



3 Elementary school and junior high school

3-4 Procedures for transfer (after entrance)

If you wish to transfer your child to a public elementary school or junior high school, visit your municipal administrative office and carry out the procedures for transfer. The child will then transfer to the designated school on the designated day. As a general principle, the child will transfer to a grade according to his or her age. However, it is also possible for the child to temporarily study in a lower grade due to circumstances such as lack of Japanese ability. If you are concerned about this, please consult the Board of Education in your municipal administrative office or the teachers in the respective school.

If you wish your child to enter an international school or national/private school, please enquire directly at the respective school.

3-5 School life (if your child does not yet speak fluent Japanese)

Classes will be taught in Japanese. Thus, many elementary schools and junior high schools will have a Japanese education program for Japanese learners. Consult the teachers if you are concerned about your child's language abilities; they will help the child to learn Japanese and give advice that will help him or her quickly become accustomed to daily life using Japanese.

3-6 School life (events)

Various school events are held throughout the year. You will be given advance notice from the school. Participation to these events will help you get along with your life in Japan. The following are some examples of commonly held events.

- Sports festivals

Sports festivals are events dedicated to enjoying sports. They are held on weekends most commonly in spring or autumn. Families go to cheer on their child.

- Field trips

Field trips are day trips led by teachers to nearby locations.

- Senior year excursions

The whole grade will go on an excursion for few nights, most likely in their senior year.