

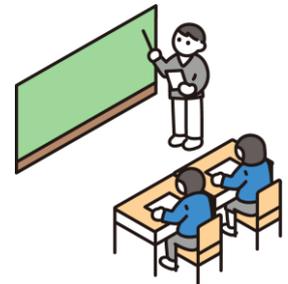


The Japanese school year begins in April and ends in March of the following year. Elementary school has six grades, junior high school has three grades, and high school has three grades. Elementary and junior high school are compulsory education.

Children enter elementary school in the school year when they turn seven and graduate in the school year when they turn twelve. They enter junior high school in the school year when they turn thirteen and graduate in the school year when they turn fifteen.

Although foreign children are not required to attend Japanese schools, the Nagano City Board of Education recommends that they enroll in elementary or junior high school. If they enroll, their grade is determined by their age.

To complete the enrollment procedures, please first register your residence at the general service counter of City Hall. Then apply at the School Education Division with your child's residence card and your own.



At public elementary and junior high schools, tuition and textbooks are free, but parents are responsible for paying for school lunches and other educational expenses. However, if parents have a low income, they can apply for the school financial assistance program, which helps cover the costs of school supplies and lunches. The school provides lunch, so there is no need to prepare a packed lunch.

If your child moves to another city or town, please obtain the necessary transfer documents from the current school, submit them to the Board of Education of the city or town you are moving to, and complete the enrollment procedures to transfer to the new school.

In order to enter a Japanese high school, your child needs to pass the entrance exams. Foreign children living in Nagano Prefecture may be eligible for special accommodations for high school entrance exams. For more information, please visit the website of the High School Education Division, Nagano Prefecture Board of Education..

Nagano Prefecture High School Education Division Website →

