

13. Education

In 1994, Japan ratified the “Convention on the Right of the Child” which was adopted in the United Nations General Assembly in 1989. This convention stipulates the right of children to receive education. The guardians of children with a foreign nationality do not have an obligation to have their children receive education in Japan, however, every child has the right to have education.



[Japanese Education System]

(1) 6-3-3-4-year system

In Japan, the education system consists of 6 years of elementary school-*Shougakkou*, 3 years of junior high school-*Chugakkou*, 3 years of senior high school-*Koutou Gakkou*, and 4 years of university-*Daigaku* (2 years of junior college-*Tanki Daigaku*).

※ In Nagahama City, there are compulsory education schools (elementary and secondary integrated education school) that consistently educate 9 years of compulsory education (6 years of elementary school, 3 years of junior high school).

(2) Compulsory education

Compulsory education includes elementary and junior high schools. All children must enter and graduate from elementary and junior high schools. Compulsory education is an obligation imposed on Japanese nationals. However, regardless of their nationality, children with foreign nationals aged between 6 and 15 who live in Japan are admitted to enter a local elementary and junior high schools, and compulsory schools at the same tuition with Japanese nationals if they want.

(1) Elementary school -*Shougakkou* and Junior high school -*Chugakkou*

In Japan, the compulsory education includes elementary school (6 years) and junior high school (3 years) and . Compulsory school (9 years) The school life involves Japanese customs, events, and rules. Please respect them and encourage your child to enjoy his/her school life without stress. In Japan, the school year is determined based on the age of the child. As a rule, a child with foreign nationality is also admitted to the school year of his/her age.

[Procedure for entrance] If you want to have your child enroll in elementary or junior high school, and compulsory school, please consult with Education and Guidance Division- *Kyouiku Shidou-ka* (headquarters of Nagahama City hall) and complete the necessary procedures.

[Admission notice] If you register your residency in Nagahama City, the admission notice will be sent to household with child who are going to enroll the elementary and junior high school. And inform the date of admission, and school to attend.

* If you do not receive a notice letter, please make an inquiry to the *Kyouiku Suishin-ka* as soon as possible.

[Remark] Please give notice to *Kyouiku Shidou-ka* promptly when there is a problem to attend a school such as illness etc, your child enrolls the school for visually impaired / hearing impaired / disabled children, or you have changed your address, etc.

Click here for information on city elementary and junior high schools and compulsory education schools
(List of elementary and junior high schools and compulsory education schools URL: Nagahama City HP)
<https://www.city.nagahama.lg.jp/0000013986.html>

(2) Financial assistance system for school attendance-*Shugaku Enjo Seido*

Nagahama City subsidize a portion of expenses which is necessary for school (expenses for school supplies, entrance, school trip, school lunch, etc.) to household having financial difficulty and which has students of public Shougakkou, Chuugakkou or Compulsory Education Schools of Shiga prefecture as well as having registered their residencies in Nagahama City. Application for school support is required every year.

Application is accepted any time; however, the subsidy is started to be paid on the following month of the month the application was made. (If the application was made on the first day of the month, the subsidy will be paid on that month.) If you would like to receive this assistance, please consult at Educational Guidance Division (Headquarters of Nagahama City Hall).

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