



# Tohoku International School

## Secondary School Course Syllabus

<b>Course Title:</b> Japanese as an Additional Language	<b>Teacher:</b> Saeko Okuse <b>Email:</b> sokuse@tisweb.net
<b>Grade Level(s):</b> Grades 9 - 10	<b>Time Frame:</b> 37 weeks
<b>Brief Course Description:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o This is a language acquisition course for students ranging from beginner to intermediate level Japanese language ability.</li> <li>o First goal is to develop four language skills to be able to communicate properly in daily life situations. Skills are based on the basic knowledge and practice.</li> <li>o Second goal is to deepen the connections to Japanese culture, their own culture, and other cultures by engaging in some projects. In those projects the students will explore global themes such as identity, sharing the planet, social organization and experience.</li> </ul>	
<b>Course Philosophy:</b> The students will become: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>Knowledgeable</b> - as they recognize and use Japanese as a vehicle of thought, reflection and self-expression</li> <li>o <b>Open-minded</b> - as they understand and appreciate their own cultures and personal histories, and are open to the perspectives, values and traditions of other individuals and communities</li> <li>o <b>Communicators</b> - as they develop skills necessary for further learning of Japanese and for study, work and leisure in a range of authentic context and for a variety of audiences and purposes</li> <li>o <b>Risk-takers</b> - as they approach unfamiliar situations and uncertainty with courage and forethought using Japanese, and have the independence of spirit to explore new roles, ideas and strategies</li> <li>o <b>Responsible</b> - as they take charge of their own learning and develop a respect for, and understanding of Japanese language and cultural heritages</li> </ul>	
<b>Units of Study:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Lesson 9      Traditional Culture - Identity, Experience</li> <li>o Lesson 10     Travel - Sharing the planet</li> <li>o Lesson 11     Solicitation - Social organization</li> <li>o Lesson 12     Healthy Lifestyle - Identity</li> <li>o Lesson 13     Food loss - Sharing the planet, Experience</li> </ul>	
<b>Materials:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Genki – An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese (The Japan Times)</li> <li>o Genki – An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese Workbook (The Japan Times)</li> <li>o Japanese Language Proficiency Test Complete Mock Exams (J Research Publisher)</li> <li>o Video clips and newspaper articles</li> </ul>	

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**What to bring:**

- o A4 binder with 30 holes
- o Copies of the textbook and handouts provided in the class
- o Genki Workbook
- o Laptop
- o Pens

**Grading Policy:**

30% - Grammar tests	15% - Kanji quizzes
20% - Presentations & Projects	10% - Dialogue memorization tests
15% - Vocabulary quizzes	10% - Participation & Homework

**Make-up Work:**

Students need to get or make up assignments when the class is missed. Please contact the teacher for rescheduling. Late work will receive 20% deduction. After 7 calendar days, the assignment will not be accepted.