



**My future!**

**My education!**

**My language choice!**

Since I was in junior high, I really want to study Japanese as a foreign language. Therefore, my grandmother (my legal guardian) enrolled me in the Kanji Camp Japanese classroom for foreign language studies because my public school doesn't offer Japanese.

I'm required to take a foreign language credit, but I didn't want to take Spanish, French or German, the courses my public school offered. Since I was enjoying my Japanese studies and making good progress, we asked my school guidance counselor whether I could use my external studies at Kanji Camp for academic credit.

Thankfully, my school holds the philosophy that valuable learning for life can take place beyond its walls. The principal reviewed my request to count Japanese for credit and could see that I was engaged in quality educational system at Kanji Camp. Therefore, with my principals support, we asked Kanji Camp if they would help me gain academic credit for public school.

It was agreed that I would need to receive the same number of instructional hours required by the Indiana Department of Education. And then submit attendance records and timely final grades, when most convenient to the Kanji Camp program. I think it is great that my school is so willing to work with me to help me gain credit to learn the language that I REALLY want to learn.