

## Changes in MEXT policy



- ▶ The new 大学入学共通テスト!!
- ▶ This 'Common Test' will feature revised English section testing the four skills
- ▶ Private tests in English can also be submitted (hello TOEFL and EIKEN!)

## Motivating and Evaluating Students

- ▶ Students who want to attend university may be required to have Eiken certification
- ▶ Eiken practice is a good way to show students how their English skills are improving
- ▶ Some ways to determine what level of Eiken is appropriate:
  - ▶ Short practice test
  - ▶ Teacher assessment based on class content

## New Speaking and Writing Tests

- ▶ Students taking the 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade tests can also do a speaking section when taking the test online
- ▶ The Eiken test will also be adding a short writing section for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and above



## Daily or Whole Lesson Prep

- ▶ Teachers who wish to incorporate short, regular Eiken practice into their lessons can use practice questions as warm-up
- ▶ If the school schedule and time permit, whole lessons answering sample questions or doing mock interviews as a class are great

## First and Second Exams

- ▶ JTEs are more equipped to help students with the first test (the written test with grammar and vocabulary)
- ▶ Students should also drill vocabulary on their own time
- ▶ ALTs can be excellent mock judges for the second test (interview test)



## Understanding the Eiken Formula

- ▶ The interview test has a set pattern for each grade level
- ▶ When preparing students to take the interview test, show them the pattern and how to answer it appropriately
- ▶ Show students common mistakes and how to correct them



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
DO THE  
PRACTICE TEST**



### ***Preparing in Large Groups***

- ▶ Test prep is usually done in a single class, but it is also possible to prepare in large groups
- ▶ Students should work in pairs or teams of three
- ▶ Practice answering questions, following up with extra information



### ***Let's Try!***

- ▶ Find a partner and choose who will go first.
- ▶ The person taking the interview can choose the level of test they want to practice and have their partner administer the test.
- ▶ When the interview is over, the interviewer should provide constructive feedback