

**Japanese Language Class for Adults
Japanese Academy of the Rockies
“Otona Beginning B” for Fall 2018**

Course Syllabus

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Class hours	9:00~10:30 Saturdays
Location	Pinnacle Charter School, room Staff Lounge
e-mail address	
Textbook	<i>An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese: Genki I</i> (2 nd edition, The Japan Times)

A, Description

This course is designed for students who have skills in the areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing in the Japanese language at a basic level or for students who finished Japanese VI at the Japanese Academy of the Rockies. This course deals with the fundamentals of Japanese: conversation, writing, listening, reading comprehension, vocabulary building, grammar, and culture. We start from a review of Lesson 10 in *Genki I* textbook, and work on new items in the textbook.

B. Common Course Objectives

The main objective of the course is to help students engage in simple yet useful Japanese conversations, read and understand basic written Japanese, and feel comfortable using *hiragana*, *katakana* and some *kanji*. Your ability to understand and communicate will develop along with your knowledge of the vocabulary and grammatical structures of the language.

C, Learning objectives

At the end of the school year, students should be able to do the following:

Reading

- Read *hiragana* and *katakana*.
- Read up to 145 kanji, including those already covered until Japanese VI class.
- Understand a simple letter, report, story, and advertisement.

Listening

- Follow common classroom instructions.
- Comprehend simple conversation based on familiar topics.

Writing

- Use *hiragana* and *katakana*.
- Write up to 145 kanji, including those already covered in Japanese VI.
- Write simple general letter and report.

Speaking

- Describe two activities
- Explain about family and friends
- Describe the appearance of a person
- Speak both formal and informal speech
- Express one's own opinion
- Relate information to someone

There are several options for a textbook.

1. Purchase a new textbook for \$45.
2. Rent a textbook from our school for \$20.
3. Rent a textbook for \$20 and purchase the same one next semester for additional \$25.
4. If you will purchase used textbook next semester, price may change depending on the condition of the book.
5. You can buy it on your own from a bookstore.

Attendance If you need to miss a class, please notify the instructor in advance or call Japanese academy of the Rockies (303 585 1225) by 9:00 on Saturday. When there is a snowstorm, please check the website of Japanese academy of the Rockies. <http://www.japaneseacademyoftherockies.org/>

This class is non-credit course. However you are expected to preview and review the content of each class listed in the course schedule and do homework to meaningfully participate in the class and make progress.