



ぶどうの樹 日本語教育センター

TrueVine Japanese Language Education Center

School Guide **2025**
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Study in the wonderful environment of Kobe, surrounded by mountains and the sea.



Toward a fruitful future.

Thorough support until you succeed – with a full supplementary lesson system.



Original classes designed to help you acquire Japanese through activities.



Application for certification as a Japanese language education institution by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in progress.

About the School

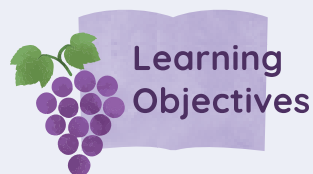


Philosophy

Through Japanese language education, learners will gain a deep understanding of both their native culture and Japanese culture and values, fostering the ability to adapt flexibly in intercultural settings. By developing an attitude of autonomous thinking and collaborative learning, they will be nurtured as individuals capable of contributing to a multicultural and inclusive society.

Educational Purpose

Through Japanese language education, we aim to develop highly skilled individuals who can play active roles in the fields of tourism and caregiving in the future. Learners will acquire B2-level proficiency in Japanese and cultivate practical language skills applicable in real-life situations.

**G**

Global Perspective

Develop the ability to adapt flexibly in different cultures and thrive in the international community.

R

Research & Critical Thinking

Foster the ability to identify issues and think logically and critically.

A

Academic & Professional Skills

Deepen expertise in the fields of caregiving and tourism, and build academic skills applicable to further education.

P

Practical Communication

Acquire B2-level Japanese proficiency for practical use in workplaces and daily life.

E

Engagement in Society

Enhance awareness of social participation through community-based activities and project work.



Our Features

Every classroom has monitors and free Wi-Fi!

1

Learning that Connects Advanced Japanese with Specialized Fields

Through a curriculum focused on fields such as caregiving and tourism, students will develop their specialized Japanese skills in a fun and effective way. With future studies and careers in mind, we aim to foster natural workplace communication and culturally sensitive interactions. Our lessons include plenty of output activities to help learners express themselves in their own words.

**2**

Project-Based Learning Built on Students' Own Efforts

From planning tourism tours to presenting ideas on social issues and creating graduation projects, students build critical thinking and communication skills through hands-on projects. We support them in developing and sharing their own opinions with confidence while valuing self-expression and collaboration.

Message from the Principal

Principal *Hiroyuki Katsu*



We, the "Budo no Ki Japanese Language Education Center," are a Japanese language school located in Kobe City, Hyogo Prefecture.

We were established with the hope that our education would greatly support students aiming to enter Japanese universities or vocational schools, or to find employment at Japanese companies. We also aspire for our learners to thrive as highly skilled professionals in Japanese society.

The name "Budo no Ki" (Grapevine) symbolizes the vision of growth—seeds sprouting, becoming trees, and branching out—representing the idea that "growth brings joy, and coexistence prevents division." It conveys a beautiful message about development and harmony.

Our Japanese language school is not merely a place to study the language. It is also a space to nurture the values of dedication and hospitality necessary for living in Japanese society. In addition to language, we emphasize the development of personal character and social skills.

Through Japanese language education, we promote a deep understanding of Japan and foster intercultural exchange. Our goal is to help students cultivate autonomy and a spirit of collaboration, becoming individuals who can contribute to a multicultural and inclusive society.

As Japan faces a declining population, many companies are struggling with labor shortages. Not only businesses but the entire society will increasingly rely on the cooperation of foreign nationals to secure a brighter future for Japan.

Our educational setting is also a stage for your life journey. By sharing this valuable time together, we hope to create an environment where we walk together, learn together, and grow together.

*Fun rec facilities
available, too!*

*Read all your favorite
manga anytime!*



*A beautiful campus in
Wadamizaki, Kobe!*

3 Fun and Connected Learning Using IT

Every classroom is equipped with monitors, and each student receives a tablet. By using tools such as Padlet and Quizlet, we create an interactive and enjoyable learning environment tailored to each student's pace and level of understanding.

4 Learning at One's Own Pace

"Where am I strong? What do I want to work on more?" With this kind of reflection, students set short-, mid-, and long-term goals to grow at their own pace. Teachers provide personalized support with advice on learning strategies and materials suited to each learner's progress.

5 Learning Through Community and Social Engagement

By participating in local events and public programs, students experience real-life social roles and systems. Visits to tourist spots and welfare facilities, as well as volunteer activities, help deepen ties with the community. At the school's cultural festival, students set up booths to introduce their home cultures, promoting mutual understanding and enjoyment of multicultural experiences.



Annual Schedule



First Year

Second Year

April

- Entrance Ceremony (April Students)
- Life Orientation
- Police Orientation
- Welcome Party
- Placement Test

- Cherry Blossom Viewing (Hanami)

May

- Health Checkup
- Field Trip

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June

- Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU)
- Final Exams

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July

- Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)

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August

- Field Trip

September

- Final Exams

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October

- Entrance Ceremony (October Students)
- Life Orientation
- Police Orientation
- Welcome Party
- Placement Test
- Sports Festival

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November

- Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU)
- Health Checkup
- Field Trip

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- Health Checkup

December

- Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)
- Cultural Festival
- Final Exams
- Christmas Party

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- Final Exams
- Christmas Party

January

- New Year Shrine Visit
- New Year Calligraphy

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February

- Final Exams

- Final Exams
- Graduation Project Presentation

March

- Field Trip

- Graduation Ceremony

Courses & Timetable

Two-Year College Preparation Course

April admission each year – completion in March two years later

Total Instruction Hours: 1,600 class hours

Capacity: 60 students

Required Japanese Level at Admission: A1 (equivalent to JLPT N5) or higher

Target Level upon Completion: B2 (equivalent to JLPT N2)

| Apr. | May | Jun. | Jul. | Aug. | Sep. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| A1 | A2.1 | | A2.2 | | | B1.1 | | | B1.2 | | |
| Apr. | May | Jun. | Jul. | Aug. | Sep. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. |
| B1.2 | | | B2.1 | | | B2.2 | | | | | |

One-Year and Six-Month College Preparation Course

October admission each year – completion in March two years later

Total Instruction Hours: 1,220 class hours

Capacity: 40 students

Required Japanese Level at Admission: A2 (equivalent to JLPT N4) or higher

Target Level upon Completion: B2 (equivalent to JLPT N2)

| Apr. | May | Jun. | Jul. | Aug. | Sep. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. |
|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | | | | | B1.1 | | | B1.2 | | |
| Apr. | May | Jun. | Jul. | Aug. | Sep. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. |
| B1.2 | | | B2.1 | | | B2.2 | | | | | |

A1~B1.1 (9-Month) A1 Sample Class Schedule

| Time | | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|------|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 8:50 ~ 9:35 | Kanji & Vocabulary | Kanji & Vocabulary | Kanji & Vocabulary | Kanji & Vocabulary | Kanji & Vocabulary |
| 2 | 9:40 ~ 10:25 | Communication, Grammar & Vocabulary | Communication, Grammar & Vocabulary | Communication, Grammar & Vocabulary | Communication, Grammar & Vocabulary | Communication, Grammar & Vocabulary |
| 3 | 10:35 ~ 11:20 | Communication, Grammar & Vocabulary | Communication, Grammar & Vocabulary | Communication, Grammar & Vocabulary | Expression, Presentation & Project Work | Reading Comprehension |
| 4 | 11:25 ~ 12:10 | Communication, Grammar & Vocabulary | Communication, Grammar & Vocabulary | Communication, Grammar & Vocabulary | Expression, Presentation & Project Work | Reading Comprehension |

B1.2~B2.1 (9-Month) B1.2 Sample Class Schedule

| Time | | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|------|---------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 8:50 ~ 9:35 | Kanji & Vocabulary | Communication, Grammar & Vocabulary | Kanji & Vocabulary | Communication, Grammar & Vocabulary | Kanji & Vocabulary |
| 2 | 9:40 ~ 10:25 | Expression, Presentation & Project Work | Communication, Grammar & Vocabulary | Communication, Grammar & Vocabulary | Communication, Grammar & Vocabulary | Writing |
| 3 | 10:35 ~ 11:20 | Expression, Presentation & Project Work | Communication, Grammar & Vocabulary | Communication, Grammar & Vocabulary | Reading Comprehension | Writing |
| 4 | 11:25 ~ 12:10 | Expression, Presentation & Project Work | Communication, Grammar & Vocabulary | Communication, Grammar & Vocabulary | Reading Comprehension | Self-Paced Learning |

B2.2 (6-Month) B2.2 Sample Class Schedule

| Time | | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|------|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1 | 8:50 ~ 9:35 | Communication, Grammar & Vocabulary | Listening & Note-Taking | Kanji & Vocabulary | Reading Comprehension | Reading Comprehension |
| 2 | 9:40 ~ 10:25 | Communication, Grammar & Vocabulary | Listening & Note-Taking | Kanji & Vocabulary | Reading Comprehension | Reading Comprehension |
| 3 | 10:35 ~ 11:20 | Understanding Caregiving & Tourism | Understanding Caregiving & Tourism | Writing | Expression, Presentation & Project Work | Reading Comprehension |
| 4 | 11:25 ~ 12:10 | Understanding Caregiving & Tourism | Understanding Caregiving & Tourism | Writing | Expression, Presentation & Project Work | Self-Paced Learning |



Admission Guide for Advanced Educational Program

✓ Eligibility for Admission

- 1 Individuals who have completed at least 12 years of formal education in their home country, or are expected to graduate by the end of the applicable academic year.
- 2 Individuals with a clear purpose for studying in Japan and a desire to pursue further education.
- 3 Individuals who can demonstrate financial capability to cover expenses.
- 4 Japanese language proficiency requirements :
2-Year Course : A1 (equivalent to JLPT N5) or higher
1.5-Year Course : A2 (equivalent to JLPT N4) or higher

✓ Enrollment periods : April, October

✓ Application period : 2-year preparatory course - August to October of the previous year 1.5-year preparatory course - February to April

✓ Tuition Fees

| | 2-Year Course | 1.5-Year Course |
|---|---------------|-----------------|
| Entrance examination Fee | ¥ 30,000 | ¥ 30,000 |
| Enrollment Fee | ¥ 60,000 | ¥ 60,000 |
| Tuition Fee | ¥ 1,200,000 | ¥ 900,000 |
| Facility & equipment Fee | ¥ 60,000 | ¥ 45,000 |
| Teaching materials Fee | ¥ 80,000 | ¥ 60,000 |
| Extracurricular activity Fee | ¥ 40,000 | ¥ 30,000 |
| Insurance Fee | ¥ 20,000 | ¥ 15,000 |
| Health Check-up Fee | ¥ 10,000 | ¥ 10,000 |
| Other Fees (e.g., External Examination Fee) | ¥ 20,000 | ¥ 20,000 |
| Total | ¥ 1,520,000 | ¥ 1,170,000 |

From Application to Enrollment Process

- step 01 Submit the application form and required documents to the school, and pay the screening fee
- step 02 Document screening, Interview examination
- step 03 Apply for the Certificate of Eligibility at the Immigration Bureau
- step 04 Announcement of screening results from the Immigration Bureau
- step 05 Pay one year's tuition and other fees before enrollment
- step 06 After confirming the payment, the school will send the Letter of Admission, Certificate of Eligibility, and other related documents
- step 07 The applicant visits the Japanese embassy or consulate to apply for and receive a student visa
- step 08 Come to Japan and start classes





List of Required Documents

Documents to be prepared by the applicant

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- 1 Application Form : School-designated format (handwritten or typed)
- 2 Resume : School-designated format (handwritten or typed)
- 3 Statement of Purpose for studying Abroad : School-designated format (handwritten or typed)
- 4 Original Graduation Certificate : If still enrolled, submit a certificate of expected graduation or enrollment
- 5 Academic Transcript From the most recent educational institution attended
- 6 Proof of Japanese Language Study / Copy of Japanese Language Proficiency Certificate : Certificate of Japanese language study history or proof of proficiency (e.g., copy of JLPT N5 level or higher certificate)
- 7 Certificate of Employment : For currently employed applicants only
- 8 Document Explaining Future Plans : Required if more than 5 years have passed since graduation from the last school
- 9 Copy of Passport
- 10 Photos(3×4cm),6 copies : Front-facing, upper body, no hat, taken within the past 3 months

Documents to be prepared by the financial sponsor

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[A] Common documents for all financial sponsors

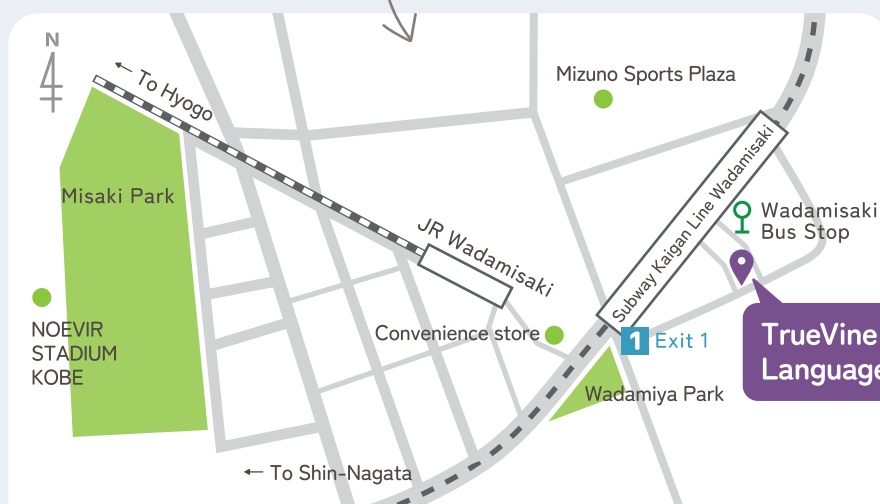
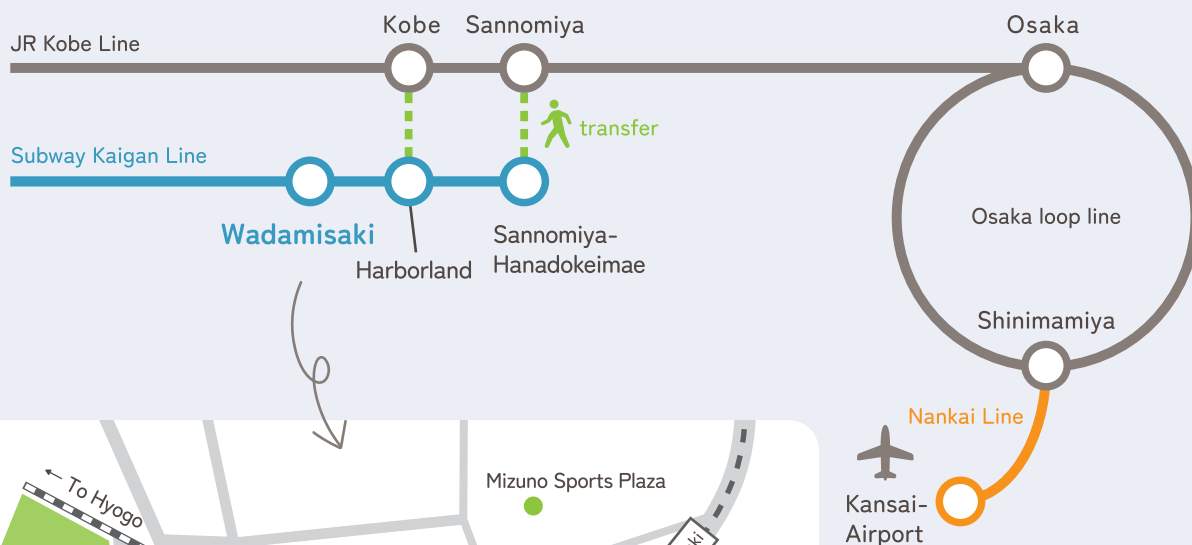
- 1 Financial Support Statement : Format designated by the Immigration Services Agency (handwritten or typed + signature)
If the sponsor is not a parent, explain the reason they are acting as sponsor and why the parents cannot do so
- 2 Bank Balance Certificate : In the sponsor's name, issued within the last 3 months
- 3 Proof of Employment : Company employee: certificate of employment;
Business owner: document issued by a public agency
- 4 Proof of Income for the Past 3 Years : Income certificate or tax (resident tax) certificate
- 5 Documents Clarifying Fund Formation for the Past 3 Years : Copies of bankbooks or detailed statements of deposits and withdrawals. If there is anything noteworthy, explain in a separate statement
- 6 Document Proving Relationship : e.g., family register, birth certificate, or certificate of family relationship

[B] Additional documents if the financial sponsor resides in Japan

- 1 Tax (Resident Tax) Certificate : Issued by the municipal office based on the address as of January 1 of the application year
- 2 Certificate of Residence : Including all household members
- 3 Copy of Residence Card



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- 1-minute walk from Exit 1 of Wadamisaki Station on the Kobe Municipal Subway Bayshore Line
- 3-minute walk from Wadamisaki Station on the JR Wadamisaki Line
- 1-minute walk from the bus stop on Kobe City Bus Route 3



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