

Minato City Higashimachi Elementary Nanzan Elementary
港区立東町小学校・南山小学校

International Classes - Information -



Minato is a very international city. Foreign residents make up around 8% of the city's population, and it is home to a number of embassies and international companies.

In light of this, and to **provide educational opportunities for its foreign students**, Minato City began offering its International Classes Program at Higashimachi Elementary School from 2012.

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1 What are “International Classes”?

In order to provide a variety of educational experiences for foreign students, the ESC (English Support Course) was established. Classes for ESC students are conducted in English while being part of a regular class.

- Classes that are in the ESC have both Japanese and foreign students enrolled.
- An EST (English Support Teacher) is placed with the ESC.

ESC students are supported in English so that they are able to feel comfortable in their school life.

※ **This program is not aimed for teaching Japanese students English.**

2 Aim of “International Classes”

- To provide a variety of educational experiences for foreign students
- To promote international understanding and to provide the opportunity for both Japanese and foreign students to come in contact with diverse cultures and values

3 Entrance to “International Classes”

(1) Target Students

Children of foreign residents of Minato (must hold foreign nationality) who have English ability

- ※ Japanese who have returned from abroad or who have dual nationality are not eligible.
- ※ An English ability test will be given before enrolment in the program. If the level is not appropriate, the student may not be able to join the program.

(2) Number of Students Accepted

Limited to 10 students per grade

(3) Requirements for School Entrance

- ① Students need to enrol at Higashimachi or Nanzan elementary schools. If you are not living in the school zones for Higashimachi, Nanzan, or the zones for adjacent schools, you must complete an application to transfer school. 「指定校変更」

【Adjacent Schools】

Higashimachi: Azabu, Nanzan, Honmura, Shirokanenooka-gakuen, Shirokanenooka, Mita, Akabane.

Nanzan: Azabu, Kougai, Honmura, Higashimachi.

- ② Students living outside of the schools' zones will not be accepted if the student capacity of the schools has been reached.
- ③ Students currently enrolled in another Minato city public school who wish to transfer to join the “International Classes” need to consult with their current school's principal and the principal of the school they wish to transfer to (Higashimachi or Nanzan). If it is determined that changing schools is the best course of action, an application to change designated school (指定校変更) needs to be completed.

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How "International Classes" Are Implemented

(1) For students enrolling in 1st grade in the 2017 school year onwards at both Higashimachi and Nanzan elementary schools


- Where there are 2 or more classes in a grade level, all ESC students will be placed in 1 class.
 - ※ Other classes in the same grade will be made up of only Japanese students.
 - ※ An EST is placed with the ESC students to support classes in English (1 person per grade).
- General school life (morning/afternoon meetings, school lunch, etc.), Social Studies, Science, Life Studies, Music, Art, PE, and Home Economics classes:
 - ⇒ will be conducted by both the Japanese homeroom teacher and an EST.
 - ESC students and Japanese students will learn in the same room.
 - ※ Some of the instruction will be given in Japanese.
- Language Arts, Mathematics:
 - ⇒ ESC students will receive instruction, in English from an EST, in a separate room from Japanese students. The study content will, as far as practicable, follow the Japanese curriculum.

(2) For students in the 2nd - 6th grades at Higashimachi Elementary School for the 2017 school year. (1st - 5th grades in 2016)

- Each grade that has ESC students enrolled (limited to 10 per grade), will be supported by 1 or 2 ESTs (until graduation).
 - ※ The number of teachers may change depending on the availability of staff.
- The structure of how lessons are taught is the same as (1) above.


【Course Structure】

- **Science • Social Studies • Music • Art • PE • Life Studies (G1/2) • Home Ec (G5/6)**



【Japanese students • Foreign students】

Taught by both the class teacher and EST


- **Language Arts • Math**

【Japanese students】

Taught in Japanese by class teacher

【Foreign students】

Taught in English by EST
- **International Studies Class**

【Japanese students • Foreign students】

Taught in smaller groups based on ability levels by NT (Native Teacher) and EST

※ The class teacher circulates, observing and supporting

※ In general, the program will use a translation of the Japanese text books and of supplementary texts.

※ ESTs are also available for any enquiries or advice parents of foreign-born students may have regarding their child's education.

5 Enrolment Procedure

If you wish to enroll your child in the International Classes Program at Higashimachi or Nanzan Elementary Schools, you need to do the following:

(1) Entrance to school / Transferring school

- ① Application / Consultation
The parent (applicant) should initially go to the Minato City Board of Education for application and/or consultation. Only after this they will go to the school for step ②.
- ② Interview
A meeting will be held with the school principal, an EST, and the child and parent who wish to enter the program.
→ Check of English ability
- ③ Application to change designated school (This only applies to those living outside the Higashimachi / Nanzan school zones or adjacent zones.)
An application must be made to the Academic Affairs Division (学務課).

(2) If you are already enrolled in another Minato City public school

- ① Application / Consultation
The parent (applicant) initially needs to consult the principal of the currently enrolled school. Then they will go to the Minato City Board of Education for application and/or consultation. After this, they will go to the school for step ②.
- ② Interview
A meeting will be held with the school principal, an EST, and the child and parent who wish to enter the program.
→ Check of English ability
- ③ Application to change designated school
An application must be made to the Academic Affairs Division (学務課).



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