



Tabunka Free School Guide 2026

< Arakawa • Suginami >

◆What is Tabunka Free School?

Children who have already graduated from junior high school in their home countries, or who are over the age of 15 when they came to Japan are usually not allowed to enter public junior high school. Tabunka Free School was established to support children who need to study Japanese language and wish to go to a Japanese high school. We offer opportunities to study Japanese and other subjects(English and Math) as well as a place to belong to. We hope to provide thorough care so that students can realize their pull potential in Japanese society.

Features

- We have certified Japanese language teachers who have experienced in teaching in public/private schools.
- Students can make friends under the multicultural atmosphere.
- We provide support including academic counseling, preparation for applying high school.

◆Time Tuesdays to Fridays Arakawa 9:20-14:25 Suginami 9:50-14:55

◆Curriculum

Japanese : Japanese lessons are designed for children of school ages. Classes are emphasized on developing reading & writing skills as well as ability of comprehension and thinking. Students will also practice writing essay and interview for high school entrance exam.

Other subjects : English and Math classes are also provided for preparation of high school entrance exam.

◆Others

- There will be meetings with parents regarding to high school and career path as needed.
- If a student has to miss classes for 1 week, please inform school in advance.

◀Sample Schedule ▶

【Arakawa】						【Suginami】					
	Time	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri		Time	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	9:20~9:30	Homeroom					9:50~10:00	Homeroom			
Period1	9:30~10:15	Japanese				Period1	10:00~10:45	Japanese			
Period2	10:25~11:10										
休み											
Period3	11:20~12:05										
		Lunch						Lunch			
Period4	12:45~13:30	Math	English	Math	English	Period4	13:15~14:00	English	Math	English	Math
休み											
Period5	13:40~14:25					Period5	14:10~14:55				
		Homeroom/Cleaning						Homeroom/Cleaning			

◆ Tuition and fees

1. Cost of entrance

Entrance fee 10,000 yen

2. Tuition and fees

	Tuition <small>(tax included)</small>	Printing fee & Facility fee <small>(tax included)</small>	Payment / month
Spring term (Apr~Jul)	35,000 yen	2,500 yen	37,500 yen
Summer term (Aug)	28,000 yen	2,500 yen	30,500 yen
Autumn and Winter term (Sep~Mar)	35,000 yen	2,500 yen	37,500 yen
Annual cost			443,000 yen

** Tuition includes support fees such as high school visit, prior qualification screening, interview practiceis, high school application, and admission documents.

** Summer term (August) is 4 hours/day.

** Original tuition is 70,000 yen per month with 20 hours class. However, thanks to donations from individual and corporate supporters, we are able to offer classes for 35,000 yen per month.

**Our school does not offer a leave of absence program.

3. Other cost

- Textbooks (3,000 yen/year) fee etc.

4. Payment and others

- Tuition and fees are due till the 10th of each month in cash. We will provide an envelop.
- Please note that once tuition and fees are received, we will not refund them.
- We may ask a student to leave the school when there is no payment for 2 month despite of reminder.
- Reduction of tuition may apply for students depending on family's financial situation. If you wish to apply for this, please contact school staff.
- Student discount for transportation expenses cannot be used. We have support for the high transportation expenses if it costs over 10,000 yen/month.
- The winter semester runs through March.

Annual schedule (as of January, 2026)

Spring term	April May June July	April 9 July (TBA) July 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of Spring term • High school guidance • Last day of Spring term
Summer term	August	August 4 August 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of Summer term • **Junior high school students can also attend. • Last day of Summer term
Autumn term	September October November December	September 1 October (TBA) December 15 - 18 December 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of Autumn term • High school guidance • Prior Qualification Screening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent-teacher-student meetings • Last day of Autumn term <p>Throughout autumn term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school visit and open class • Mock/practice tests • High school preparation support
(2027) Winter term	January February March	January 7 around January 26 Late February around February 20 around February 21 Early March March 12 March 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of Winter term • High school entrance exam support (academic advice, interview practice etc.) • Entrance exam (Foreign students in Tokyo) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First entrance exam (Tokyo) • First entrance exam (Chiba) • First entrance exam (Saitama) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd entrance exam (Tokyo) • Last day of Winter term • Graduation ceremony

*There will be sports event and school trip.

*There will be high school prep class. Japanese in high school is very difficult. To make your life in high school smooth, it is necessary to continue your studies until graduation even if you pass the exam.

◆Contact NPO Multicultural Center Tokyo

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Arakawa Campus Map

荒川校 地図

Multicultural Center Tokyo

多文化共生センター東京

東京都荒川区 (Tokyo-to, Arakawa-ku)

荒川3-74-6 (Arakawa 3-74-6)

メゾン荒川Ⅱ 201号室

(Mezon Arakawa II Room 201)



- JR常磐線「三河島駅」・・・歩いて5分 JR Joban Line "Mikawashima Sta." 5 minutes on foot
- 京成線「新三河島駅」・・・歩いて5分 Keisei Line "Shin-Mikawashima Sta." 5 minutes on foot
- 千代田線「町屋駅」3番出口・・・歩いて12分 Chiyoda Line "Machiya Sta." Exit 3 12 minutes on foot
- 都電荒川線「荒川区役所前駅」・・・歩いて9分 Toden Arakawa Line "Arakawa City Office Sta." 9 minutes on foot



Access Map with pictures



<Arakawa Campus>

Mikawashima st./Shinmikawashima st./Machiya st.

<Suginami Campus>

logi st./Shimoigusa st./Fujimidai st.

