

# Georgia Japanese Language School

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## **HISTORY OF THE GEORGIA JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL**

- 1974 The Georgia Japanese Language School is established at Oglethorpe University. Grades available are elementary through junior high school. ( Total students : 9)
- 1978 A kindergarten class is established. ( Total students : 49)
- 1981 The Georgia Japanese Language School becomes registered as a state incorporated non-profit organization school. The school is transferred from Oglethorpe University to Beaver Ridge Elementary school. Mr. Nakagawa is assigned as a principal from the Ministry of Education in Japan. (Total students : 148)
- 1983 High School senior class is established. (Total students: 187)
- 1984 The school is transferred from Beaver Ridge Elementary School to Lindley Middle School. Mr. Imazawa is assigned as a principal from the Ministry of Education in Japan. (Total students: 208)
- 1987 Mr. Itayama is assigned as a principal from the Ministry of Education in Japan. (Total students: 362)
- 1988 As a result of an expansion in the student body, a second Japanese Language School is established at Meadow Creek High School. (Total students: 472)
- 1990 Mr. Endo is assigned as a principal and Mr. Takise as an assistant principal from the Ministry of Education in Japan. (Total students: 643)
- 1991 As a result of an expansion in the international body, a second international teacher is hired. The Japanese Language School at Meadow Creek High School extends its program to eleventh grade. (Total students: 670)
- 1993 Mr. Okuno is assigned as an assistant principal from the Ministry of Education in Japan. (Total students: 615)
- 1994 Mr. Nakagawa is assigned as a principal from the Ministry of Education in Japan. Due to a decreased in the student body, students from both schools are brought to Lindley Middle School. Celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of founding publishes a commemorative school book. (Total students: 533)
- 1995 Mr. Hirano is assigned as an assistant principal from the Ministry of Education in Japan. (Total students: 481)
- 1997 Mr. Ishiguro is assigned as a principal from the Ministry of Education in Japan.
- 2000 Mr. Yoshida is assigned as a principal from the Ministry of Education in Japan. (Total students: 488)
- 2001 International classes are cancelled. The school transferred from Lindley Middle School to Griffin Middle School. (Total students: 483)
- 2002 The school is transferred from Griffin Middle School to W.H. Barnes Education Center. (Total students: 459)
- 2003 **Mr. Yahashi is assigned as a principal from the Ministry of Education in Japan. (Total students: 445)**

## **PURPOSE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The Georgia Japanese Language School was established and maintained by the corporation to offer an education in the Japanese language. The Board of Directors has determined a curriculum to best suit Japanese children and other qualifying children who live in Georgia. The school is administered by the directors and officers in accordance to by-laws and supplemental regulations prescribed and modified from the Board of Directors.

## **NAME AND LOCATION**

The name of the school is Georgia Nihongo Gakko, although they may also be referred to as the Georgia Japanese Language School. The school is currently located at the following location:

W. H. Barnes Education Center  
1550-B Pebblebrook Circle  
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## **ADMISSION**

The requirements for admission are as follows:

1. Age - In general, children from ages 5 through 16, the age which correspond to the ages of compulsory attendance in schools in Japan, are eligible for admission. Any child who is five years old before the April 1st commencement of the school year is eligible for admission.
2. Language Competence - Any child who is of Japanese nationality, or who is determined sufficiently competent in the Japanese language and will not impede progress of the school lessons, is eligible. The Board of Directors will determine which children are sufficiently competent, or will delegate this duty to a qualifying officer.

## **DAYS AND TIMES OF CLASSES**

1. Class Days and Holidays - Classes are held every Saturday except school holidays, which will be decided by the Board of Directors at the beginning of April every year and on other days when deemed necessary.
2. Times - Class hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## **MATRICULATION AND TUITION FEES**

1. Matriculation - The entrance fee for each student is \$100.00
2. Hanamizuki-Kai (Georgia Japanese Chamber of Commerce) membership fee for each household - \$60.00
3. Tuition - The following tuition fees are effective April 1, 2003
  - A. Each child in Kindergarten - \$903 per year. ( \$21.00 per day)
  - B. Each student in Elementary School - \$774 per year. (\$18.00 per day)
  - C. Each student in Junior High School - \$774 per year. ( \$18.00 per day)
  - D. Each student in High School - \$903 per year. (\$21.00 per day)
4. Material fees vary for each grade.

**Current Number of Students (2003):**

As of Aug 30th

Grade	Number of Students	Number of Classrooms
Kindergarten	58	2
1st	45	2
2nd	58	3
3rd	41	2
4th	51	3
5th	39	2
6th	33	2
7th	30	2
8th	21	1
9th	27	1
High school	6	1
Basic Class	(10)	1
Total	409	22

**Change in Number of Students:**

1974	9	1984	208	1994	533
1975	19	1985	243	1995	481
1976	28	1986	310	1996	452
1977	37	1987	362	1997	460
1978	49	1988	472	1998	491
1979	65	1989	600	1999	501
1980	118	1990	643	2000	488
1981	148	1991	670	2001	483
1982	177	1992	645	2002	459
1983	187	1993	615	2003	445