

School Profile for Agencies (2019/2020)

This profile is intended to give you all of the information you need to represent GenkiJACS.

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If you need to contact GenkiJACS straight away, the chat box at the bottom left corner of our website lets you talk directly to our staff, when we are online. During Japanese business hours, you can usually get an answer to your question right away.

Agents' Section of Website

All of the information for agencies is available on our website here:

<https://www.genkijacs.com/agents.php>

Contact us for the username and password.

We are fully GDPR compliant as of 13th June 2019.

General School/Location Information

There are currently three branches of the GenkiJACS school Fukuoka, Tokyo and Kyoto. Our Fukuoka branch opened in 2005, while our Tokyo branch opened in 2013 and Kyoto in 2019. The branches are very similar, and offer most of the same services, but there are some important differences.

Fukuoka	Tokyo	Kyoto
Located in city of 1.5 million people	Located in city of 13 million people	Located in city of 1.5 million people
Students must be 14 or older	Students must be 16 or older	Students must be 16 or older
14 classrooms	9 classrooms	9 classrooms
Student visas available	No student visas	No student visas

School Facilities

Fukuoka School: 16 classrooms, maximum 160 students

Tokyo School: 9 classrooms, maximum 90 students

Kyoto School: 9 classrooms, maximum 90 students

Classrooms are equipped with state-of-the-art technology, including projectors, tablets, whiteboards, and are fully air-conditioned.

Average classroom size: about 4m x 3.5m

Internet access: Multiple computers with Internet, Japanese study software and office applications are provided for student use, and free wireless Internet is available for students with their own devices. There are 24-hour Internet cafés a short walk from all 3 schools.

Phone: There are no payphones in school, and students cannot use the school telephone for personal calls. Students must rent a cellphone, or use payphones outside the school. Information about rental cellphones is here:

<https://www.genkijacs.com/cellphone.htm>

Other facilities:

Large student lounge area, with TV, movie projector, videogames, manga/anime library, free coffee and tea, etc.

Free DVD/CD rentals, textbook library available.

Disabled student access:

Tokyo	Fukuoka
Building entrance: small floor height difference (5cm high) to enter	Building entrance: small ramp (10cm high) to enter
Internal floors: some small floor height differences (5cm high)	Internal floors: some small ramps (10-15cm high), some small floor height differences (5cm high)
Classroom locations: 3rd to 5th floor (all accessible by elevator)	Classroom locations: 2nd to 5th floor (all accessible by elevator)

⇒ **Kyoto school is accessible by stairs only.**

Regarding accommodation and getting around in Japan, while the situation is constantly improving, many streets and buildings are not wheelchair friendly, and it can be difficult to move around at times. We will do our best to arrange wheelchair accessible accommodation when required, but please note that not all accommodation options will be available at all times.

Some support is provided for students with learning difficulties, such as dyslexia, ADHD, ADD, etc., as well as conditions such as autism, Asperger's syndrome, depression, etc. **However, this information must be communicated at the time of booking without fault, and during high seasons we might not be able to provide the necessary support for some students.**

School Location Introduction

Fukuoka:

The school is situated in the centre of Fukuoka City, a city of 1.5 million people, just a short walk from the biggest train/subway station in Southern Japan. As such, all necessary conveniences such as banks, post office, shops, restaurants, etc. are available within walking distance of the school. In addition, there is a park and river close by. The closest swimming beach is just 15 minutes away by bus, and there is a beautiful beach and resort area (Momochi) less than 20 minutes away.

Fukuoka City is the largest city in Kyushu, South-Western Japan. Its moderate climate, beautiful scenery and great location have made it popular with travellers worldwide. Fukuoka was chosen as the 7th most liveable city in the world by Monocle Magazine in 2016, and was ranked as the best city in Asia by Asiaweek magazine for 1997, 1999 and 2000, because of its cleanliness, safety, excellent amenities and all-round good quality of life. It was also picked as one of the world's 10 boomtowns by Newsweek in 2006. Close to both mainland China and Korea, it is a link to the rest of Asia and beyond. Summers are warm, winters mild, and the people friendly.

Fukuoka's renowned cuisine and warm-hearted people will make your stay here a pleasure. The city is full of wonderful restaurants, and it's hard to visit an izakaya (local restaurant) without making new friends. In addition, Fukuoka is bursting with culture: its many art galleries, museums, and theatres will give you your fill of the arts, while the nightlife is some of the best in the country.

Fukuoka is also unparalleled in convenience - the international airport is 5 minutes from the school and city centre by subway, and the shinkansen (bullet train) station is even closer.

Tokyo:

Tokyo needs no introduction – it's a world-class city, and a place that has everything one could desire. The school is located just minutes on foot from Shinjuku Station, the busiest train station in the world, and the heart of Japan. Literally thousands of restaurants, bars, entertainment centres and more are within easy distance of school. Despite this very central location, the school overlooks the famous Hanazono Shrine, a beautiful serene location that helps students to focus on their studies. Each morning students pass through the giant red *torii* gates to get to school.

There is always something going on in the area around school, and students will never be bored!

Kyoto:

One of the very few cities in the world that really does not need any introductions. We could have just left it here, but it if you want to know a little more, please keep reading. Though no longer the capital of Japan it still remains her heart. Buddhist temples, Shinto Shrines, castles and gardens: to name all of them would take quite some time. Kyoto remains one of the best-preserved cities in the whole of Japan, which makes it a great destination if your goal is to touch the history of Japan. But with a population of almost 1.5 million and being incredibly well-connected to Osaka and Kobe, if you are looking to see modern Japan, Kyoto offers that too.

Our school is only minutes away from the wonderful Gion district, one of the oldest and most traditional places in Kyoto in not the whole Japan. It is not uncommon to cross path with a Maiko (an apprentice Geisha) or even a Geisha herself. People who visit Gion often feel like they have stepped into another period where there were no cars and only people pushing you in their carriages.

About Japan

Opening Hours

Shops generally open 9am to 8pm every day. Convenience stores open 24 hours.

Banks open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 3pm Saturday. Some ATMs open 24 hours.

Climate

Average temperature range:

Winter: 2-10 degrees C, 36-50 degrees F

Spring: 10-23 degrees C, 51-75 degrees F

Summer: 19-32 degrees C, 66-89 degrees F

Autumn: 10-23 degrees C, 51-75 degrees F

Rainy season: late June/early July. Summer, especially August, is quite humid.

Money

Credit cards can be used in most major shops, though some restaurants and many smaller shops do not accept them. Most transactions are cash-based.

Several ATMs, including the Post Office and 7-11 ATM networks, can be used to take out money from overseas bank accounts. Travelers checks can be used in only a few of the major shops, but can be cashed at banks.

Student Demographics

By Age < 20: 20% 20 - 25: 40% 26 - 30: 20% 30 - 40: 15% 40+: 5%	By Gender Male: 50% Female: 50%
By Nationality	Our Typical Student

USA: 25% Germany: 15% Switzerland: 15% France: 10% UK: 10% Other European: 5% New Zealand/Australia: 5% Canada: 5% Other Asian: 5% Other: 5%	Here is a profile of the typical student at GenkiJACS: Age: 18-25 Job: University student Japanese ability: Low beginner (A1) Study length: 6 weeks Accommodation preference: Homestay (Fukuoka); Guesthouse (Tokyo/Kyoto) Study course: Standard Japanese Reason for studying Japanese: Loves Japanese culture, wants to understand it better
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Schedules

Yearly schedule

The school is closed on the following Japanese national holidays in 2020:

Days	National Holiday
January 1st	Wednesday New Year's Day.
January 13th	Monday Coming of Age Day.
February 10th	Monday Foundation Day. (alternate holiday)
February 24th	Monday Emperor's Birthday (alternate holiday).
March 20th	Friday Vernal Equinox.
May 1st	Friday Showa Day. (alternate holiday)
May 4th to 6th	Monday-Wednesday Golden Week.
July 23th-24th	Thursday-Friday Marine Day, Sports Day
August 10th	Monday Mountain Day.
September 21st-22nd	Monday-Tuesday Silver Week
November 2nd	Monday Bank holiday. (alternate holiday)
November 23rd	Monday Labor Thanksgiving Day.
December 31st	Thursday New Year's Eve.

The specific dates of some of these holidays may change slightly. For the current calendar of holidays, check here: <https://genkijacs.com/holidays.htm>

There are no classes on days the school is closed. If a student is scheduled to start on a holiday Monday, the placement test and orientation will be held on the following day.

For holidays, we either arrange a free tour or activity for that day, or refund tuition if no activity is held.

July and August are the peak season, and we can become fully booked during these months. In addition, certain accommodation options may become unavailable.

For late bookings (less than one month before the start date) even outside the high season, please confirm that the requested class/accommodation is available before accepting the booking.

First day schedule

Students should be at school by 9:20 am on the first day. The usual schedule for the day looks like this:

1. Level check test (1 hour): test includes written and interview portions. Classes and class content are decided based on results of this test
2. Orientation: information about school, classes, study methods, Japanese culture and manners, life in Japan, etc.
3. Two hours of Japanese classes
4. One-hour tour of the surrounding area. (free, optional)

School Services

The following services are provided to all GenkiJACS students, at no additional cost:

- Welcome packet of tourist and other useful information
- Orientation to school and city life
- All textbooks and study materials required for the course
- Free tea/coffee
- Free Internet access and computers with study software installed
- Counseling session, to discuss classes, accommodation, and life in Japan
- Free study book/CD/DVD rental service
- Quiet study room
- Assistance with booking tickets, travel, accommodation, and other common issues
- Tourist and travel information leaflets
- Information on interesting activities around the city
- Discounts on study materials
- Language exchange partner introduction (LEP)

The following services are provided depending on conditions and availability:

- Free lessons on specific topics from trainee teachers
- Free tutoring for students from trainee teachers, as required

Student Applications

Requirements of Students:

Japanese ability: Almost all levels of learners are accepted, from complete beginner to high intermediate. However, students must memorize the **hiragana alphabet** before they start study with us. This usually only takes a couple of days. This is the equivalent of being able to recognize the English alphabet. The Japanese alphabet is entirely phonetic, so recognizing the alphabet means you can easily read written text. Students are not required to be able to write the letters, only read them, and no vocabulary knowledge is required. If necessary, we can provide study materials for hiragana prior to student's arrival.

Complete beginners can only start on the first Monday of each month, and the third Mondays in June, July and August.

Minimum age of student accepted without parents/guardians:

- Fukuoka school: 14 (under 18: homestay or supervised dorm stay only)
- Tokyo/Kyoto schools: 16 (under 18: homestay only)

Minimum stay: 1 week (2 weeks or more is recommended. In Tokyo and Kyoto, most accommodation options require a 2-week stay, so for 1-week stays, student must arrange their own accommodation.)

Maximum stay: Unlimited, but depends on student's visa status.

Required visas:

For stays of up to 6 months: **no visa required** for most Western countries. More information on visa waivers and eligible countries is available in English on the Japanese government's website here:

https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/short/novisa.html

When a tourist visa is required, we can provide a letter of invitation for the student.

For stays longer than 6 months: special visa is required. Two options are available:

1) Working holiday visa: For students 18-30 from Argentina, Australia, Austria, Chile, Czech, New Zealand, Canada, Republic of Korea, France, Germany, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Lithuania, Hungary, Denmark, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Norway, Portugal, Poland, Slovakia, and Spain, we recommend applying for a Working Holiday visa. This visa allows stays of up to one year, and students can work freely while in Japan. The application is very easy. More information is here:

https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/w_holiday/index.html

2) Student visa (Fukuoka only): Student visas must be applied for at least 5 months in advance, and are only available for study of 12 months or more, starting in January, April, July or October. The application is also a little complex, although we help with everything.

More information on visas in general is available on our website here:

<https://www.genkijacs.com/visa.htm>

Required application information:

All applications must contain the following information, at a minimum:

- ✧ Demographics: name, gender, birthdate, nationality
- ✧ Classes: start date, number of weeks, course of study, approximate Japanese ability
- ✧ Arrival info: date and time of arrival and departure, airline, name of departure airport (this information can be sent later, if necessary)
- ✧ Accommodation: preferred type, dietary requirements, smoking habits, medical information

We have prepared an anonymous website where students can send additional required information to us directly, without them knowing the name of the school. Please inform students who book about this website, and **ask them to fill out the forms right after confirming the booking:**

<http://www.japaneseplacementtest.com>

Booking deadline

Bookings should be made at least one month in advance of the requested start date, where possible. In general we don't refuse students, even if they apply close to the deadline. However, in summer we do become fully booked, and so specific courses or accommodation options may not be available. In particular, host families may be difficult for late bookings in summer.

Standard application/arrival process (if no visa is required)

1. Agency sends booking to school (at least one month before the start date)
2. School sends invoice to agency within 48 hours.
3. **Agency requests student to fill out anonymous website <http://www.japaneseplacementtest.com> (Very important: If the student is planning to stay with a host family, please inform the student to fill out the Self-Introduction form right away in order to guarantee the homestay)**
4. School sends accommodation information to agency (at least two weeks before the start date, generally one month), including directions, maps, etc.
5. School arranges airport pickup, if required
6. Arrival day: If requested, a school representative meets the student at the airport. If not, the student makes their own way to the accommodation.
7. First day of classes: Student has level check test and an orientation session from 9:15am on Monday, followed by first two Japanese lessons.
8. Last day of classes: Student receives a graduation certificate.
9. Agency transfers student tuition (within 30 days of student finishing)

Classes

Maximum 8 students per class (exceptionally 9 during the high season and for a short time).

Average number of students per class: Low season: 5-6. High season (July/August): 8

All students are placed in a class at the appropriate ability level, regardless of whether other students are there or not. So, if a student is the only person at his/her Japanese ability level, we provide private classes for that student. **In this case, the total number of class hours will be reduced following our terms and conditions here:**

<https://genkijacs.com/terms.htm>

Most teachers speak English as well as Japanese. We use this to simplify study, by explaining in English where absolutely necessary, or relating Japanese grammar to English grammar. This is especially useful at the lower ability levels. **However, we are an immersion school, so most lessons are taught in Japanese only.** Classes focus on practical communication skills first and foremost. Speaking and listening are given highest priority.

Class Levels

For short-term classes, there are 12 basic class levels. Students are placed in the appropriate class based on an online placement test taken before they arrive, and a level check test and interview on the first day of school. The levels are as follows (some of these levels have multiple classes):

- **Complete beginner**

Have never studied Japanese before or can only use very simple Japanese phrases.

Note: We accept applications from complete beginners, but students must memorize the hiragana alphabet before they start study with us. This usually only takes a couple of days.

These students can only start on the first Monday of each month (and the third Mondays in June, July and August)

- **Beginner 1**

Can hold very simple conversations, and read Hiragana and/or Katakana alphabets.

Students at this level cannot take the Japanese Plus Conversation course.

- **Beginner 2**

Can hold simple conversations, and read texts written using Hiragana, Katakana, and simple Kanji.

Equivalent to having finished Minna no Nihongo book 1 or Genki Japanese book 1, or having passed level 4 of the Japanese Proficiency Test.

- **Pre-Intermediate**

Have some confidence in everyday conversations, and can read quite a few Kanji. Equivalent to having finished Minna no Nihongo book 2 or Genki Japanese book 2, or having passed level 3 of the Japanese Proficiency Test

- **Intermediate**

Understand the basics of grammar, can hold most everyday conversations (including telephone skills), and can read texts written using the most common Kanji.

- **Upper intermediate**

Understand high-level grammar and kanji, can participate in a range of daily conversations, and can read common Japanese texts fairly well. Equivalent to having passed level 2 of the Japanese Proficiency Test.

All short-term classes are “rolling start” classes – new students are added to ongoing classes, and move between class levels as required.

Courses

All students take our main course (Standard Japanese) and can choose to enrol in additional modules on a weekly basis.

Almost all courses are available at all ability levels (except for Japanese Plus Conversation).

Course setup

The main course has 4 lessons per weekday, in two 2-lesson blocks (two lessons of Japanese grammar, and two lessons of “language skills” – reading, writing, listening and speaking).

Students taking Plus modules will then have between 5-6 additional lesson hours every week focusing on the core topics of that specific module.

As the Culture modules are held on Saturdays, it is possible to combine the Plus Conversation module with any of the Culture modules, in any given week.

Courses available:

1. Standard Japanese (main course)

Designed for students who need to be able to communicate in Japanese.

Learning Japanese just by reading textbooks and listening to tapes doesn't make you a Japanese language speaker. Students will learn common sentence patterns and vocabulary with the teacher, then use them in practical situations both inside and outside of the classroom. This course offers a full range of activities that students will find both useful and exciting.

Maximum length: no limit

Schedule: 10 grammar lessons + 10 language skills lessons per week

2. Plus Conversation module

This module focuses just on conversational topics such as dialects, slang, and modern Japanese.

Maximum length: no limit

Schedule: 5 extra conversation-focused lessons per week

Students must have studied at least 100 hours of Japanese (to the end of chapter 5 of the Genki textbook, or equivalent) to take this course.

3. Plus Traditional Culture module

This module offers students the opportunity to learn about traditional culture while learning the language, and the chance to participate in it with practical activities.

Students will study topics such as ceramics, tea ceremony, calligraphy, and flower arrangement at school, and then join lessons with a specialist teacher, as well as learning about Japanese customs, history, and art. We guarantee that they will have a great experience!

Maximum length: 4 weeks. If students want to stay longer, they can combine this course with other courses.

Schedule: 6 hours of cultural classes per week, usually held on Saturdays (may be held on weekdays in some cases)

Important Note: if only 1 or 2 students are booked to take this module in a week, it may be cancelled for that week. In this case, we will offer the student to take an alternate module at no extra cost, or receive a refund of the module fee

4. Plus Pop Culture module

This module teaches all the latest trends in Japanese pop culture, letting students experience the most fun activities Japan has to offer, from cosplaying as your favourite anime character to drawing your very own manga. Three exciting activities per week keep you busy outside school.

Maximum length: 4 weeks. If students want to stay longer, they can combine this course with other courses.

Schedule: 6 hours of cultural classes per week, usually held on Saturdays (may be held on weekdays in some cases)

Important Note: if only 1 or 2 students are booked to take this module in a week, it may be cancelled for that week. In this case, we will offer the student to take an alternate module at no extra cost, or receive a refund of the module fee

5. nextGEN module (Summer school for minors)

This fun module combines the best parts of the Traditional Culture and Pop Culture modules.

Students may go sightseeing, try on a kimono and experience tea ceremony, visit a manga school, practice martial arts, and more.

Maximum length: 4 weeks. Only available from June to August. If students want to stay longer, they can combine this course with other courses.

Schedule: 6 hours of cultural classes per week, usually held on Saturdays (may be held on weekdays in some cases)

Important Note: if only 1 or 2 students are booked to take this module in a week, it may be cancelled for that week. In this case, we will offer the student to take an alternate module at no extra cost, or receive a refund of the module fee

Class hours

Please kindly make sure that the student knows that in case of class hours we work somewhat like a university in that, depending on the class they get placed in, they may have morning classes on some days and afternoon classes on some other days. **It is not possible to choose the time, and the schedule for each week is only released the week before.**

Morning classes are from 9:30-13:10. Afternoon classes are from 11:25-15:50 or 14:05-17:45.

If the student is taking the plus conversation module, those extra conversation classes will be added on top of the regular classes schedule.

In case of the cultural activities they will take place on Saturdays from 9-10 am to 4-5 pm.

Accommodation

Fukuoka

1. Homestay with a Japanese family
2. Private room in guesthouse/residence
3. Private room in a supervised residence
4. Private apartment

All options offer a private room.

	Homestay	Guesthouse/Residence	Supervised residence	Private apartment
Cost	Medium	Medium	Medium	High
Privacy	Low: Family may have curfew, guest rules, etc.	Medium: Shared facilities, no curfew	Medium: Shared facilities, curfew	High: Totally private
Community	High: Students are a member of the family.	High: GenkiJACS and Japanese university students are always around	High: GenkiJACS and Japanese highschool students are always around	Low: You can have friends over to visit
Location	Furthest: About 30 mins from school on average	Close: A 10-minute train (or bicycle) ride from school	Medium: Usually 10-30 mins by subway/bus	Closest: Usually 5-10 mins on foot
Internet access	Usually available	Broadband access in room	Usually available	Broadband access in room

Please note that applicants under the age of 18 at the time of study must stay with a host family or in a supervised residence. Details of each accommodation type are here: <http://www.genkijacs.com/hostfamily.htm>

Tokyo and Kyoto

1. Homestay with a Japanese family
2. Private room in guesthouse/residence
3. Shared room in dormitory (only Tokyo)
4. Private apartment

	Homestay	Guesthouse/Residence	Shared Dormitory	Private apartment
Cost	Highest	Medium	Low	High
Privacy	Low: Family may have curfew, guest rules, etc.	Medium: Shared facilities, no curfew	Low: All facilities are shared	High: Totally private
Community	High: Students are a member of the family.	Medium: Others in guesthouse can become friends.	Medium: Others in dorm can become friends.	Low: You can have friends over to visit
Location	Furthest: Up to an hour from school	Medium: Usually 30-40 mins by public transport	Medium: Usually 30-40 mins by public transport	Closest: About 20-25 mins by public transport
Internet access	Usually available	Broadband access in room	Usually available	Broadband access in room

Please note that applicants under the age of 18 at the time of study must stay with a host family.

Arrivals/transport

Fukuoka School

Nearest airport: Fukuoka International Airport (5 minutes and 260 yen from the school by subway, about 1,200 yen by taxi)

Direct flights are available from many locations, but it is often cheaper to fly to a close airport first, then transfer to a flight to Fukuoka. Common cheap options are:

- International transfers: Helsinki, Hong Kong, Seoul, Singapore, Shanghai, Beijing, etc.
- Domestic transfers: Tokyo (Haneda or Narita airports), Osaka (Kansai airport), Nagoya

Nearest bullet train/bus/subway station: Hakata Station (4 minutes from the school on foot)

Students should plan to arrive before 9pm, to have time to get to the accommodation. If arriving after 9pm, a hotel may be required for the first night.

Tokyo School

Nearest airport: Narita airport (more than 1 hour to school) or Haneda airport (45 mins to school)

Student flights must arrive between 8am and 8pm for pickup. If arriving after 8pm, a hotel may be required for the first night.

In case of homestay pick-up is made by public transportation and for the rest of the accommodations usually Taxi.

Nearest bullet train station: Tokyo Station

Nearest train station: Shinjuku (7 minutes' walk from school)

Nearest subway station: Shinjuku 3-chome (3 minutes' walk from school)

Kyoto School

Nearest airport: Kansai airport (more than 1 hour to school) or Itami airport (55 mins to school)

Student flights must arrive between 8am and 8pm for pickup*. If arriving after 8pm, a hotel may be required for the first night.

***If the student wants to stay in a homestay, arrival to the airport must be before 6pm, otherwise check-in at the host family would not be possible that day.**

In case of homestay pick-up is made by public transportation and for the rest of the accommodations usually Taxi.

Nearest bullet train station: Kyoto Station

Nearest train/subway station: Kawaramachi Station (5 minutes' walk from school)

Daily transportation:

In general, all accommodation locations are within one hour of the school by public transport. Transport costs are low – the average return trip costs 500 yen. Students travel to accommodation using bus, subway or train, bicycle or on foot.

Students are provided with English-language maps of the city and guides to using public transport when they arrive in Japan.

Airport Pickup

Fukuoka airport pickups are generally not recommended for adult students. Fukuoka Airport is so close to the city that it is almost always cheaper to take a taxi, and public transport is very convenient. The airport is connected to the subway system, and it takes only 8 minutes to get to the center of the city.

Tokyo airports are quite far from the city, so pickups are expensive. Both airports have very good and fast train service, so airport pickups will generally use public transport, not a private car. (A transfer by private car would be extremely expensive.)

Given this, we recommend students to travel to their accommodation themselves. The easiest way to do this is to take the fast train to Shinjuku (about 3,000 yen), then take a taxi from there to their accommodation. This will be cheaper and faster than an airport pickup.

Kyoto uses Osaka airports which are quite far from the city, so pickups are expensive. Both airports have very good and fast train service, so airport pickups will generally use public transport, not a private car. (A transfer by private car would be extremely expensive.)

Given this, we recommend students to travel to their accommodation themselves. The easiest way to do this is to take the MK Taxi Shuttle Bus (about 4,200 yen) and reservation can be made online here:

http://www.mk-group.co.jp/english/shuttle_kyoto.html

This will be cheaper and faster than an airport pickup.

With the pickup service, a representative will wait at the exit gate to bring the student to the school or accommodation and will hold a sign with the student's name and school name on it.

If a student does not meet up with the representative, they should use a payphone to contact the school, or (if outside normal school hours) call our emergency number. We will direct them on how to meet their guide, or provide an alternative.

If a student does not request an airport pickup, we provide instructions to the accommodation from the airport by public transport.

If required, we can book a hotel for the student. Hotels we commonly use are listed here:

<https://www.genkijacs.com/hotels.htm>

Payment Procedures

For more information on payment procedures, see our web site:

<https://www.genkijacs.com/payment-methods.htm>

International bank transfer details:

Bank: The Nishi-Nippon City Bank, Ltd., Watanabedori branch

Swift Code: NISIJPJT (Note: IBAN numbers are not used in Japan.)

Account Number: 3003426

Account Name: Genki Global

School Address: Hakataeki Higashi 1-16-23, Chuoku, Fukuoka, 812-0013, Japan

Bank Address: 1-9-19 Kiyokawa, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka, Japan

Please request to pay bank charges when making a bank transfer. Bank charges can be up to 7500 yen total, so we recommend using services such as Flywire or The Clearing House if possible.

Payment deadline: In general, 30 days after the student's last day of classes. However, payment for **the first student from a new agency** is required in advance.

Cultural Activities and Excursions organized by the school

Generally, 4-7 extra-curricular activities are held per week.

Example cultural activities:

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| • Trip to local "onsen" hot springs (Fukuoka) | 700 yen |
| • Movie night - big-screen movies at the school | free |
| • Japanese game night - learn traditional games such as hanafuda | free |
| • Friday party | ~2,500 yen |
| • Beach barbecue (Fukuoka) | 3000 yen |
| • Floating restaurant where you catch your own fish | ~3,500 yen |
| • Street stall dining (a local specialty) | ~2,000 yen |
| • Karaoke competition | ~1,500 yen |
| • Japanese Tea ceremony experience class (Fukuoka) | 4,500 yen |
| • Calligraphy class for beginners (Fukuoka) | 4,500 yen |
| • Cherry-blossom viewing party, with food and drink | 1000 yen |

Many photos of these activities are available online in our photo pack here:

<https://genkijacs.com/GenkiJACSAgentphotoCD.zip>

Awards and Accreditations

Accreditations

IALC

GenkiJACS is accredited by the International Association of Language Centres (IALC). IALC is a network of high-quality, independent language schools teaching their native language to international students. The IALC Quality Scheme and Code of Ethics ensure that all IALC schools provide high quality language services. IALC-accredited language schools provide effective language courses and cultural immersion for all ages, needs and interests. Accreditation is a guarantee of quality, as IALC inspects schools regularly. GenkiJACS is one of only two Japanese schools accredited by IALC.

Japanese Government

GenkiJACS Fukuoka is accredited by the Japanese government to provide student visas for long-term study (one year).

CSN

The Centrala studiestödsnämnden approves and sends out Swedish financial aid for studies, which includes both grants and loans to students in Sweden and abroad. GenkiJACS is accredited by the CSN, allowing Swedish students to receive financial support for study with us for study of 13 weeks or longer.

Bildungsurlaub

GenkiJACS is recognized by most German state authorities as eligible for up to an extra 10 days of educational leave, for courses of more than 30 hours per week.

University Credit

GenkiJACS is accredited by multiple universities worldwide, allowing students to receive credit at their university for their study with GenkiJACS.

Awards

STM Star Awards

Every year from 2009 to 2018, GenkiJACS has been shortlisted in the World Language School category of Study Travel Magazine's Star Awards. In 2016, GenkiJACS became the first Japanese school to ever be voted Star World Language School and we won it again in 2018!

Customer Satisfaction Excellence Award

GenkiJACS is rated as "excellent" on online review websites, "certifying an excellent overall service rating based on the evaluations of former students".

How To Market GenkiJACS

GenkiJACS has several advantages over other schools in Japan that make our school easy to market:

- 1) **Flexibility:** Students can start any Monday, study as many weeks as they like, and make special arrangements for their study, accommodation, or even after-school activities.
- 2) **Very small class groups:** Average classes sizes are much smaller than other Japanese schools, so students have more time to practice. In particular, our Fukuoka school has by far the smallest class sizes of any accredited Japanese school – classes are nearly half the size of the next smallest school!
- 3) **European language background focus:** Most of our students are native speakers of European languages, so our classes focus on the needs of those students, whereas most schools focus primarily on the needs of Asian language learners.
- 4) **Personal attention:** Because we are not a huge school, we take very good care of each student, and often help students with their everyday life.
- 5) **Fun:** Our school has a very fun atmosphere, and we run lots of interesting activities. Students really enjoy themselves.
- 6) **Beaches:** Fukuoka City has beautiful beaches in the city itself, only ten minutes from school. Students can swim between April and October.
- 7) **City centre:** All our schools are located in the centre of the city, in extremely convenient locations.
- 8) **Safety:** Japan is one of the world's safest countries. And Fukuoka is a very safe city, particularly for younger students.
- 9) **Highly Acclaimed:** One of only two Japanese schools accredited by IALC, and the first Japanese school ever to win the ST Star Award for Star World Language School. Highest ratings of any Japanese school on all school review websites.
- 10) **Kyoto** is the centre of culture and there are thousands of places to see in the city!

Where to Find Students

While student types vary from country to country, agents commonly report recruiting students from places like these:

- University campuses
- Japanese culture classes
- High schools
- Overseas Japanese language schools
- Japan fairs

Media Materials

- Photos

A curated collection of high-resolution images is available in the agent section of our website. If you do not have login details, mail us: <https://www.genkijacs.com/agents.php>

- Videos

Link to any of the videos on our Youtube page here:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/genkijacs>

- School news

Current school news is always available on our Facebook page and our blog:

<https://www.facebook.com/genkijacs>

<http://genkijacs.com/blog>