

Higashimachi Elementary Nanzan Elementary Minato City

Guide to the English Support Course



Minato City is a uniquely international city with numerous embassies and foreign-affiliated companies located in the area. In light of this situation, the English Support Course (ESC) was established to **provide a variety of educational opportunities for foreign children** who plan to stay in Minato City for a short period of time, approximately two years.

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Access

10-minute walk from the Oedo line
Azabujuban Station
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line Azabujuban Station

Nanzan Elementary

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Access

7-minute walk from Azabujuban
Station on both the Oedo and
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The English Support Course (ESC)

In order to provide a variety of educational opportunities for foreign children, the ESC provides support in English to those with English language skills. Foreign children are enrolled in regular classes with Japanese children.

●ESC students can feel safe and secure in their school life with the support of English Support Teachers (ESTs).

The ESC is not intended for foreign children who do not require English support at school and wish to maintain/improve their English language skills.

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Conditions for Entering the ESC

1. Qualifications

Foreign children (foreign nationals only) residing in Minato City who need support in English for their school life and have a certain level of English proficiency

*Children with Japanese citizenship who have returned to Japan, children with dual citizenship, and children of foreign nationality who do not require English language support at school will not be admitted.

2. Number of Enrolled Students

Each grade will have no more than 10 ESC students.



3. Enrollment Period

2 years from the day of being accepted into the ESC in principle

*Enrollment cannot be renewed after the 2-year period. Families can seek consultation on an extension only in the event of unavoidable circumstances.



4. Important

(1)A child may be enrolled in the course if they pass an English proficiency test from the school district and is found to be suitable for the grade*. Children who have taken the test in the past and were not admitted into the ESC will not be eligible.

*A Japanese proficiency test may be administered if deemed necessary.

(2)Students must attend either Higashimachi or Nanzan Elementary.

(3)Students outside of Higashimachi or Nanzan's districts cannot be enrolled if their attendance exceeds the maximum number of students.

ESC is available from grades 1 to 6 at Higashimachi and Nanzan Elementary.

- If there are 2 or more classes in a grade, ESC students will be in only one class.
- ESC students will receive English support from their ESTs as outlined below.

- Language Arts (English) and Math

Students will have classes in separate classrooms led by their ESTs.

Note: For some students, Japanese language classes will be held.

*Math lessons will be conducted in English in accordance with Japan's national curriculum.

- School activities (morning/afternoon assemblies, school lunches, etc.) and classes other than English and math

The EST will offer English support to the ESC student during the classroom teacher's instructions.

Conducting Lessons

- Life Studies (Grades 1 and 2), Science, Social Studies, Music, Arts and Crafts, Physical Education, Home Economics (Grades 5 and 6)

Japanese Students and ESC Students
Led by Classroom Teachers with ESTs' support

- English/Japanese and Math

Japanese Students
Learn in the classroom with the
classroom teacher

ESC Students
Learn in a separate classroom
with the EST

*The ESTs can respond in English to parents/guardians inquiries about the content of their child's studies or their progress.

In order to enroll in the ESC at Higashimachi or Nanzan Elementary Schools, the following steps are necessary.

1. Application

Parents/guardians can submit the application to request for enrollment (入級審査票) in the ESC to the School Affairs Section of the School Education Department of the Minato City Board of Education (港区教育委)

員会事務局学校教育部学務課窓口).

2. Initial Screening

The application (入級審査票) will be reviewed.

3. Second Screening

If the applicant passes the initial screening, an English proficiency test* and a four-party interview will be held at the school with the principal of either Higashimachi or Nanzan Elementary, an EST, and the student with his/her parents.

*A Japanese proficiency test may be administered if deemed necessary.

4. Enrollment Preparations (if accepted)

An orientation at the school will be given to those who pass the second screening.

5. Update School Designation

Families of children who commute from outside an adjacent school district must apply for a change of school designation. The procedures are handled by the School Affairs Section of the School Education Department of the Minato City Board of Education (港区教育委員会事務局学校教育部学務課). Please contact the Board of Education for details.



Inquiries about the ESC

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