

**Class for children of non-Japanese
origin to help facilitate school
adjustment and basic Japanese
language learning**



Tsu City Board of Education

1. Aim

This class, for a set period of time, intensively helps students of non-Japanese origin to acquire basic Japanese language skills and adjust to Japanese school life. Also, the class staff provides consultation to parents about their child's educational problems.

2. Children eligible to attend the class

School-age children of non-Japanese origin who live in Tsu City and meet either of the following conditions, or both of them

- ① Children who cannot carry on a basic daily conversation in Japanese
 - ② Children who cannot read and write Hiragana, Katakana (or basic Kanji introduced in the early elementary school years)
- ※ Please feel free to consult with us about the enrollment of children beyond school age.

3. Learning content:

- Learning basic Japanese language
 - Acquiring daily conversation skills in Japanese
 - Reading and writing Hiragana, Katakana (and basic Kanji introduced in the early elementary school years)
- Facilitating school adjustment
 - Getting used to school life and customs in Japan

4. Timetable

Homeroom 9: 00 – 9: 10

1st period 9: 10 – 9: 55 Japanese language study

※ learn mainly speaking and listening

2nd period 10: 00 – 10: 45 Japanese language study

※ learn mainly writing and reading

3rd period 10: 45 – 11: 05 “Kizuna” Time

※ learn about Japanese way of life

Homeroom 11: 05 – 11: 15

Students return to their own schools, have lunch and take afternoon lessons.

5. “Kizuna Kyoshitsu” class information

Name: Basic Japanese language teaching class “Kizuna Kyoshitsu”

Located on the 2rd floor of Tsu Center Palace

Address: 7-15 Daimon, Tsu City

Contact number: 059-229-3249 Jinken Kyoiku Ka (Human Rights Education Section)

6. Class policies

- Attendance at the “Kizuna Kyoshitsu” replaces the attendance at students’ own schools.
- The attendance period is usually three to four months. The completion date for individual students is decided at the approval meeting, which is attended by staff from the student’s school and the Human Rights Education Section, etc.
- A graduation ceremony is held, which both parents and school staff can attend.
- Free tuition
- Parents are responsible for the child’s commute to school. Parents must pay transportation expenses to school, if they are necessary.
- Parents are welcome to visit the classroom to see how their child is learning. Please feel free to visit the school at anytime.
- Applicants may have to wait to be enrolled, depending on the number of students learning in the class.

7. Features of “Kizuna Kyoshitsu”

- Native Portuguese, Spanish, Tagalog (English) or Chinese speaking staff are available on a rotational basis.
- School enrollment or educational consultation is provided to parents (including parents of children who are not attending Kizuna Kyoshitsu).
- Translation of school notices to parents is available whenever possible.
- Information on education for non-Japanese students is provided, such as Japanese language learning materials.



We all live in various relationships. We want children who came to Tsu City from far away countries to value their relationships with other people. We have named this class “Kizuna” (relationship), because we want such children to learn Japanese in order to deepen their relationships with friends at Japanese schools, teachers, people around them, and their families, and want them to actually enjoy such relationships.

Adults involved in this class work as a team to help children of non-Japanese origin develop their Japanese language abilities.

The class staff communicate closely with children’s school teachers about children’s progress in class. Adults involved with “Kizuna” also appreciate its value in teaching children.



“Kizuna Kyoshitsu” Area Map

