



JAPANESE COURSES

Boston Latin Academy

JAPANESE 1

This course introduces students who have no experience to the Japanese language. Students will learn Hiragana and Katakana symbols for writing and reading and will develop basic communication skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing. Some Kanji (Chinese) characters will also be introduced. Students will be able to provide basic information and express basic needs in day-to-day life. Japanese culture and society will also be introduced. This course requires good study habits and class participation.

JAPANESE 2

This course is a continuation of basic skills introduced in Japanese 1. Students will learn advanced grammar and expressions to communicate more effectively. Students will develop the further skills to provide and obtain more completed information and to express feelings and opinions. Students are expected to participate in various class activities. Japanese culture and social issues will continuously be studied and a number of Kanji will be introduced. Japanese computing will also be introduced. This course requires good study habits and active class participation.

Requirements: Students must have successfully completed Japanese 1.

JAPANESE 3

This course advances language skills focusing on communication. Students will learn the spoken language, utilize authentic materials, such as magazines, music or videos, to develop the skills to understand the language from context. Various types of project work that require the use of different language skills will be assigned. A number of Kanji will be introduced. Students will be able to use Japanese in more complicated matters. In addition to language learning, students will gain knowledge of Japan, including culture, history and modern society. This course requires good study habits and active class participation.

Requirements: Students must have successfully completed Japanese 2.

JAPANESE 4

This course reviews the materials covered during the past three years and further advances communication skills while integrating them into their day-to-day living. Advanced grammar, spoken language and additional Kanji will be introduced. Students will demonstrate their language skills developed by using selected materials. This course requires good study habits and active class participation.

☞ This course will be a bridge to college for students who are planning to continue Japanese study in their future.

Requirements: Students must have successfully completed Japanese 3.

*Teacher recommendation is required.