



3 Elementary school and junior high school

Six years of elementary school education and three years of junior high school education are compulsory in Japan. School life will involve Japanese customs, events and rules. Please respect them and encourage your child to enjoy his or her school life without stress.

3-1 School age

School age means the age at which a child can enter a school: age six to enter an elementary school and age twelve to enter a junior high school.

In Japan, students belong to each grade according to their age. Those of foreign nationality are likely to be transferred into a grade according to their age.

3-2 School expenses

National/public schools	Entrance fees, tuition fees and textbooks are provided at no cost for elementary and junior high students. However, teaching materials other than textbooks, school supplies, lunch, excursions and uniforms must be prepared at your own expense.
Private schools	Entrance fees and tuition fees must also be paid at your own expense.