 years ago, the Great East Japan Earthquake Disaster left a big damage in Tagajo City. Our school wasn't attacked by the flood because it stood on a highland. But about 30% of Tagajo City (662ha) was affected by the tsunami. Main streets in Tagajo City turned into waterways. 188 people passed away and about 5,000 houses were damaged. Some students couldn't get home and spent the night on the pedestrian overpass. 108 students were compelled to stay all night in the school. And this experience was a turning point of Tagajo High School.



After the Earthquake Miyagi board of education decided to promote disaster prevention education and established Disaster Science Course in Tagajo high school in 2013. After three years' preparation, Disaster Science Course started in this school with 38 new students this year.



. In the Disaster Science Course, students are studying about disasters and learning prevention against disasters from a scientific viewpoint. And all students in Tagajo high school are doing these four things, Basic study to prevent disasters and to reduce damage, Handing down lessons from our experiences, Exchanging information and ideas with other schools and Contributing towards society through voluntary service.

