

Guidance on Entering High School for Students & Guardians of Non-Japanese Speakers

Prefectural High School Entrance Examination Schedule for School Year 2016/Heisei 28 (Starting April 2016)

February 2016/Heisei 28

18 (Thurs)

Submit school entrance application, examination admission card, and school report to the high school (by Designated Delivery Date mail only)

19 (Fri) 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Or 22 (Mon) 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Submit school entrance application, examination admission card, and school report (in person at the high school)

24 (Wed)

Or 25 (Thurs) 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can change the high school you apply for once if you wish

March

2 (Wed)

Academic Achievement Examination

3 (Thurs)

Practical Skill Examination or Interview

(for some high schools)

10 (Thurs), 9 a.m. **Announcement of accepted candidates (all high schools)**

※Vacancies will be filled if schools do not meet their target enrollment (number of students) through the first round of entrance exams. Please ask individual schools for their vacancy-filling schedule and details.



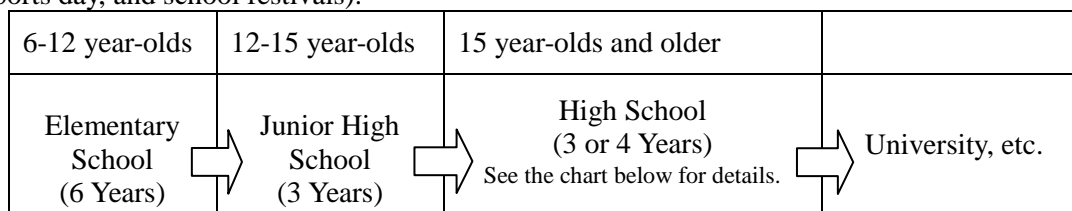
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Questions		Where	Contact Information	Cf.
Entrance Examination and School Information Meeting	Public Schools	Saitama Prefectural Education Center Department of Academic Counseling and Guidance	phone: 048-556-2439 email: p7412216@pref.saitama.lg.jp web page : http://www.center.spec.ed.jp/	⇒ p.2
		The Saitama Prefecture Board of Education High School Education Management Division	phone: 048-830-6766 email: a6760@pref.saitama.lg.jp web page: http://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/f2208/nyuushi.html	
	Private Schools	The Saitama Prefecture Private High School Association	web page : http://www.saitamashigaku.com/	
Non-Graduates of Junior High Schools in Japan		The Saitama Prefecture Board of Education Prefectural School Management and Personnel Division	phone: 048-830-6735 web page: https://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/f2207/nyugakusya-senbatsu/kaigai.html	⇒ p.3
Student Loans, Scholarships, and Financial Aid		The Saitama Prefecture Board of Education Financial Affairs Division	“Saitama Prefectural Scholarships for Secondary School Students” phone : 048-830-6652 Web page: http://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/f2204/j-s	⇒ p.4
		The Saitama Prefecture Department of General Affairs Private School Affairs Division	“Subsidy to Support Parents of Private School Students” phone : 048-830-2725 Web page: http://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/a0204/fubofutan2.html	
Japanese Education System		Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Japan	“Guide for Foreign Students to Start School ~Procedures for Entering Japanese Schools” web page : http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/shotou/clarinet/003/1320860.htm	
Information for Foreign Students		The Saitama Prefecture Board of Education Compulsory Education Management Division	“Foreign Students Support Page” web page : http://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/page/kikokugaikokujinsa_poutojigyou240120.html	
Japanese Language Classes		SIA (Saitama Information & Support)	phone : 048-833-2992 (SIA office) 048-833-3296 (SIS) web page: http://www.sia1.jp/foreign_guidance	

1 What are High Schools in the Japanese Educational System?

High schools are generally 3-year schools for people who have graduated from junior high school. Unlike elementary and junior high schools, you must pass an exam to enter high school. Even after you enter high school, you may not be able to proceed to the next grade or graduate if you don't perform well in class.

High schools also offer various club activities and events throughout the year (such as single-day and overnight field trips, sports days, and school festivals).



※Students born in April through the following March are in the same grade.

2 Types of High Schools

(1) Public High School

		Days & Time	Study Hours/day	Required school years to graduate	Courses
Full Time School		Monday to Friday 8:30 AM~3:30 PM	6 sessions Extra curricular activities	3 years	Comprehensive Special Subject (※1) Integrated (※2)
Part Time School	Evening	Monday to Friday 5:30 PM~9:00 PM	4 sessions Extra curricular activities, school lunch	4 years	Comprehensive Special Subject
	3-Course System	3-course system: I (morning course), II (afternoon course), & III (nighttime course)	4 sessions (Sessions from other courses can be combined) Extra curricular activities, school lunch	3 to 4 years	Integrated (credit system) (※3)
	2-Course System	2-course system: I (morning/afternoon course) & II (afternoon/nighttime course)			
Correspondence Courses		Go to school 2-3 times a month	Study at home and submit reports		Comprehensive

(※1) Special Subjects Courses: Industrial, Commercial, Agricultural, Foreign Language

(※2) Integrated Studies Courses: In addition to required subjects, you are free to choose classes from Comprehensive and Special Subjects

(※3) Based on the credit system, you can study both technical and general subjects such as Welfare, Business, International Studies, Natural Science, and so on.

(2) Private High School (All other schools except for public high schools)

There are full-time and part-time schools. Please ask each school for more details.

3 School Information Meetings

Each school holds information meetings. It is highly recommended to attend these meetings before you make your final decision for application so that you can see the school and ask questions in person. There are also joint school information meetings that provide opportunities for students to obtain information from many schools at once.

Please contact each school and/or Saitama Prefectural Education Center (regarding public schools) for the schedule. Or visit the Saitama Prefectural Education Center website (http://www.center.spec.ed.jp/?page_id-173) for the schedule and other information concerning high school entrance exams.

4 Entrance Examinations

Qualifications	① Persons who have graduated from junior high schools in Japan or overseas OR students who are expected to graduate in March 2016 ② Persons who did not graduate from junior high schools but are qualified to have academic abilities equivalent to junior high school graduates ※A “Qualification Certificate” (<i>Shikaku Nintei</i>) is required for those who are not graduates from junior high schools in Japan. Please refer to “Section 5: Those Who Have Not Graduated from Junior High Schools in Japan” for more information.
Place of Exam	All full-time and part-time schools
Number of Students Accepted	The number varies for each school
Application Materials	The school entrance application form, examination admission card, and school report
Exam Contents Vary from School to School	① Academic Achievement Examination only (Japanese, Math, Social Studies, Science, and English) ② Academic Achievement Examination and Interview ③ Academic Achievement Examination and Practical Skill Examination ※These tests are the same ones given to Japanese students. For schools that offer exams specifically for non-Japanese students, see Section 6: Special Selection Process for Non-Japanese Students.

※If you apply to a private high school, please consult the school for specific information about examinations.

5 Those Who Have Not Graduated from Junior High Schools in Japan

A “Qualification Certificate” (*Shikaku Nintei*) is necessary for taking the examination when you apply to public high schools (prefectural AND municipal).

Please be sure to consult the Prefectural School Management and Personnel Division (*Kenritsu Gakkou Jinji-Ka Gakuji Tantou*), Saitama Prefecture Board of Education for requirements before applying.

※Please contact each school if you plan to take entrance examinations for private schools.

Application Materials

Qualification Certificate Application Form to Apply for Saitama Prefectural High Schools 2016	Available at the office of Prefectural School Management and Personnel Division, or visit their web page to download.
Proof of residence with guardian in Saitama Prefecture ※Different documents are required depending on types of residence.	① Own residence : Property Registration Certificate ② Resident of public housing : A tenant certificate City-run public housing ⇒ proof available at city hall Prefecture-run public housing ⇒ proof available at branch offices of the Saitama Public Housing Corporation ③ Resident of apartments and others: A copy of the House Rental Contract
Documents to prove school completion in a foreign country	School diploma or academic transcripts

6 Special Selection Process for Non-Japanese Students

The following 6 schools offer exams for non-Japanese students who have lived in Japan for only a short time.

High Schools Conducting Special Selection Process for Non-Japanese Students

Iwatsuki HS (Comprehensive • International Culture), Soka Minami HS (Comprehensive • Foreign Language), Nanryo HS (Comprehensive • Foreign Language), Fukaya Daiichi HS (Comprehensive), Wako Kokusai HS (Comprehensive • Foreign Language), Warabi HS (Comprehensive • Foreign Language)

(1) Qualifications

- Persons who have lived in Japan for less than three years in total (as of February 1, 2016)
- Persons who live in Saitama with legal guardians or who anticipate living in Saitama by March 31, 2016

(2) Entrance Examination

Academic Achievement Examination (Math and English) and Interview

※Even if there are only a few applicants, you may not be accepted if your examination results do not meet the required school standards.

7 School Expenses

(1) Types of Expenses

	Public High School		Private High School
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time
Entrance Examination Fee	2,200 yen	950 yen	Approx. 24,000 yen (average)
Entrance Fee (※1)	5,650 yen	2,100 yen	Approx. 226,000 yen (average)
Tuition(※2)	118,800 yen per year	32,400 yen per year	Approx. 377,000 yen per year
Items to prepare when entering school (※3)	Required to buy designated school uniform, textbooks, exercise wear for physical education class, and other necessary items. Approx. 50,000 yen~80,000 yen		Costs more than public high schools
Miscellaneous Fees (※3,4)	Approx. 10,000~20,000 yen per month	Approx. 5,000 yen per month	Costs more than public high schools
School Lunch	No lunch provided	Approx. 50,000 yen per year	No lunch provided
Total/year	Approx. 50,000 yen upon enrollment Approx. 300,000~450,000 yen per year	Approx. 20,000 yen upon enrollment Approx. 200,000 yen per year	Varies in each school Ask each school for details

(※1) Fee is subject to change.

(※2) Fee is subject to change.

(※3) Varies in each school.

(※4) Miscellaneous fees include PTA membership fee, school sponsorship fee, student council fee, course material fee, educational trips (such as school excursion) fund, and others.

(2) Exemptions of School Fees

Some high schools have a system of exempting a student from paying entrance fees and miscellaneous fees. Please consult with teachers before or right after your enrollment to school.

8 Student Loans and Scholarships

Various educational financial support systems are offered for students in need. There are student loans that require repayment and scholarships. Decisions are made by taking the financial status of the family and students' school records into consideration.

(1) Scholarships (You do NOT need to repay any money you receive.)

- High School Enrollment Support Fund (for students attending public or private high schools, etc.)
- Subsidy to Support Parents of Private School Students (for students and guardian who live in Saitama; student must attend a private high school in Saitama)
- Stipend for National/Public School Students (for students attending national or public schools; guardian must live in Saitama)
- Stipend for Private School Students (for students attending private schools; guardian must live in Saitama)

(2) Student Loans (You DO need to repay all money you receive.)

- Saitama Prefecture Student Loan Program for Senior High School Students (guardian must live in Saitama)

(3) Other Student Loans and Scholarships

- Municipal Scholarships: Some municipalities provide scholarships. Please ask the municipal offices for information.