

Establishment of International Course

New International Education Program by English Immersion approach will start in 2026 at Elementary School Attached to the Faculty of Education, Kumamoto University.

In the International Course, almost all classes except for some subjects such as Japanese and moral education, will be taught in well-balanced foreign and native languages (English Immersion Education*) in accordance with the Curriculum Standards (Courses of Study) in Japan. During our English immersion education, both growth of linguistic abilities (e.g. linking experiences and language, reading and thinking logically, and basic learning activities) and comprehension of each subject are expected. Particularly, due to class system of joint learning by Japanese and international students together, children's listening and speaking skills in both languages will naturally develop through learning and campus life.



In addition, team-teaching consisting of Japanese teachers and English native instructors are planned in every class, therefore necessary support in Japanese will also be provided to deepen the students' understanding of the learning contents.

*According to educational principles and plans of the Elementary School Attached to the Faculty of Education, Kumamoto University, the English Immersion Education is explained as the approach of using the target language as the medium through which curricular content is conveyed, to help the learners not only to strength their ability of the native language (English and Japanese) and the understanding lesson subjects, but also to acquire the proficiency in the target language and linguistic abilities in the immersion environment.

Aims



■ Contributing to the Global Human Resources

One of our aims of this program is to develop an excellent next-generation as future global human resources who can be cooperative with diverse people and creative to solve diverse problem with the advanced linguistic abilities and problem-solving skills.

■ Contributing to the Local Community

As the only affiliated school of a national university in Kumamoto, we contribute to the development of local education through the promotion of the English immersion education in public schools in the near future as another mission of our program.



For further details on the International program, please refer to the websites of Kumamoto University and the Elementary School Attached to the Faculty of Education, Kumamoto University.



The Roadmap for Establishing an International Program(draft)

※Please note that there is a possibility that this draft is subject to change in the future.

2024

- Enrollment
 - 2 new first graders in elementary school
 - Foreign nationals who are able to communicate in English
 - The students will receive the same education in Japanese language as Japanese children get in other public elementary schools with English support.
 - ◆ The examination for FY 2025 will be held in December in 2024.
- Construction of the new International building will be started



This year

2025

- Enrollment
 - 5 new first graders in elementary school
 - Foreign nationals who are able to communicate in English (scheduled)
 - Practical skill subjects (*ginokyoka*, including P.E., etc.) will be taught in the English Immersion approach
 - ◆The examination for FY 2026 will be held in December in 2025.
- Construction of the new International building will be finished (in January,2026)



2026

- Enrollment
 - The establishment of the International program in elementary school (one class in each grade)
 - Each International class will be made up of both Japanese and International students
 - Almost all classes except for some subjects, such as Japanese, will be taught in English (English Immersion Education)
 - ◆The examination for FY 2027 will be held in December in 2026.



On or After 2027

- Enrollment
 - In addition to the elementary school, in the Junior High School Attached to Faculty of Education, Kumamoto University, an International class begin in the next grade (from first grade, proceeding from the first year) annually until there is one International class in each grade.



★In junior high school, the acceptance is expanding on a yearly basis★



We would appreciate your cooperation in participating in our needs survey. ⇒⇒⇒ <https://forms.office.com/r/Ac1TD8znvz>



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