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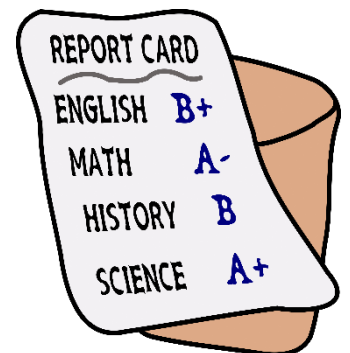
Hello everyone! It's your Coordinator of International relations (CIR) Mary again. In the Kyotanabe City newspaper-Hotto Kyotanabe 2018 April issue, I introduced about education system in Canada. Here I will talk about Canadian's student life. It is said that high school students manage their own education career and academics in Canada.

School Subjects

In Japan, students in the same grade will study the same subjects throughout the year. However, in Canada, students choose their subjects in the beginning of the school year. Everyone has a different set of subjects that they are studying so students move around classrooms to attend their classes. If students found the class isn't suitable for them, they have the right to change it in the beginning of the year as well.

Grading System

For example, for a Grade 12 student, their grades are taken from the overall score of mid-term tests. Same as in Japan, grades will be attached to every subject studied. But in Canada, we use A, B, C, D as well as percentages as grades. Teachers will evaluate students not just on academic performances but amount of participation and presentation done in a class. If a student missed a lot of classes that could negatively impact his/her grades. Usually for ill absences a written note from parents or doctors is required upon return.



Promotion and Post Secondary

Unlike Japanese high schools, students do not get automatically promoted into the next grade unless they have met the minimum requirement of credits. Students' post-secondary career is largely dependent on the subjects that they took. For those who want to pursue post-secondary education, they need to take subjects according to the requirement set out by each institution. Canadian teachers are very passionate teaching the students but those who fail to adjust to warnings can face consequences such as failing a subject or be promote to next grade.

