

1. Carefully designed & proven study programs

All of our programs are designed by a respected Japanese instructor and his Japanese colleagues and associates. Our curriculum director knows what it takes to work successfully with the Japanese and what works to maximize student potential! Our programs are designed to improve reading, writing, listening and speaking the Japanese language. We also educate students on cultural hints and social cues for developing successful cross-cultural relationships with the Japanese.

2. Qualified Instructors

When it comes to developing language competency, a committed instructor with native abilities and connections can make all the difference in the world with a student. A private organization, we only team with instructors who have greater than 3 years living and working experience in Japan. Our instructors and volunteers have been employed by Japanese companies or educational institutions in Japan. Our educators have taught in Japan or America at the collegiate level.

Our instructors also understand teens from their work in local school systems or community involvement in supporting local children's arts or sports. While the goal is to push students to their potential, we also identify each student's individual learning style and pair that student with the most appropriate instructor to his/her needs. That instructor uses Japanese traditional mentoring philosophy and discipline with American style positive encouragement to help the student find the real-world value of his/her own language acquisition efforts.

3. Private Program

Being a private program, we are not governed, controlled or influenced by any local system. Our instructors are not limited by state standards, administration directives, department educational philosophy or textbook curriculum; these ideologies are valuable to teaching the masses, but often these standard operating procedures form obstacles for instructing students with methods in which they will truly gain fluency in the Japanese language. Our decisions about curriculum, textbooks, and tools for teaching language are all rendered by those who speak Japanese and understand Japan's culture.

4. ROI

Often parents use heavy study loads or their perceptions of high academic standards as graceful declinations for allowing their student's opportunity to study outside public education. Yet, the realities are studies have been conducted on the most successful people in the world. Few of the wealthy link their success back to junior high or high school class busywork or standardized tests. We encourage parents to think outside the box, beyond their child's teenage brain perceptions of the world and consider the realities of the multi-cultural world their child will be expected to function upon graduation ... and question...how will you give YOUR child the edge in a competitive job marketplace?

5. Personal attention from the instructor

IBCLI works with students one on one OR in carefully coordinated study groups of 4-6 students. Training in small groups allows students to enjoy learning together and benefiting from one another's strengths. Group instruction also offers students a more real-world oriented team environment. It fosters healthy camaraderie, accountability, competition and teamwork among all age demographics of students.

6. Consistent Improvement!

Learning a foreign language does not happen over-night. A student who desires to succeed and consistently follow the success strategies of their IBCLI tutors, will improve their skills. This is most visible in increased reading and writing speed as well as ability to converse and problem-solve within the foreign language.

7. Cross-Cultural Balance

We teach Japanese the way it is taught in Japan with traditional arts discipline and contemporary creativeness.

8. Useable Skill

There are many good instructors or the Japanese language. Only a few of the local American ones have lived more than a few high school or college age study abroad months in Japan. While many of these teachers are brilliant within the realms of a classroom, that is precisely what their experience abroad trained them to be. Study abroad trips put them in a sheltered academic environment and home stay. While this experience is valuable, the experience is not the same with someone who worked, lived and breathed Japanese for years in Japan. Parents can be confident that their students are learning from native Japanese or instructors with real-world Japanese usage experience.

9. Japanese PDCA system helps students increase performance and improve productivity.

We use a constant *kaizen* analysis system with our students, discussing with each student the cause and effect of his/her efforts. Students who follow success strategies improve. Those who do not follow the recommended study work, do not. Our instructors can help students correct themselves, but the goal is to help students understand the need for independent interdependence in Japanese.

Our instructors will periodically schedule meetings with students (and parents) to discuss the student's performance and improvement. For minor students, this gives parents the opportunity to better understand the program, exactly what their child is experiencing, and to determine the value of the program to their student's improved performance.

10. We are continuously improving and adding to our programs.

We are constantly striving to improve our program to better serve our clients. We value your thoughtful feedback and referrals. The growth of our program benefits all students.