

## Elementary School Application Guide (2024) for International Children

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To contribute to the globalization of Kumamoto, the Elementary School Attached to the Faculty of Education, Kumamoto University, is planning to establish a new International Program to be opened in April, 2026. Prior to the start of the program, we have International Quota for pupils residing in Kumamoto (Foreign citizens). They will take part in the general class with English support from October, 2024.

(Note to parent(s)/guardian(s): Please ensure to fully understand the educational principles of affiliated school of national university (referred to the following column ※) and check the Admission Implementation Guidelines described below.)

※ As an affiliated school of a national university, our school has the missions of both conducting pre-service teacher training for students of the Faculty of Education, Kumamoto University and implementing educational research and practice by collaborating with the other affiliated schools : kindergarten, junior high school, school for special needs education, and other research institutions. Therefore, unique activities based on our own education plans will also be conducted.

### 1. Admission of International Quota (First Grade)

Two children

Children will be accepted as first grade pupils qualified as either applicant Type A or B.

※ Type A: Transferring from another school in Japan (Tennyu)

Type B: Transferring from another school or educational institute outside Japan (Hennyu)

### 2. Admission date

October 8, 2024

### 3. Qualification

Applicants must follow all of the requirements from (1) to (3).

(1) Foreign nationals who are able to communicate in English. Applicants and their parent(s)/guardian(s) are expected to be interested in Japanese education in English.

(2) Children who were born between April 2, 2017 and April 1, 2018.

(3) Reside within the Kumamoto region and be able to commute to and from school within 50 minutes in principle.

#### **4. School orientation for the parent(s)/guardian(s) of applicants**

(1) Date: June 25, 2024 (Tuesday)

- Reception time 9:30 AM ~ 10:00 AM
- Orientation and Lesson observation (first grade) 10:00 AM ~ 12:00 AM

(2) Venue: Multipurpose Room (Tamokuteki-shitsu), Elementary School Attached to the Faculty of Education, Kumamoto University

(3) Notice:

- ① Please be punctual. Reception procedure after 10:00 AM will not be allowed.
- ② Only one parent/guardian is required for the event. Please refrain from bringing applicant children and others to the orientation.
- ③ Please prepare indoor shoes.
- ④ Lesson observation will be held after the orientation.

As it is an important opportunity to deeply understand our educational principles and practices, please be sure to attend the school orientation. In principle, application documents for admission will be distributed during the orientation. However, in case if you are not able to attend on the orientation, please contact with us by phone call in advance between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM (excluding 12:00 AM to 1:00 PM) from June 18 to June 21, 2024.

#### **5. Application period and procedures**

(1) Submission of the application documents

Between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM (excluding 12:00 AM to 1:00 PM) from Monday, July 1, 2024 to Friday, July 5, 2024,

(2) Required documents

- ① Application for admission
- ② Route assignment notification (between home and school)
- ③ Certificate of Residence (Juminhyo, original document issued within three months)
- ④ The copies of passport and the Residence Card (both sides) of the applicant

※ The documents should be valid and include information with the applicant's name, photo, date of birth, nationality, individual number (period of stay in the case of the Residence Card) , etc.

※ Please present the original Passport and the Residence Card to the staff at the window when you submit the application for admission. Additionally, if the applicant's Residence Card is being issued or renewed, please inform the admission staff during the submission of the application documents and submit the copy of the renewed one to the staff on the exam day (the original document should also be presented).

⑤ Application fee: 3,300 Japanese yen (not refundable, cash only)

(3) Submission documents

Please submit the application documents by hand to the office of the Elementary School Attached to the Faculty of Education, Kumamoto University, before the deadline.

※ Reception slip (uketsukehyo) and receipt will be issued after the submission.

## 6. Entrance Examination

(1) Date: July 27, 2024 (Saturday)

(2) Venue: The Elementary School Attached to the Faculty of Education, Kumamoto University

(3) Testing policy and method: Considering the characteristics of international program of our school, the applicants' comprehensive ability including listening, thinking, and understanding information in English will be evaluated and then interviewed to test ability to face and answer questions in English during the exam. Along with applicants' testing, the parent(s)/guardian(s) are also interviewed to confirm the intent of child's enrollment at our school (Interviews are either in English or Japanese).

(4) Schedule:

- Reception: 8:30 AM ~8:45 AM  
(Entrance of the main building of the elementary school)
- Information session: 8:50 AM ~9:05 AM
- Test 1: 9:15 AM ~9:45AM
- Test 2 (interview): 10:00 AM ~  
(about 10 minutes for each applicant)
- Interview to the parents/guardians: 9:15 AM ~  
(about 10 minutes for each interviewee)

(5) Notice:

- ① Each applicant should be accompanied by either one parent or one guardian.
- ② Please bring the reception slip (uketsukehyo) which was issued during the submission procedure of application.
- ③ The reception window will be closed at 8:45 AM. Please be sure that a candidate who arrives late will not be permitted to take the examination.

- ④ Please prepare indoor shoes.
- ⑤ Please use public transportation facilities. Parking of the private vehicle on the roads or facilities nearby is prohibited.

## 7. Acceptance notice and enrollment procedures

(1) Date: July 30, 2024 (Tuesday)

(2) Venue: Administration Building of Elementary School Attached to the Faculty of Education, Kumamoto University

- Announcement of the exam results                      10:00 AM

(Entrance of the Administration Building)

※ The results will also be confirmed on the Elementary School's website (<https://elem.educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/>)

※ Following the enrollment procedure is necessary for one parent / guardian of the candidates who pass the entrance examination.

- Enrollment formalities                                      10:30 AM ~ 11:00 AM
- Information session                                              11:00 AM ~ 11:30 AM

(3) Notice:

① Certificate of acceptance (nyugaku kyokasho) will be agreed by submission of the written agreement (kakuyakusho)

② Please bring the reception slip (uketsukehyo) which is identified as the submission applicant.

③ Please prepare indoor shoes.

④ Please use public transportation facilities. Parking of the private vehicle on the roads or facilities nearby is prohibited.

⑤ Enquires of the results of examination are not allowed by phone call.

## 8. Others

• The qualification of the submission is invalid if false or misleading information are involved in application documents.

• For an announcement of the change of examination day schedule due to the traffic inconvenience by natural disasters or bad weather, please confirm the information website of the Elementary School (<https://elem.educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/>) that is updated before 6:10 AM on July 27, 2024. Direct information requirement by phone call, etc. are not available.

• When necessary, the communication between staff of admission office and parent(s)/guardian(s) of applicant will be in English or Japanese.