

## Your Japanese Counterpart

Students in Japan attend school just like you do. In some ways,	12
their experiences are similar. But there are also great differences. The	23
first big difference is how they get to school in the morning! In	36
America, many students ride yellow school buses to school. In Japan,	47
most students – even those of kindergarten age – travel to school on	58
their own. They take public buses or subways to school if they are	71
available.	72
Japanese schools have some different rules compared to those	81
in America. The dress code in Japanese schools is much stricter. Most	93
students in Japan must wear uniforms. Boys often wear a special suit	105
called a <i>gakuran</i> . Girls wear blazers and skirts or a sailor outfit called	118
a <i>fuku</i> . At some schools, students wear pins to show their grade level.	131