

Elementary School Application Guide (2025) for International Children

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To contribute to the globalization of Kumamoto, 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 places for international pupils residing in Kumamoto (Foreign citizens). In 2025, a few subjects will be taught in English, while other subjects will be taught in Japanese with English support.

(Note to parent(s)/guardian(s): Please ensure to fully understand the educational principles of an affiliated school of a national university (as referred to in the following passage※) and check the Admission Implementation Guidelines.(See 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. International Pupil Places (First Grade)

Five children

2. 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, 2018 and April 1, 2019.
- (3) Reside within the Kumamoto region and be able to commute to and from school within 50 minutes.

3. School orientation for the parent(s)/guardian(s) of applicants

- (1) Date: November 7, 2024 (Thursday)

○ Reception

9:30 AM ~ 10:00 AM

○ Orientation and Lesson observation (first grade) 10:00 AM ~ 12:00 PM

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

(3) Notice:

① Please apply in advance if you wish to participate.

(<https://forms.office.com/r/ndx0PLvQ92>)

② Please be punctual. Entry after 10:00 AM will not be allowed.

③ Up to two parents/guardians are required for the event. Please refrain from bringing applicant or other children to the orientation.

④ Please prepare indoor shoes.

⑤ 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 us by phone in advance between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM (excluding 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM) from October 28 to November 1, 2024.

4. Application period and procedures

(1) Submission of the application documents

Between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM (excluding 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM) from Monday, November 11, 2024 to Friday, November 15, 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 a 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.

5. Entrance Examination

(1) Date: December 7, 2024 (Saturday)

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

(3) Testing policy and method: Considering the characteristics of the international program at our school, the applicants' comprehensive ability including listening, thinking, and understanding information in English will be evaluated. There will be an interview to test applicant's 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 a 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 the 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 private vehicles on the roads or at facilities nearby is prohibited.

6. Acceptance notice and enrollment procedures

(1) Date: December 10, 2024 (Tuesday)

※ The results can be confirmed on the Elementary School's website from 10:00

AM.(<https://elem.educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/>)

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

○ Announcement of successful candidates 3:00 PM
(Entrance of the Administration Building)

※ It is necessary for (up to 2) parents / guardians of the candidates who pass the entrance examination to attend the enrollment procedure.

○ Enrollment formalities 3:00 PM ~ 3:30 PM

○ Information session 3:30 PM ~ 4:00 PM

(3) Notice:

① Please bring the reception slip (uketsukehyo) which identifies the submission applicant.

② Please prepare indoor shoes.

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

7. Issuance of Enrollment Certificates and the New 1st Grade Parents' Orientation

(1) Date: February 21, 2025 (Friday)

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

(3) Schedule:

○ Reception time 1:30 PM ~ 2:00 PM

○ Issuance of Enrollment Certificates 2:10 PM ~ 2:30 PM

○ Information session 2:30 PM ~ 4:00 PM

*Admission will be granted upon completion of "6 Enrollment Procedures" and "7 Issuance of Enrollment Certificates".

If a parent/ guardian of the candidates who pass the entrance examination does not attend this meeting, it is assumed that he/she does not intend to enroll.

(Only one parent/guardian is required to attend the orientation for parents of new first-year students.)

*All parents of new first-year students are required to attend this meeting.

*No automobiles or other vehicles are allowed on the school site, so please use public transportation facilities. Parking of private vehicles on the roads or at facilities nearby is prohibited.

8. Others

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

- For announcements about the change of examination day schedule due to traffic, natural disasters or bad weather, please confirm the information on the Elementary School's website (<https://elem.educ.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/>) that will be updated before 6:10 AM on December 7, 2024. Direct information requests by phone call, etc. are not available.

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