



## CLASS PLACEMENT

The Education Team meets at the beginning of each school year to place students in homeroom and target classes. Students may remain with the same homeroom and/or target class teacher for several years.

The homeroom class names are taken from traditional Japanese colors: Asagi, Karakurenai, Nanohana, Rindo, Terigaki, Toki, Uguisu, and Wakatake. The number, name, and assigned teachers of homerooms may change from year to year.

When making class placements the Education Team considers each student's:

- Age and grade
- Japanese proficiency level
- Japanese environment at home
- Social and emotional development and maturity
- Learning style and interests

In principle, classes have 12-15 students with some exceptions based on class dynamics.

### **Homeroom**

All Keisho students are assigned a homeroom each year. In the homeroom class, students study Japanese heritage language and both traditional and current culture approximately 90 to 180 minutes per instructional day. Younger students stay in their homeroom class the whole day and do not attend target class. The instructional program focuses on open-ended, hands-on projects and collaboration among learners and teachers. Students are expected to communicate with classmates and teachers in Japanese.

### **Target Class**

Keisho students in 3rd grade - 12th grade will be assigned a target class. In the target class, students study Japanese language approximately 60 minutes per instructional day. The Education Team considers a student's Japanese proficiency level when



making target class placements. The instructional program focuses on vocabulary, grammar, reading/writing skills, and the language used in contemporary society in Japan. Students are expected to communicate with classmates and teachers in Japanese.

### **Adult Program**

The adult program is available to adult family members of Keisho Center students, alumni, and staff. The adult student studies Japanese language and culture 60 minutes per instructional day. Students are placed by Japanese proficiency level into the beginning or intermediate class. Each class has between 5-10 students. The teacher bases lessons on the communicative approach to language learning and focuses on language the adult students need and can apply in their everyday lives. The adult student is expected to attempt to communicate with classmates and teachers in Japanese, however it is understood that English or other languages may be used to facilitate instruction.