

Japanese Language Instruction for Returnees and Foreign Students



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Board of Education, Tokyo Metropolitan Itabashi City

To guardians considering enrollment in Japanese classes

About Japanese Classes

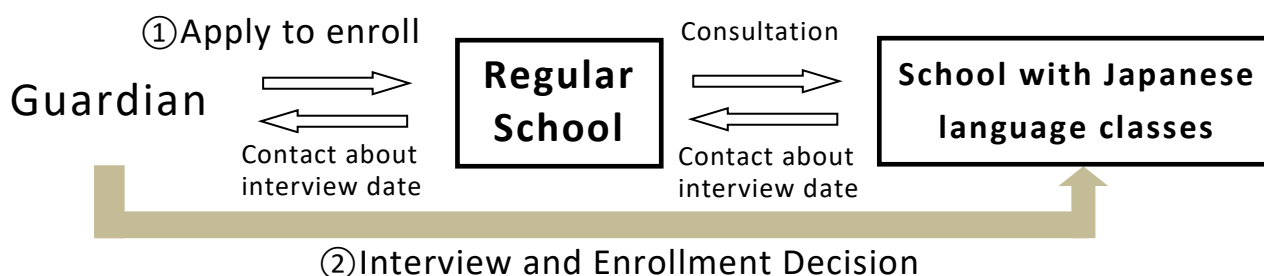
1. Enrolling

- ⊕ Students attend one of the Japanese classes listed below one or two hours once or twice a week in order to advance their Japanese language skills while studying at their regularly enrolled schools.

2. Schools in Itabashi with Japanese Classes

- ✧ Shingashi Elementary School, Tel: 03-3936-8521, Shingashi 1-3-1, Takashimadaira Station
- ✧ Itabashi Eighth Elementary School, Tel: 03-3963-4181, Futabacho 42-1, Itabashi-honcho/Naka-itabashi Stations
- ✧ Kamiitabashi Fourth Elementaryschool, Tel: 03-3932-6317, kamiitabashi 1-3-1, kamiitabashi Station
- ✧ Itabashi Second Junior High School, Tel: 03-3956-8121, Saiwaicho 26-1, Oyama Station
- ✧ Shimura Second Junior High School, Tel: 03-3969-3363, Azusawa 1-21-1, Shimura-sakaue Station

3. Enrolling in classes



① Apply for Enrollment

Apply (“Nyuukyu Irai”) with the vice principal (or homeroom teacher) at your regular school. You will then receive contact from the vice principal (or homeroom teacher) concerning the date of your child’s interview at the school with Japanese classes.

② Interview and Enrollment Decision

On the date of the interview, go to the school with Japanese classes with your child and have an interview with the principal and the teacher of the Japanese classes to determine whether your child can enroll.

When possible, it is helpful to have a Japanese interpreter come along to the interview so it is not just the guardian and the child (and possibly your regular homeroom teacher).

✂ The school with Japanese classes and your child’s regularly enrolled school will determine together when your child will finish Japanese classes.

4. About studying

- ⊕ Study times at the Japanese classes will be about one or two hours, once or twice a week. (When students will attend will be determined by the schedule at the regular school, and will either be announced during the interview or by making contact afterwards.) (Junior high school students will meet approximately one to three times a week for one or two hours.)
- ⊕ While instruction is in principle one-on-one, when necessary it may be conducted in groups.
- ⊕ Instruction will go in stages starting with introductory Japanese.
- ⊕ Students will learn about the way things are done in Japanese schools and the meaning of different school events.
- ⊕ Students will also learn about supplementary lessons at their regular school, how to take notes and use dictionaries, etc.
- ⊕ Students’ progress will be reported to their regularly enrolled school.

5. Notes about enrollment in Japanese classes

- ⊕ There are no charges for participating in Japanese Class. (There is no tuition.)
However, students will be responsible for the cost of learning materials needed for Japanese Class.
- ⊕ Transportation fees to attend Japanese Class for children and students receiving enrollment support will be paid back afterwards. Transportation fees for guardians are at-cost.
- ⊕ Lunch will be eaten at students' regularly enrolled schools.
- ⊕ Japanese Class teachers cannot generally speak any foreign languages other than Japanese. (It is extremely helpful to have an interpreter come to the interview.)
- ⊕ The safety of children when attending and leaving Japanese Class is the responsibility of their guardians.
(Guardians or other helpers should accompany children and students to and from school. When the children become accustomed to it, we will then consider what is best for them given their situation at the time.)
- ⊕ Japanese Classes are for two years in principle. The period will be determined in accordance with individual children and students. Students' regular schools will be consulted if the enrollment period should be extended depending on their progress with their studies and Japanese.

6. Other support in Itabashi City

Language Supporter (Previously: Foreign Language Talent Volunteer Bank)

Outline

Offers help with interpretation and communication between children, schools and guardians in regards to instruction for adjusting at the beginning stages of transferring in to local schools for returnees and foreign children and students.

Available interpretation language

Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Mongolian, English, etc.

Number of usages possible

Up to twenty times in principle, for four hours or less a session.

How to use them

Please have the principal at your school of enrollment make an application with the learning support subsection of the guidance office.

Foreign Language Volunteer (English, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, etc.)

Outline

Interpreting at PTA meetings and personal interviews, etc. at school and translation of parental notifications, etc. (Private requests not accepted)

How to use them

Please have the principal at your school of enrollment make an application with the learning support subsection of the guidance office. In principle, please enquire by 2 weeks before the day of the appointment.

In addition, ICIEF introduces volunteer Japanese language classrooms in Itabashi.

Please contact them directly for more information.

Inquiries: International Exchange Subsection, ICIEF Itabashi Culture & International Exchange Foundation (City Hall North Building 8F) Tel:3579-2015

《Contacting the Board of Education》

【 For more information about Japanese classes enrollment 】

Itabashi Board of Education, Educational Affairs Section 6F, Itabashi City Hall Tel: 3579-2611

【 For more information about guidance 】

Itabashi Board of Education, Guidance Office, Guidance Supervisor 6F, Itabashi City Hall Tel: 3579-2643

