

# Support Station for JSL Students

Yokosuka's Support Station helps students who speak Japanese as a Second Language (JSL) adjust to school life in Japan.

★Support Station entrance



★Advice on school life



★Japanese language assessment test



★ Intensive beginner Japanese course

Introduction video 



**ADDRESS** 18 Ogawa-cho, Yokosuka 238-0004

(Next to Suwa Elementary school, see map on page 4)

**TEL** 046-824-7579 (Easy Japanese, English, Español. Other languages by appointment)

**HOURS** Weekdays (Monday-Friday, excluding holidays) 9:00-12:00, 13:00-17:00

**Yokosuka City Board of Education**

## **Who we are**

International education coordinators, Japanese instructors, and Support Station administrators.

## **What we do**

Provide various kinds of guidance to students and parents/guardians who apply for our support.

## **Services we offer:**

### **1. Guidance for pre-enrollment and transfer students**

From February to March we offer informational sessions and guidance for families who wish to enroll their child in a Yokosuka public school. We also offer guidance when a student needs to transfer into a new school.

- We explain how the Japanese school system works.
- We offer Japanese language instruction and help adapting to Japanese school life.
- We offer an intensive beginner-level Japanese language course.
- We introduce informational materials and resources for multicultural families.
- We provide a Japanese language assessment test
- And more!

In July, we offer informational sessions about applying to high schools and other next steps. We explain the Kanagawa high school application process and entrance exam system.

For local private and international schools, we can refer you to other resources available in Yokosuka.

### **2. Intensive beginner Japanese course**

We provide an intensive beginner Japanese language course to those children who need it to help them adjust to Japanese schooling. Elementary children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian to get permission to enroll. (See page 3 for more details).

The course is 10 days, 2 hours a day. Class hours are from 9:15 to 11:30.

The course content covers Japanese basics and survival Japanese.

### **3. Academic advising for students and parents/guardians**

We offer academic advising to students in elementary school and junior high and their parents/guardians about school, high school, and more.

Advising available both over the phone and in person. See page 1 for hours.

Multilingual support: advising is available in both English and Spanish. We can also request an interpreter for languages other than English and Spanish, so please call and make an appointment.

## ○How to Receive Individualized Support for Your Child

**Step 1:** Go to either the Support Education Division of City Hall, your local administration center (Japanese only), or your child's school. OR, call the Support Station for JSL Students for advice on first steps, see page 1 for telephone number and hours.

- Parents/guardians will complete enrollment or transfer forms for their child to attend school in Yokosuka.
- Parents/guardians will receive information and a leaflet about the Support Station for JSL Students



**Step 2:** Come to the Support Station for JSL Students

- Please make a reservation by phone in advance (see page 1 for telephone number and hours)
- The Support Station provides guidance on the Japanese school system, Japanese language instruction, etc.
- We confirm if you wish to enroll your child in our Intensive Beginner Japanese Course.
- We introduce informational materials and resources for multicultural families, such as the Yokosuka International Association, local Japanese classes, etc.
- We can help you fill out school forms needed for enrollment; multilingual support available by request.



**"I want to enroll my child in the Intensive Beginner Japanese Course."**



Child takes a Japanese language assessment test.



Child takes the Intensive Beginner Japanese Course.  
2 hours a day for 10 days.



**"I do not want to enroll my child in the Intensive Beginner Japanese Course."**



**"But, I want my child to receive further support."**



Child can take a Japanese language assessment test.

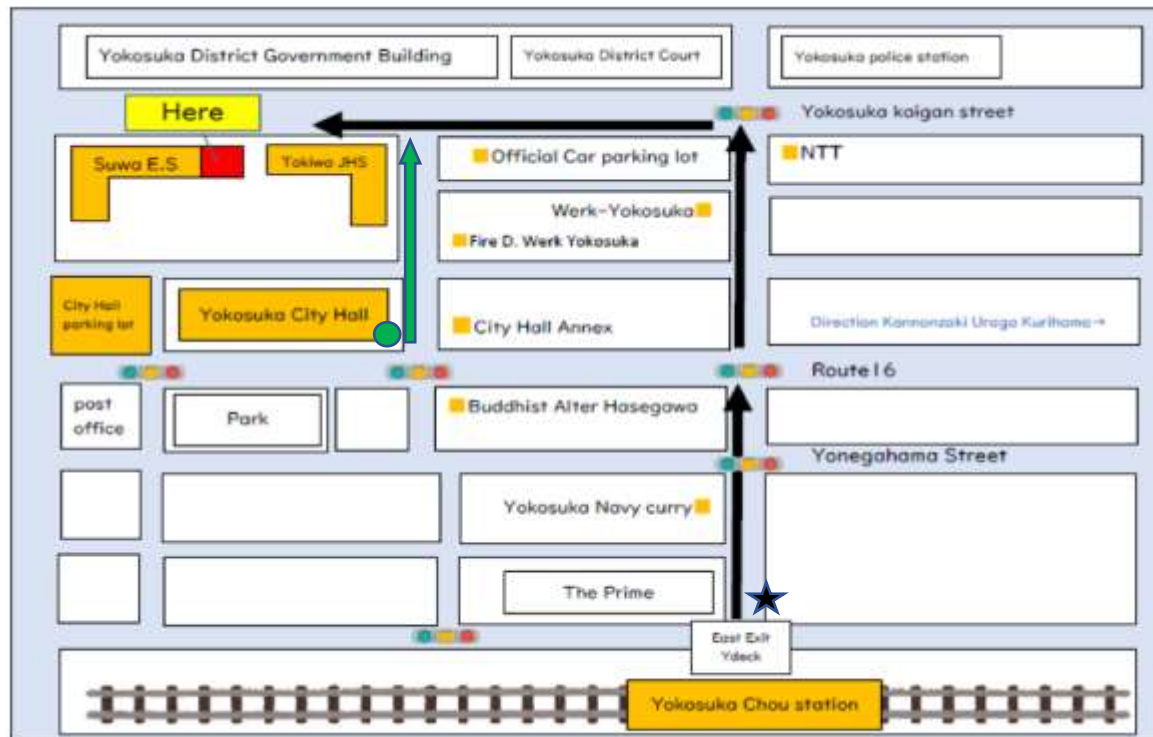


**"And I don't think my child needs further support."**

**At school: further support available, if necessary.**

- Child can receive instruction from our language staff while at their regular school.
- They can also receive support from our staff specializing in school life.

# How to get to the Support Station for JSL Students



**The Support Station for JSL Students is a 10-minute walk from Yokosuka-Chuo Station!**

Exit through the east exit onto the Y-deck, go straight and take the stairs down on the right-hand side (see photo below). Continue straight along that road for about 700 meters.

Google Maps 



Turn left at the third traffic light (when you see the police station, photo below) and go straight about 170 meters. We will be on the left-hand side in between Suwa Elementary and Tokiwa Junior High.

