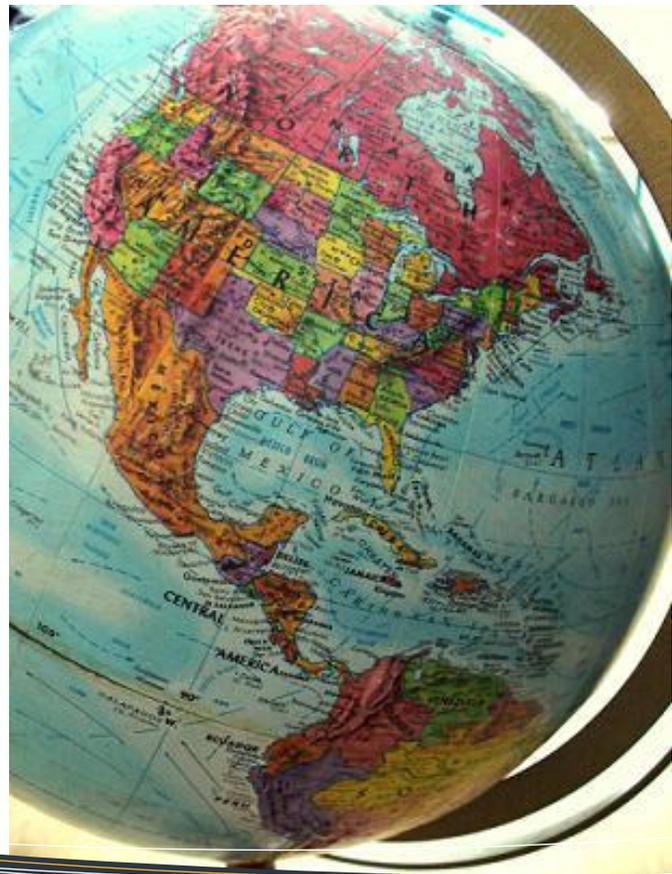




The Consulate General of Japan and the Japanese American Association of Northern California (Hokka Nichi Bei Kai), held the 38th Annual Japanese Speech Contest for Elementary School Students on Sunday, March 7th, 2010. Erin Zahn and Ayuri Kirihennedige represented our school and won awards as Contestants who come from homes where Japanese is spoken.



Strive for the future

We recognize that cultural heritage is precious and not to be separated from the learning of a language. We provide opportunities for our students to learn Japanese traditions through various school events and class activities.

Located in the heart of Silicon Valley (Union City, CA), and neighboring the local historical Japanese immigration community, we strive to educate young people from various backgrounds in the language and culture of Japan.

Our school is a non-profit organization; its exclusive mission is education. Our curriculum is non-religious and admission is nondiscriminatory in race, religious creed, color, national origin, or special needs.

We maintain close contact with the parents regarding attendance, schedules, other activities affecting the students, and their motivation to study and strive to the utmost of their ability to achieve their goals.



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SACBC JLS's Motto

SACBC JLS BELIEVES THAT PEOPLE ARE EMPOWERED BY THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF OTHER CULTURES AND LANGUAGES IN THIS GLOBALIZATION AGE.

SCHOOL EVENTS

- Sports Festival
- Holiday Party
- Mochituki
- Speech Contest
- Class Picture
- Art and Performance
- Graduation Ceremony

Our mission is to provide an opportunity for children from age 5 to 18 to:

- 1) Study Japanese language for personal, academic and professional purposes.
- 2) Foster and promote intercultural understanding, through learning and experiencing Japanese culture.

Our school is open every Saturday from 9 am to noon*. The school year starts in September and ends in June, which corresponds to Fremont/New Haven School Districts.

* 2 pm for high school credit course students.

From Kindergarten to High School Level Courses

Classes are divided based on the placement test results, students' age and their progress level. At every level, our students learn reading, writing, composition, speaking, listening, and Japanese culture. Our curriculum is flexible to meet each student's academic needs. Students who have completed our elementary program will be able to read, write, and speak basic Japanese.

Bilingual Class and High School Courses

We have bilingual classes for students who come from Japanese speaking households. These students use the same Kokugo (Japanese language) textbooks used in Japanese public schools. High school students who spend 5 hours every week can earn high school foreign language credits (*conditions differ among school districts).

Japanese Language Course Level 1 to 6

In Level 1 class, students between 5 and 7 years old learn reading/writing hiragana, basic vocabulary and greetings. Japanese language classes are designed for students from non-Japanese speaking households. As they progress in establishing 4 core elements of reading, writing, speaking, and listening, they will be introduced to katakana, kanji, advanced composition and conversation. Level 6 course uses a college level textbook. Students in this level will be able to hold everyday conversation and have intermediate level reading and writing skills.

Bilingual Classes

Bilingual classes are designed for students who come from Japanese speaking households. All instructions are given in Japanese and use textbooks distributed by Ministry of Education. We also use various supplemental materials to adjust our curriculum to suit each student's level. Class placement and material selection are based on students' level and not on the actual grade level, so that they can start from the right level and continue their progress at their own pace.

High School Afternoon Credit Course

For students who want to earn foreign language course credits from their school district, we provide classes which introduce them to Japanese culture and preparation for Japanese Language Proficiency Test.



We, at SACBC JLS, provide a U.S. based curriculum of Japanese Language education based on JLTP (The Japanese Language Proficiency Test guide line) which is an internationally accredited language examination administered by The Japan Foundation.

