

HISTORY OF YAMATO HIGH SCHOOL

As a military installation Yamato Air Station has a relatively short history. Prior to World War II the land surrounding the present site of Yamato was owned by Hitachi Aircraft Company, a subsidiary of Hitachi Seisaku-sho, which was one of the largest companies in steel and electronic production in Japan. However, the company did not use the land during the war, and it remained in its pristine rice paddy state.

After changing hands twice, the Japanese government tentatively transferred the property to the U.S. Security Forces in 1953.

Under the direction of the Japanese Ministry of Construction, with the \$224,600 costs borne by the Japanese government, the major construction of Yamato was completed in 1956. The official dedication ceremony for Yamato Air Station was held 24 February 1956, and a plaque commemorating the close bond of friendship between the Americans and Japanese people was erected.

In 1959 plans were made to remodel the main headquarters building at Yamato into a high school for military dependents in the Tokyo area. Remodeling was begun on 30 May 1959, and by 1 September 1959, the opening day of Yamato High School, a major remodeling had been completed at a conversation cost of \$45,440.

Yamato High School is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; therefore, credits received in this school for work done will be accepted by colleges and universities in the United States.