



Parent Agreement Form

Thank you for considering Nagoya International School (NIS) as the school of choice for your child. We believe it is important for parents to appreciate our school mission and fully consider some of the fundamental differences between NIS and other schools before deciding to apply for admission. The decision to choose a school, regardless of nationality or cultural background, is an important decision that will affect your child profoundly for the rest of his or her life. Thus, it is critical that you fully understand and appreciate these differences to make an informed choice about your child's education. Such an understanding regarding our program and its outcomes will help to avoid future misunderstandings about the education your child would receive at NIS.

Nagoya International School offers an internationally recognized curricular program in English for students entering preschool through high school. NIS welcomes students of all nationalities as long as they meet the school's admission's requirements and are in agreement with our educational philosophy. In principle, we accept only those children who, in our opinion, will benefit from the unique education that we offer at NIS.

The mission and objectives of our school define our community and guide our program: we inspire and empower our students to think creatively and critically, pursue lifelong learning, and contribute positively to the global community. These words embody the skills and attributes we firmly believe are important for our students to succeed in creating their futures. They describe our enduring core purpose, and what our school community values.

Inevitably, in the pursuit of these values and through the interaction with other students from international backgrounds with different belief systems, our students will naturally acquire habits of mind and unique perspectives that set them apart from what might be expected had they attended their own national system of education.

In particular, beliefs about individualism and the role it plays in the formation of self-identity are significantly different between the Japanese and other cultures. According to some research, a Japanese child who does not matriculate through the Japanese educational system misses out on many of the experiences that are thought to be important for the formation of a "Japanese" identity. Therefore, as our classes do not follow the Japanese national curriculum, students graduating from NIS (and all other international schools) will find it difficult to continue their studies at Japanese universities.

Therefore, - and this is very important to understand - if a child with Japanese nationality enters NIS, it means he or she will be abandoning the "ordinary" Japanese education set by the Japanese Government. Further, it is required by law for the parents of a Japanese national to obtain permission from their local Board of Education for their child to be released from "Gimukyoiku" (compulsory education), and this must be completed before enrollment into NIS. Parents must also know that they are the ones responsible for the actions they take toward the Government.

Finally, it is the expressed intention of the school to see that all our students achieve their full potential in academics and that each of them behaves in a socially acceptable and responsible manner. If a student has difficulty academically or behaviorally, all available resources of the school will be provided to help improve learning. However, should difficulties continue the student will likely be placed on probation, asked to repeat a grade, or in more serious cases, requested to transfer to another school where success is more likely.

Lastly, parents are reminded that all fees are non-refundable, and all applicable tuition fees are refundable by the semester only.

We have read and understand the points above.

Name of Father/Guardian

Signature

Date

Name of Mother/Guardian

Signature

Date

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Student Name(s) *(Please list all applying students)*