

BLA Japanese Program Information

Language/Cultural Exchange Programs

- Students will have an opportunity to participate in cultural exchange activities and field trips to meet Japanese people and learn more about Japanese culture and language.
- Students will have an opportunity to host students from Horikawa High School in Kyoto, Japan and participate in joint activities to deepen intercultural understanding. Email exchange with Horikawa High School students will also be conducted.



BLA-Horikawa HS, Kyoto Japan, Japanese Study Exchange Program

- The Japanese Program at BLA periodically offers a study trip to Kyoto, Japan. Students spend two weeks in Kyoto, living with host families, attending school and participating in various excursions. This program offers many unique first-hand learning opportunities and gives students an opportunity to apply what they learn in the classroom.

New England Japan Bowl

- The Japan Bowl is a daylong academic language competition for high school students studying the Japanese language hosted by the Japan Society Boston and the Boston Children's Museum. Students are tested on grammar, kanji, katakana, kotowaza, culture and listening comprehension.
- The winners from each level in the New England Japan Bowl will compete in the Annual National Japan Bowl in Washington, D.C.



Technology and Computer Resources

- Various computer resources that help students learn and deepen their understanding of Japanese language and culture will be introduced. Students are encouraged to utilize these tools for their Japanese study.
- Japanese study guides, resources, program activities and Japan-related information is posted on the web. Visit Ms. Homann's site at <http://boston.k12.ma.us/BLA/> or go to <http://www.geocities.com/senseibla/>.
- **Study Guides for all levels are downloadable from Ms. Homann's website.** Go to the Study Guides & Other Resources.

Tutoring

- Peer tutoring is offered for those who need extra support during study periods. After school tutoring is also available by appointment.

Japanese National Honor Society

- The Japanese National Honor Society at Boston Latin Academy was established in 1998. J.N.H.S is affiliated with the National Honor Society and recognizes the high achievement of Japanese language students in secondary schools. To be qualified for membership in the J.N.H.S, students must have a 3.5 GPA in Japanese and 3.0 GPA over all. Japanese 2 and upper class students may apply for membership. Membership is voluntary and members make a commitment to contribute to Japanese education through various activities inside and outside school. They have been contributing to Japanese education as peer tutors, teacher's aides, bulletin board coordinators, student activity leaders and volunteers for various Japan-related events in the Boston area.

