

English Curriculum Links!

Ministry of Education

- **Basic Act on Education:** <http://www.mext.go.jp/english/lawandplan/1303462.htm>
- **Elementary Foreign Language Activities Course of Study:** http://www.mext.go.jp/component/english/_icsFiles/afieldfile/2011/03/17/1303755_011.pdf
- **Junior High School Foreign Language Course of Study:** http://www.mext.go.jp/component/english/_icsFiles/afieldfile/2011/03/17/1303755_013.pdf
- **Outline of the Revision of the Courses of Study:** http://www.mext.go.jp/english/elsec/_icsFiles/afieldfile/2011/03/28/1303755_001.pdf
- **Nation-wide Statistics:** <http://www.mext.go.jp/english/statistics/>

External Writings

- **“English Translation of the MEXT Guidelines”** (MEXT’s 2013 Senior High education policy) <http://ajet.net/announcement/english-translation-of-the-mext-guidelines/>
- **“Will the New English Curriculum for 2013 work?”** <http://jalt-publications.org/files/pdf-article/33.11-art2.pdf>
- **“English Education and Policy in Japan”** OECD (2009): <http://www.oecd.org/edu/cei/41521944.pdf>
- **“Behind MEXT’s new Course of Study Guidelines”** (excellent summary, 2012) http://jalt-publications.org/files/pdf-article/36.3_art1.pdf

Elementary “Foreign Language Activities”

- *Eigo Note* was the first ES English textbook (2009-2011)
 - **Akita JET translation for *Eigo Note 1*:** http://akitajet.com/wiki/Translation_of_Teacher's_5th_Year_Eigo_Note_Guide
 - **Akita JET translation for *Eigo Note 2*:** http://akitajet.com/wiki/Translation_of_Teacher's_6th_Year_Eigo_Note_Guide
 - **A great blog about *Eigo Note*:** <http://www.eigonoteblog.com/index.html>
- *Hi! Friends* became the government-administered textbook from 2012.
 - **Akita JET translation for *Hi! Friends (1 & 2)*:** http://akitajet.com/wiki/Hi_friends!
 - **Official Lesson Plans** (Japanese): <http://www.pref.kochi.lg.jp/soshiki/310304/download-gaikokugokatudou.html>
 - **MEXT Page of Links regarding ES English** (Japanese, some are out of date): http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/kokusai/gaikokugo/index.htm
- **English Language Education Council, Inc.:** <http://www.eigo-net.jp/>

Junior & Senior High School English

- **Note:** You might want to hunt down the website for the textbook that your school uses, but there is less confusion because the textbook will be in English and the JTE will be (generally) proficient.
- **Make-your-own Handwriting Worksheets:** <http://www.handwritingworksheets.com/flash/printdots/index.htm>

Other Links

- How to find “free to share” images online: <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/images/>
- freeimages (free stock photography with registration): <http://www.freeimages.com/>
- free clipart: <http://www.clker.com/>