



3 Elementary school and junior high school

3-7 PTAs

Each school will have an educational board by the parents and teachers known as the PTAs (Parent-Teacher Associations).

This is an organization which carries out activities where parents and teachers work together for the benefit of their children.

3-8 Children's Club (gakudo clubs)

Children's clubs are for children (up to 3rd grade) without parents to look after them during the daytime. They provide a place for children to be after school hours and aim to foster physically and mentally health children through suitable play. For details, refer to section [5-2 Children's clubs \(gakudo clubs\) on chapter H Childbirth/childcare](#).

3-9 After graduation from junior high school

There are several options for junior high school graduates to continue their studies. They may continue their studies at high schools or specialized high schools, or go onto at specialized training schools, miscellaneous schools, or vocational training schools. They may also choose to work as they study under a part-time system or on a correspondence courses.