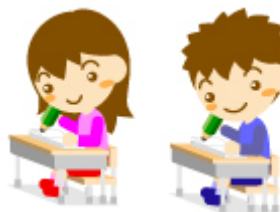


To Children's Guardians

Japanese public elementary and secondary schools accept foreign children, same as Japanese students, and will receive the same education if they wish to enroll.



1. Japanese Elementary and Secondary Education

■ The Term of Elementary and Junior Secondary School

Children enter elementary school (*shougakkou*) in the April following their 6th birthday and study for six years. After graduating from elementary school, students enter junior high school (*chuugakkou*) for a further three years.

Also, students may be enrolled in the middle of a term, in months other than April.

■ Tuition and Textbooks

Tuition of public elementary and junior high schools, along with textbooks, are free of charge. However, there is a fee for school lunch and school supplies every month.

■ Financial Assistance

Financial assistance can be received from the board of education of cities, towns or villages for school supplies and school lunches, if it is determined that there is a financial need.

■ School Subjects

Elementary School : Japanese, Social Studies, Arithmetic, Science, Life Studies, Music, Drawing and Crafts, Home Economics, and Physical Education
Junior High School : Japanese, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, Music, Art, Physical Education, Technical Arts and Home Economics, and English

2. Admission Procedure for Entering Public Elementary and Secondary School

(1) Parents/Guardians should to the alien registration counter and the board of education at City Hall (or the ward, town or village office). Parents should inform this office of their desire to enroll their child into a Japanese public school. "I would like to put our child in school, so please perform the necessary procedures."

(2) Decide on a school and complete the procedures.

(A child's year in school is usually determined by age.)

(3) Parents/guardians should go to the school with their child/children to discuss their child's school life with their teachers. "We completed the procedure at the board of education and we were told to put our child in this school. Please perform the admission procedures."

Foreign Student Education Base Schools

In order to provide quality education to foreign students, Tochigi Prefecture has schools that cater to foreign children that cannot understand Japanese. These base schools are public elementary and junior high schools.

These schools are equipped with classrooms specifically to teach foreign students. Along with Japanese language, the teachers of these classes teach foreign students how to study and live in a Japanese school, in order to allow them to develop the skills necessary to take classes along with Japanese students.

These base schools are listed below. For those who wish to enroll children in these schools, please complete the enrollment procedures at your respective board of education.

〈Elementary Schools〉 26 Schools

Utsunomiya Elementary
Utsunomiya Kiohara Chuo Elementary
Utsunomiya Kiohara Higashi Elem.
Utsunomiya Izumigaoka Elementary
Utsunomiya Okamoto Elementary
Kanuma Higashi Elementary
Moka Moka Elementary
Moka Moka Higashi Elementary
Moka Moka Nishi Elementary
Ninomiya Kugeta Elementary
Mibu Mutsumi Elementary
Ohira Ohira Chuo Elementary
Oyama Asahi Elementary
Oyama Oyamajoto Elementary
Oyama Oya Higashi Elementary
Otawara Nishihara Elementary
Nasu Shiobara Mishima Elementary

Nasu Shiobara Kyoei Elementary
Nasu Shiobara Higashi Elementary
Sano Tenmyo Elementary
Sano Inubishi Elementary
Sano Ueno Elementary
Ashikaga Keno Elementary
Ashikaga Mikuriya Elementary
Ashikaga Higashi Elementary
Ashikaga Yarube Elementary

〈Junior High Schools〉 10 Schools

Utsunomiya Kiohara Junior High
Utsunomiya Kinu Junior High
Utsunomiya Isumigaoka Jnr. High
Moka Moka Junior High
Moka Moka Nishi Junior High
Moka Moka Higashi Junior High
Oyama Oyama Daisan Junior High
Oyama Joto Junior High
Otawara Otawara Junior High
Sano Joto Junior High



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