Global Class Admission Guidelines for the 2027 Academic Year

Higashihiroshima City Board of Education

1. Background and Purpose of the Global Class

As globalization continues to advance, the number of foreign residents in Higashihiroshima City has increased, creating more opportunities for interaction among people from diverse cultural backgrounds. Schools are also seeing an increase in students with international backgrounds including those who require Japanese language support. As a result, there is a growing need to provide educational environments where children can learn and grow together while respecting diverse cultures and values.

In response to these circumstances, we have decided to open a Global Class at Takamigaoka Elementary School. Within an educational frameworok aligned with the objectives of the national Course of Study in Japan, the program aims to deepen students' understanding of their own culture while fostering understanding and appreciation of other cultures and perspectives. By encouraging mutual respect and cooperation, the Global Class seeks to develop individuals who can thrive in a global society.

2. Features of the Curriculum

(1) Subject Learning Using English

For first-grade students in the 2027 Academic Year, subject lessons incorporating English will be provided in:

- Music
- Arts and Crafts
- Physical Education

Beginning in Grade 2, the range of subjects taught in English is expected to expand in accordance with students' learning progress and educational needs.

(2) Learning for Multicultural Understanding and Inclusion

The program will provide integrated learning opportunities that build upon selected content from Japanese Language and Living Environment Studies. Students will engage in learning related to:

- Communication skills
- Understanding of other cultures as well as their own
- Multicultural coexistence

These learning experiences are designed to help students develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills needed to live and work in a diverse society.

3. Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must satisfy all of the following requirements. If circumstances change and educational or commuting difficulties arise that no longer meet these requirements, the student may be required, after consultation with the Principal and the Board of Education, to enroll in the school designated for the student's residential area.

Eligibility Criteria

1	Grade Eligibility: The applicant must be a child entering the first grade of a public elementary school in Higashihiroshima City in the 2027 Academic Year (born between April 2, 2020, and April 1, 2021).
2	Residency Requirement: The applicant must reside within Higashihiroshima City. Applicants who do not currently reside in the city may also apply if they can provide proof that they will relocate to the city by April 1, 2027. Supporting documents, such as a copy of a property purchase agreement, must be submitted together with the Application Survey Form by the designated deadline.
3	First-Choice Preference: Both the student and the parent/guardian must designate the Global Class at Takamigaoka Elementary School as their first-choice educational course.
4	Commitment to Continued Enrollment: If admitted, the student must, in principle, remain enrolled in the Global Class until the 6th grade graduation, except in unavoidable circumstances such as moving outside the city.
5	Transportation Responsibility: For students living outside the school attendance area of Takamigaoka Elementary School, parents/guardians must be responsible for providing transportation to and from school.
6	Submission of Required Documents: Parents/guardians must submit all required application materials, including the "Application Survey Form" and "Pledge Agreement", by the specified deadline.
7	Agreement to the Confirmation Items: Parents/guardians must agree to the document titled "Confirmation Items for Applicants to the Global Class".

4. Number of Students to Be Admitted

(1) Enrollment Capacity

The number of first-grade students to be admitted to the Global Class for the 2027 Academic Year is as follows:

General Category	Approximately 20 students (including 10 priority spaces for students residing in the Takamigaoka Elementary School attendance area)
Multicultural Category	Approximately 6 students (returnee students and foreign-national students)
Total	Approximately 26 students

(2) Lottery

If the number of applications exceeds the number of available spaces in either category, a lottery will be conducted. Please refer to Section 8, "Lottery Procedures," for details.

(3) Priority Spaces for Local Residents

Of the approximately 20 spaces in the General Category, 10 spaces will be reserved on a priority basis for students residing within the Takamigaoka Elementary School attendance area.

*Definition of Residency in the Takamigaoka Elementary School Attendance Area:

A student is considered a resident of the Takamigaoka Elementary School attendance area if, as of April 1, 2027, the student is both:

・officially registered as a resident within the attendance area; and

・ actually residing there.

Up to 10 students residing in the attendance area will be given priority for admission. However, depending on the number of applications from students living outside the Takamigaoka area, the number of Takamigaoka students may exceed 10 within the General category of approximately 20 students.

No additional recruitment will be conducted during the school year, even if vacancies arise due to transfers or other circumstances.

(4) Multicultural Category

In addition to meeting the eligibility requirements described in Section 3, applicants for the Multicultural Category must satisfy one of the following conditions:

Returnee Students	Students who: ・hold Japanese nationality as of April 1, 2027; and ・have lived overseas for at least one year after reaching two years of age. Documentation verifying the overseas residence period must be submitted.
Foreign-National Students	Students who hold a nationality other than Japanese as of April 1, 2027. *Documentation verifying foreign nationality must be submitted.

※If vacancies arise or enrollment falls below capacity during the school year due to transfers or other reasons, transfer applications from eligible students arriving from overseas may be accepted under the Multicultural Category.

5. Transportation for Students Residing Outside the School Attendance Area

○Parents/guardians of students living outside the Takamigaoka Elementary School attendance area are responsible for transporting their child to and from school.

○When transporting students by private vehicle or other means, parents/guardians must follow the school's designated pick-up and drop-off locations, traffic routes, parking areas, and time restrictions.

○Parents/guardians are expected to cooperate in ensuring traffic safety around the school, showing consideration for local residents, and maintaining the safety of all students.

○If transportation can no longer be provided on an ongoing basis, parents/guardians must promptly notify both the school and the Board of Education. Depending on the circumstances, the student may be required to transfer to the school designated for their residential area.

○For safety reasons, students are generally not permitted to commute independently using public transportation. However, this policy may be reviewed in the future based on the student's grade level and individual circumstances.

6. Submission of Application Documents

Please complete and submit the following documents. In principle, a parent/guardian must submit the documents in person.

Required Documents

① Application Survey Form
② Pledge Agreement
③ Other Supporting Documents (if applicable)

Examples include:

- Documents verifying a planned move into Higashihiroshima City for applicants currently residing outside the city.
- Documents verifying overseas residence or foreign nationality for applicants applying under the Multicultural Category.

※Applicants who have not attended the information session or trial lesson will be required to receive an explanation from the Instruction Division, School Education Department, Higashihiroshima City Board of Education before submitting their application documents.

Submission Period	November 2, 2026 (Monday) to November 13, 2026 (Friday) at 12:00 p.m. ・Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays. ・Office hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ・On the final day (November 13), applications will be accepted only until 12:00 p.m.
Submission Location	〒739-8601 Higashihiroshima City Hall 8-29 Saijo Sakaemachi, Higashihiroshima, Hiroshima , Japan Higashihiroshima City Board of Education North Building, 3rd Floor. Tel: 082-420-0976

7. Publication of Application Status

(1) The application status will be posted on the website of the Instruction Division of the Higashihiroshima City Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Instruction Division") after 4:30 p.m. on November 13, 2026. Applicants are requested to check the website for updates.

(2) If the number of applicants does not exceed the number of available spaces, all applicants will receive a Notice of Admission Approval.

(3) If the number of applicants exceeds the number of available spaces, a lottery will be conducted.

(4) Information regarding the lottery, including category spaces, date, time, and venue, will be announced on the Instruction Division website.

8. Lottery Procedures

If the number of applicants exceeds the available spaces, admitted students and the waiting-list order will be determined through a public lottery.

When a lottery will be held	If the number of applicants in either the General Category or the Multicultural Category exceeds the available spaces.
Date and Time	November 18, 2026 (Wednesday), 3:00 p.m.
Venue	Conference Room 201, 2nd Floor, North Building, Higashihiroshima City Hall
Validity of Waiting-List Order	Until December 4, 2026 (Friday). The waiting-list order becomes invalid after this date.

Important Notes Regarding the Lottery

(1) If a lottery is held, parents/guardians wishing to enroll their child are requested to attend. If attendance is not possible due to unavoidable circumstances, they must notify the Instruction Division in advance. In such cases, a proxy lottery drawing will be conducted on their behalf. Failure to notify the Instruction Division in advance may result in the application being treated as withdrawn.

(2) The order in which application documents are submitted will not affect the lottery results.

(3) If siblings in the same grade (including twins) apply together, they will be treated as a single entry in the lottery.

(4) Successful applicants will receive a Notice of Admission Approval and must complete the procedures described in Section 9, "Submission of Admission Documents," by the designated deadline. Applicants who are not selected will not receive this notice.

9. Submission of Admission Documents

(1) Required Documents

① Admission Registration Form

② Request for Change of Designated School Assignment
(Required only for students residing outside the attendance area of Takamigaoka Elementary School)

*Both forms will be sent with the Notice of Admission Approval.

(2) Parent-Child Interview (Multicultural Category Only)

Applicants admitted under the Multicultural Category (Returnee Students and Foreign-National Students) are required to participate in a parent-child interview (approximately 30 minutes) when submitting their admission documents.

Please contact the Instruction Division in advance to schedule an appointment. Parents/guardians should attend the interview together with their child at the Board of Education office.

(3) Submission Period and Location

Submission Period	November 19, 2026 (Thursday) to November 27, 2026 (Friday) ・Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays ・Office hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Submission Location	〒739-8601 8-29 Saijo Sakaemachi, Higashihiroshima, Hiroshima 739-8601, Japan Higashihiroshima City Board of Education North Building, 3rd Floor, Higashihiroshima City Hall ℡ 082-420-0976

10. Withdrawal from Enrollment and Waitlist Advancement

Students who are selected through the lottery are expected, in principle, to enroll in the Global Class. However, if a family wishes to withdraw due to relocation, family circumstances, or other unavoidable reasons, the parent/guardian must notify the Instruction Division by telephone no later than the deadline below.

Withdrawal Notification Deadline	November 20, 2026 (Friday) by 4:00 p.m,
Contact Information	〒739-8601 8-29 Saijo Sakaemachi, Higashihiroshima, Hiroshima 739-8601, Japan Higashihiroshima City Board of Education North Building, 3rd Floor, Higashihiroshima City Hall ℡ 082-420-0976
Required Submission	"Notice of Admission Approval" ※Please return the physical document either by registered mail or by hand delivery to the office.

Waitlist Advancement

※If any selected applicants withdraw, vacancies will be filled from the waitlist in the order determined by the lottery. Waitlisted applicants may be offered admission between November 24, 2026 (Tuesday) and by 4:00 p.m. on November 30, 2026 (Monday).

※The Instruction Division will contact waitlisted applicants by telephone. If a call cannot be answered or reaches voicemail, parents/guardians are requested to return the call promptly.

11. Orientation for Newly Enrolled Global Class Students

(1) Date and Time

Friday, January 29, 2027 (afternoon)

(2) Venue

Takamigaoka Elementary School Gymnasium

4-1-1 Takaya Takamigaoka, Higashihiroshima City

(3) Participants

Students enrolled in the Global Class and their parent(s)/guardian(s).

(4) Additional Information

Further details will be provided separately to successful applicants.

Notes

・These guidelines reflect information available as of October 2026 and are subject to change.
・The Global Class is being implemented as part of a model program for international education. The program may be reviewed and revised as necessary based on evaluations of its outcomes and identified challenges.

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