

Toyokawa High School Kendo Club

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The Toyokawa High School Kendo Club was established in 1967 and is one of the traditional club activities at Toyokawa High School, which celebrated its 55th anniversary this year. Our school's kendo club belief is, "There is a lot of joy in kendo. But that joy is not easy to come by." My heart burns because I cannot get it. Each and every one of them is the main character. We train ourselves, polish our minds, and enhance ourselves with our friends. That's the kendo club. Our goal is to participate in the national tournament. We have trained our minds and bodies under the motto of "I will continue to work hard today with a heart that is as hot as anyone else in order to shine the most in the place where I shine the most." In the past five years, the Kendo Club has made seven appearances in the Tokai, one in the national convention, and one in the national athletic meet. In recent years, the traditions established by its seniors have come to light. Currently, there are a total of 22 members in first and second grade, 13 boys and 9 girls. I'm working on my daily practice to find results that follow my seniors. The characteristic of our kendo club is that we value the consciousness of the game from ordinary practice. "Practice is like a game. The game is like practice." On weekends, we go to practice matches and try what we have cultivated through practice. During our long vacation, we go far away and play against strong schools all over the country to improve our team strength. Each person values our team's consciousness and aims for victory in our team.

