

# WELCOME TO JAPANESE SCHOOL OF ABU DHABI & ABU DHABI JAPANESE KINDERGARTEN!



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## 1. OUR EDUCATIONAL GOALS (OUR MISSION)

### Abu Dhabi Japanese Kindergarten

- (a) a child with a richness of mind and healthy body
- (b) a child who can treat his/her friends gently and has confidence in himself/herself
- (c) a child who can be creative and play on his/her own

### Japanese School of Abu Dhabi

- (a) to raise children who are willing and eager to learn
  - (b) to raise children to be polite and considerate
  - (c) to raise children who can care for themselves and stay healthy
  - (d) to raise children who are wordly and have a sense of the international community
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## 2. OUR CHARACTERISTICS

Japanese School of Abu Dhabi is officially authorized by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT), as a school following the Educational Curriculum of Japan.

The school has a proud history of providing outstanding education since 1978 and pupils who have graduated from our school are regarded to be conferred the graduation degree of Japanese Elementary or Junior High School.

The school is evaluated as Very good rating, in the inspection of the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and knowledge(ADEK), and has received favorable reviews for our pupils' behavior, effort to learn, and sense of responsibility.

All of our teachers are sent by MEXT, and they are distinguished enough to pass the exams and interviews of each prefecture, and even the interview by MEXT. Therefore our school can provide better education.

There are about 5 to 15 students in a class at our school, so teachers can give more individual attention to students to provide educational and daily life guidance thoroughly to all.

As the number of students in one classroom is small and each grade has only one class. This gives the teachers the opportunity to get to know the students' characters and teach them effectively, not only in class but also with other school matters.

Our school is mixed, so pupils study together for all subjects, including Physical Education and Swimming.

Pupils are not allowed to eat snacks at school. The most distinctive feature of our school is "cleaning time." They clean their own classrooms and hallways so that they become considerate individuals and also to develop

There are always NPO staffs to take care of national students to support their school activities and to give supplementary lessons after school.

The school provides staff who speak both Arabic and English for communication and coordination with parents of national students.

The Japanese Kindergarten School has three grades (KG1 to KG3) and is for pupils from the age of 3. Each grade has one teacher in charge.

The School holds a variety of school activities and Japanese cultural events, e.g. Japanese Summer Festival, Kakizome (first calligraphy of the year) Festival, and Hyakunin-Isshu (the Hundred Poems by One Hundred Poets Card Game). It also celebrates special events such as the UAE National Day Event. Also, we practice disaster drills every month.

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### 3. OUR EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM

The School provides education for pupils from 1st Grade of Elementary School (1st Grade, 6 years old), to 3rd Grade of Junior High School (9th Grade, 15 years old) based on the Japanese Educational Curriculum. The academic year starts in April, and ends in March. We also provide classes in Arabic, Islamic and Social Studies, which are required by the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and knowledge to national students, and ADEK provide 6 teachers to teach these classes.

The schedule and curriculum for the year are planned as follows:

Term(2019–2020) School days:192 days

1st Term 11th April 2015 → 18th July

2nd Term 2nd September → 19th December

3rd Term 5th January → 12th March

#### Weekly Curriculum

Elementary School (3rd Grade example)

English Speaking classes are provided for national students older than 4th Grade

(J) for Japanese students      (U)for national students

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
UAE Time 7:05~7:55	(Arabic)	(Islamic)	( supplementary Japanese)	(Arabic)	
8:10~8:20	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	
1st Class 8:25~9:10	Japanese	Japanese	Mathematics	Life Environment	
2nd Class 9:20~10:05	(J)Calligraphy (U)supplementary Japanese	(J)English Speaking (U)Arabic	Japanese	Japanese	
10:05~10:20	Short Break	Short Break	Short Break	Short Break	
3rd Class 10:25~11:10	Life Environment	Life Environment	Music	Mathematics	
4th Class 11:20~12:05	Mathematics	Mathematics	(J)Arabic (U)Islamic	(J)English Speaking (U)Arabic	
12:10~12:25	Lunch time	Lunch time	Lunch time	Lunch time	
12:25~12:45	Break	Break	Break	Break	

12:45~13:00	Cleaning	Cleaning	Committee Meeting	Cleaning	
5th Class 13:05~13:50	Music	Moral Education	Physical Education	Homeroom	
6th Class 14:00~14:45	Physical Education	Japanese	Japanese	Japanese	
14:50~15:00	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	
Study Time 15:25~16:00	supplementary japanese lessons				

In our Elementary School, national students have time for supplementary Japanese lessons after school. End time varies by grade.

#### Junior High School (7th Grade example)

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
UAE Time 7:15~8:00	(Islamic)	UAE Social Study	(Arabic)	(Arabic)	
8:10~8:20	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	
1st Class 8:25~9:15	English	(J)Arabic (U)Arabic	English	Technology and Home Economics	
2nd Class 9:20~10:10	Mathematics	English	Japanese	Japanese	
10:10~10:20	Short Break	Short Break	Short Break	Short Break	
3rd Class 10:25~11:15	JAPAN Social Studies	Japanese	English Speaking	(J)Arabic (U)Arabic	
4th Class 11:20~12:10	Physical Education	Mathematics	Technology and Home Economics	Mathematics	
12:10~12:25	Lunch time	Lunch time	Lunch time	Lunch time	
12:25~12:45	Break	Break	Break	Break	
12:45~13:00	Cleaning	Cleaning	Committee Meeting	Cleaning	
5th Class 13:05~13:55	UAE Social Studies	Moral Education	Science	Homeroom	

6th Class 14:00~14:50	Science	Mathematics	Physical Education	Science	
14:50~15:00	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	
Study Time 15:15~18:00	Supplementary Japanese lesson and study for entrance exam of high school in Japan				

In our Junior High School, national students have the time for supplementary Japanese lessons after school till 17:30, in preparation for proceeding to High Schools in Japan after graduating from junior high school.

## 4. MAIN EVENTS IN SCHOOL – 2019 –2020

April	Entrance Ceremony:	Ceremony to welcome new students. We invite the Ambassador of Japan to say a few words to the students.
	PTA Annual Meeting:	The schedule and plan for the year is discussed in the meeting with parents and teachers.
May	Swimming Class:	Swimming Classes are held at the pool of Al Gazhari High School, next to our school.
	School Trip:	Every 2 years, students in 5th and 6th Grades go on a school trip , and students in 7th and 8th Grades go abroad.
June	Interactive Class:	The Interactive Class with British School Al Khubairat is planned.
July	Hyakunin-Isshu Festival	Hyakunin-Isshu (the Hundred Poems by One Hundred Poets Card Game), to know the traditional culture of Japan to celebrate the New Year.
September	:Japanese Summer Festival:	Traditional street stalls and Bon Festival Dance.
November	Desert Tour:	We go on an excursion to the desert, and camp out and have astronomical observation in the desert.
December	UAE National Day Event:	We have various activities such as the performance by the National Police Music Band and the historical plays of UAE by students.

January	Sports Day	The Sports Day for various games like footrace, a tag-of-war, and other performances are held jointly with the Japanese Residents Association.
February	Shoyo-sai (Cultural Festival):	In this event, students in each grade present their fruits of their study of the year in chorus, concert, and pla
March	Graduation Ceremony:	To celebrate graduation. We invite the Ambassador of Japan to congratulate the students.