

## **4-2 Education**

### **(1) Elementary School, Junior High School and Compulsory Education School**

#### **○ Education System**

The nine years of education, 6 years in elementary school and 3 years in junior high school, or 9 years in compulsory education school are mandatory in Japan.

It is not mandatory for non-Japanese children to attend school. If you wish to put your children into a municipal elementary or a junior high school, the children may enter a school.

The school year begins in April and runs until the following March.

- Elementary school and compulsory education school: Enter school in the first April after a child turns 6.

- Junior high school: Enter school in the first April after a child turns 12.

Tuition (including textbooks) in that period is free of charge (public school). However, other expenses such as for school lunches must be paid. The area in which you live determines which school your child will enter.

※Class hours are generally from 8:30 to 15:30 on weekdays. (The time may vary slightly depending on the grade level, day and the school.) Schools are closed on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays. Summer vacation is the longest one lasting about 5 weeks, while the winter and spring breaks are about 2 weeks each.

#### **○ Enrollment and Transfer from out of City / Overseas**

※Around October, information about school entrance will be sent to the parents of preschoolers living in Toyonaka City with resident registration. (Includes invitation to preschool physical checkup)

[Public]

Enrollment	If you wish to put your child into a public school, apply for the enrollment at the sections below. We will send you shugaku tsuchi (admission notice) later.
Transfer from out of City / overseas	After registering the child's residency, apply for the school enrollment at the sections below.

※Please inquire at each school for information on national and private schools.

【Inquiries】School and Student Health Div.

TEL: 06-6858-2553 (Application for enrollment)

TEL: 06-6858-2571 (Health checkups before entering elementary school))

Transfer from overseas

TEL:06-6858-2573 (Human Rights Education Section)

(Consultation Room for Foreign Students) TEL: 06-6858-2375

## ○ Changing School

Procedure	Within Toyonaka City		Outside Toyonaka City
①Civic Records Division	The Civic Records Division will issue a Notice to Enter School.	The Civic Records Division will issue a Notice to Transfer School.	The Civic Records Division will issue a Notice to Enter/Transfer School.
②Present School	—	On production of the Notice to Transfer School, the present school will issue: • Student Registration Certificate • Textbook Supply Certificate	On production of the Notice to Transfer School, the present school will issue: • Student Registration Certificate • Textbook Supply Certificate
③New School	Please submit: • Notice to Enter/Transfer School • Student Registration Certificate • Textbook Supply Certificate		Please submit: • Student Registration Certificate • Textbook Supply Certificate

【Inquiries】06-6858-2553 (School and Student Health Div.)

※ For information on enrollment in a national or private elementary/junior high school, inquire at each school. Please inquire at the Board of Education in the area about elementary schools or junior high schools outside Toyonaka City.

## ○ Hokago Kodomo Club (afterschool childcare)

This club is held at municipal elementary/ compulsory education schools for 1st to 4th graders who live in Toyonaka City or attend a Toyonaka municipal elementary/ compulsory education school and are without parental guidance after school because of work or other reasons. (Up to 6th grade if the child is in a special needs class or goes to a special needs school.)

- On school days..... Monday~Friday After school –19:00
- During vacation(Spring, summer and winter holidays)・・・Monday~Friday 8:00 – 19:00
- Saturdays・・・8:00 – 17:00

※ Separate applications are required for attending after 17:00 and on Saturdays.

【Inquiries】06-6858-2578 (Learning and Growing Support Div. Administrative Section)

## ○ School Expense Subsidies

Financial aid is offered to parents of students attending elementary/junior high/compulsory education schools to cover expenses of school supplies, school lunches, school trips, etc. as well as medical expenses for specified illnesses. (There are income restrictions.)

【Inquiries】TEL: 06-6858-2553

(School and Student Health Div.)

## ( 2 ) Other Information

### ○ Supportive Programs for Returnee and Foreign Students

#### [Dispatching Interpreters to School]

Interpreters are dispatched for a certain period to help with communication in their school life.

Interpreters are also dispatched to parent-teacher interviews.

#### [Kokusai Kyoshitsu (Ueno, Sakuraidani, Higashi-Toyonaka, etc./)]

Students learn Japanese through guidance mainly of speaking, reading, and writing as well as enjoyable activities. They also learn subjects they have not learned yet and Japanese culture.

#### [Japanese Class for Children]

It is a class for students who want to study Japanese.

【Inquiries】Tel: 06-6858-2573 (School Education Div. Human Rights Education Sec.)

Tel: 06-6858-2375 (Consultation Room for Foreign Students)

### ○ Support System for Going to High School

#### [Toyonaka City Scholarship]

Assistance by way of loans is available to students who have difficulty in attending public or private high school for economic reasons (without interest). There are income restrictions and conditions for eligibility.

【Inquiries】(School and Student Health Div.) Tel. 06-6858-2553

#### [Private High School Enrollment Preparatory Loan]

Assistance by way of loans is available to families who are experiencing financial difficulties in paying entrance fees to private high schools. There are income restrictions and conditions for eligibility. After the full amount of the loan has been repaid, the subsidy corresponding to the interest on the loan will be refunded on certain occasions.

【Inquiries】(School and Student Health Div.) Tel. 06-6858-2553

## ○ Multilingual Information

[ Guide Book on Preparation for Elementary School]

(Published by Osaka Prefecture)

You may download from the website of Osaka Prefecture.

Language : English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Thai,  
Filipino, Portuguese, Spanish, Russian

URL: <https://www.pref.osaka.lg.jp/jidoseitoshien/tonitimae/index.html>

[ Multilingual School Life Support Information]

(Provided by Osaka Prefecture)

“Information for Students” introduces school life in Japan and a student’s future course. “Information for Guardians” introduces the procedure to enroll in school, support systems including interpreter dispatching service, scholarships, and consultation on refusal to attend school. You may find many kinds of information at the website of Osaka Prefecture.

Language : English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Filipino, Nepali, Portuguese, Spanish, Indonesian, Thai, Russian and Ukrainian.

URL: <https://www.pref.osaka.lg.jp/shochugakko/kikokutoniti-sapo/gakkousa-po-to.html>

