

Labo/New England Exchange

Nihongo Program

Nihongo means “Japanese language”

The NIHONGO program is a 3-1/2 week intensive Japanese language program. Students live with Labo families in the Tokyo area and attend Japanese language classes five days per week. The innovative curriculum includes “Learning By Doing” field trips and cultural activities, small classes and a dedicated staff to help students learn the maximum amount of Japanese in a short time.

2010 Program Schedule

- January 20 **Application and \$100 application fee** due to Gina Iadarola. Check should be made out to: Labo/New England Nihongo Program
Late applications are accepted only on a ‘space available’ basis, and may result in higher airfare or delayed host family assignment.
- May 1 **Full Payment Due to Program manager:** Nihongo fee and airfare
- May 15 **Receive** Host Family Information Sheet and Orientation materials:
 -Participant Handbook, Brief Guide to Japan, Yookoso! phrasebook, NIHONGO language preparation tape and materials, NIHONGO class placement preliminary survey
- June 10 **Fly to Tokyo**
- June 11 Arrive Narita airport. Bus to Tokyo. Overnight stay in Tokyo
- June 12 Orientation. Meet host families
- June 14 First day of classes**
- July 7 Last day of classes**
- July 9 Move to hotel in Tokyo. Spend the night with the Summer Homestay exchangees arriving from Canada and the U.S.
- July 10 **Students taking ONLY the NIHONGO course depart Japan**
 or
Students staying for the Summer Homestay program travel to host families
- August 4 Return to Tokyo from homestays. Overnight stay in Tokyo.
- August 5 Depart Japan and arrive in USA**

COST

\$1,000	NIHONGO fee covers: Tuition, texts, and school supplies; Commuting pass; All travel, food and lodging in Japan (EXCEPT lunch on school days); Field trips and admission fees; Narita airport user fee; \$30 yen packet; Exchange T-shirts; and Labo supervision throughout the program.
Airfare TBA	Airfares will be announced in February
Spending Money	Individual needs will vary. It is recommended that students bring about \$75 for each week they will be in Japan.
Passport	Participants are responsible for obtaining a valid passport.
Airport Taxes	in the U.S. are the responsibility of participants
Lunch on school days	is the responsibility of participants.
Refund Policy	\$100 is non-refundable. The balance of the NIHONGO fee (\$900) is refundable until June 1. After June 1, all but \$250 is refundable. Airfare refunds depend on the air carrier's policy.

LABO SCHOLARSHIP

For each Labo member hosted in the US (up to three), participants may deduct \$100 from the NIHONGO fee. Scholarships may be claimed only once.

SUMMER HOMESTAY ADD-ON

The 4-week Labo Summer Homestay program begins the day after the NIHONGO program ends. The cost for both programs is \$2150. Please contact your Exchange Coordinator for more information about the Summer Homestay program.

QUESTIONS?

Contact your Exchange Coordinator, or

EXCHANGE COORDINATOR

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