

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

Prefectural High School Entrance Examination Schedule for School Year 2021/Reiwa 3 (Starting April 2021)

February 2021/Reiwa 3

- 12 (Fri)** Submit school entrance application, examination admission card, and school report to the high school (by Designated Delivery Date mail only)
- 15 (Mon) 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**  
**Or 16 (Tue) 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Submit school entrance application, examination admission card, and school report (in person at the high school)
- 18 (Thurs) 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**  
**Or 19 (Fri) 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** You can change the high school you apply for once if you wish
- 26 (Fri) Academic Achievement Examination**



March

- 1 (Mon) Practical Skill Examination or Interview (for some high schools)**
- 3 (Wed) Additional Examination** (for applicants who were unable to take all their school examinations due to illness, etc. See the Saitama Prefecture Senior High School Education Management Division Homepage and Guide to the Entrant Selection Process for details.)
- 8 (Mon), 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.

## Inquires

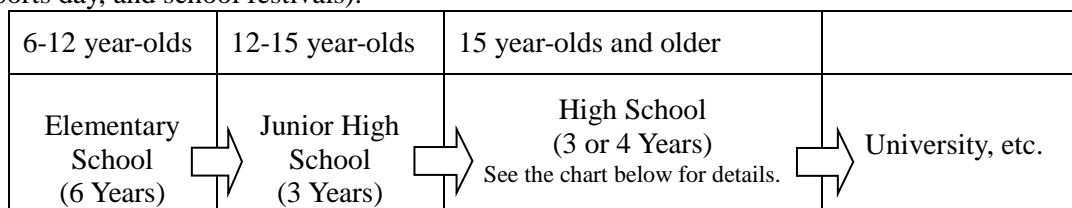
Questions		Where	Contact Information	Cf.
School Information Meeting Entrance Examination and	Public Schools	Saitama Prefectural Education Center Department of Academic Counseling and Guidance	phone: 048-556-2439 email: <a href="mailto:p7412216@pref.saitama.lg.jp">p7412216@pref.saitama.lg.jp</a> web page: <a href="http://www1.center.spec.ed.jp/?page_id=173">http://www1.center.spec.ed.jp/?page_id=173</a>	⇒ p.2
		The Saitama Prefecture Board of Education High School Education Management Division	phone: 048-830-6766 email: <a href="mailto:a6760@pref.saitama.lg.jp">a6760@pref.saitama.lg.jp</a> web page: <a href="https://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/f2208/r3nyuushi-jouhou.html">https://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/f2208/r3nyuushi-jouhou.html</a>	
	Private Schools	The Saitama Prefecture Private High School Association	web page: <a href="http://saitamashigaku.com/">http://saitamashigaku.com/</a>	
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: <a href="https://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/f2207/nyugakusya-senbatsu/kaigai.html">https://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/f2207/nyugakusya-senbatsu/kaigai.html</a>	⇒ p.3	
Financial Support Systems for High School Expenses	The Saitama Prefecture Board of Education Financial Affairs Division	“Saitama Prefectural Scholarships for Secondary School Students” phone: 048-830-6652 Web page: <a href="http://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/f2204/j-s">http://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/f2204/j-s</a>	⇒ p.4	
	The Saitama Prefecture Department of General Affairs Private School Affairs Division Tuition Reduction Help Desk	“Saitama Prefecture Subsidy to Support Parents of Private School Students” phone: 048-830-2725 (*July 15 - November 26 phone: 048-789-6200) Web page: <a href="https://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/a0204/fubofutan2.html">https://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/a0204/fubofutan2.html</a>		
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: <a href="http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/shotou/clarinet/003/1320860.htm">http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/shotou/clarinet/003/1320860.htm</a>		
Information for Foreign Students	The Saitama Prefecture Board of Education Compulsory Education Management Division	“Foreign Students Support Page” web page: <a href="http://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/f2214/kikokugaikokujinsapoutojigyuu240120.html">http://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/f2214/kikokugaikokujinsapoutojigyuu240120.html</a>		
Japanese Language Classes	Saitama International Association (Saitama Information & Support)	phone: 048-833-2992 (SIA office) 048-833-3296 (SIS) web page: <a href="http://www.sia1.jp/foreign/_guidance">http://www.sia1.jp/foreign/_guidance</a>		

英語 English

# 1 What are High Schools in the Japanese Educational System?

High schools are generally 3 to 4-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 day, 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		(Generally) Monday to Friday 8:40 AM~3:40 PM	6 sessions Extra-curricular activities	3 years	Comprehensive Special Subject (※1) Integrated (※2)
Part Time School	Evening	(Generally) Monday to Friday 5:30 PM~9:00 PM	4 sessions Extra-curricular activities, school lunch	4 years	Comprehensive Integrated 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 Comprehensive (credit system) (※3)
	2-Course System	2-course system: I (morning/afternoon course) & II (afternoon/nighttime course)			
		2-course system: I (morning/afternoon course) & II (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 various technical and general 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. School contact details for inquiries are available on the Saitama Prefectural Government Private School Affairs Division Website:

(<http://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/a0204/shiritsuitiran/koukou24.html>)

## 3 School Information Meetings (Meetings may be subject to change.)

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://www1.center.spec.ed.jp/?page\\_id=173](http://www1.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 2020 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>Shutsugan 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” (*Shutsugan 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 2021	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 Residence owned by guardian : Property Registration Certificate ② Resident of public housing : Copy of Contract, Tenant Certificate, etc. City-run public housing ⇒ proof can be obtained at city hall Prefecture-run public housing ⇒ proof can be obtained 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 12 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), Kawaguchi Higashi HS (Comprehensive), Kawagoe Nishi HS (Comprehensive), Kurihashi Hokusai HS (Comprehensive), Soka Minami HS (Comprehensive • Foreign Language), Niiza Yanase HS (Comprehensive), Nanryo HS (Comprehensive • Foreign Language), Fukaya Daiichi HS (Comprehensive), Misato Kita HS (Comprehensive), Menuma 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, 2021)
- Persons who live in Saitama with legal guardians or who anticipate living in Saitama by March 31, 2021

### (2) Entrance Examination

Academic Achievement Examination (Math and English) and Interview

※Examinations have the same questions as the standard Japanese exams with furigana added above kanji. Interview will be conducted in Japanese.

※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. 239,000 yen (average)
Tuition(※2)	118,800 yen per year	32,400 yen per year	Approx. 379,000 yen per year (average)
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		(Generally) Costs more than public high schools
Miscellaneous Fees (※3,4)	Approx. 10,000~20,000 yen per month	Approx. 5,000 yen per month	(Generally) 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. Regarding public school tuition costs please direct inquiries to the city hall of the city in which the school is located.

(※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.

(※5) Private schools will require additional (costs such as facility fees) of approximately 200,000 yen.

### (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 Financial Support Systems for High School Expenses

Various educational financial support systems are offered for students in need. There are student loans that require repayment and scholarships which do not require repayment. Decisions are made by taking the financial status of the family and reference from the student's school 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.)
- Saitama Prefecture Subsidy to Support Parents of Private School Students (for students and guardians who live in Saitama; student must attend a private senior 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 senior high 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.