

# 4 The Japanese Language Instruction Center

\*Japanese language classes for children

## 1 What the Japanese Language Instruction Center does

The center teaches language skills necessary for daily life to elementary and middle school students who are returnees or the children of foreign nationals living in Shizuoka City. The center also provides support as needed for students in school. This support consists mainly of counseling to help children deal with problems at school, advice for parents, and acting as a liaison with supervising teachers.

## 2 Where the Center is located

<p>Morishita Municipal Elementary School Center For elementary school students in Suruga and Aoi Wards</p>	<p>Shizuoka Ken Kyoiku Kaikan Center For middle school students in Suruga and Aoi Wards</p>	<p>Shimizu Municipal Uto Daiichi Elementary School Center For elementary and middle school students in Shimizu Ward</p>
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## 3 How many children of foreign parents are taking classes at the Center

Although enrollment varies as students enter and leave, the three centers together have around 50 children taking classes.

## 4 What types of instruction are offered

Two types of instruction are offered: regular classes and school visits. Counseling is also provided as needed.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Regular Classes</b></p> <p>Children who take classes once a week at the Center are formed into groups according to their Japanese language abilities and taught by one of several teachers. One class is two hours long. Children in Aoi and Suruga Wards are divided into groups, one of which has classes on Wednesday, and the other on Thursday. Children in Shimizu Ward are divided into those taking classes on Thursday (middle school students), and those taking class on Tuesday and Wednesday (elementary school students).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>School Visits</b></p> <p>School visits are to teach Japanese to children with no Japanese ability at all, and consist of 10 visits to the child's school during the year. During one visit, elementary students are taught for 45 minutes, and middle school students for 50 minutes. Visit days are decided in consultation with the child's school. The number of visits per week varies from school to school.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Counseling</b></p> <p>Counseling consists of a school visit to teach children about school rules and language necessary for daily life. Center staff also talk with children about any problems that they are having at school. Visits are usually held three times a year.</p>
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## 5 Demonstration classes for parents and guardians.

Demonstration classes are held once each year in May. Information is provided through children's supervising teachers at school. Parents are encouraged to come and see their children learning Japanese. Instructors are available afterwards for consultation about children's learning and daily life.

## 6 How Japanese language classes are scheduled

### 【Regular Classes】

Classes on all days follow the same schedule.

Students arrive between 1:30 and 1:50 pm (2pm at the Morishita Center)

Students should arrive at the centers in plenty of time for class.

- Please walk or use the bus.
- Children are not allowed to commute by bicycle, and should be accompanied by a parent or guardian if possible.
- Instructors take attendance after children arrive for class.
- If your child must be absent or leave class early, please inform your child's teacher at school and have him or her contact the Center.
- During this time, Center instructors hold conferences and counseling sessions with children and parents regarding any problems at school.

\* After it is decided that a child will take classes at the Center, a conference is held with the child and a parent or guardian. The child's Japanese listening and writing ability will be checked at this time.

1<sup>st</sup> Period 13:50 -14:35 Japanese class (14:00-14:50 at the Morishita center)

2<sup>nd</sup> Period 14:50-15:35 Japanese class (15:00-15:45 at the Morishita center)

Prepare to leave 15:35-15:50 Departure is at 15:50 (15:45-16:00 at the Morishita center).

## 7 How to apply for Japanese language classes

Please fill out the form and submit it to your child's school. The form can be downloaded from the homepage of the Schools Division of Shizuoka City Board of Education. The form is also available in Portuguese, Spanish, Tagalog, and Chinese. Application is made through your child's school, which will inform you of the date for the first class.

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