

Chapter 9 - Education

1 Japanese Schools (Elementary School Onwards)

The Japanese educational system is as follows: elementary school for 6 years, junior high school for 3, high school for 3, and university for 4. Elementary and junior high school are considered **compulsory education**. Kindergartens handle pre-elementary school education.

1 – 1 Elementary School and Junior High School

Parents with children between the ages of 6 and 15 must send their children to school. Children attend elementary school from 6 years old and junior high school from 12 to 15.

Foreigners who want to send their children to elementary school or junior high school can apply at the city hall.

Registration, tuition, and textbooks are free (0 yen) at public schools in Miki. Students pay for school lunch and other learning materials on their own.



There are also special needs schools for children with disabilities.

1 – 2 High School (Senior High School)

Students graduating from junior high school can attend high school if they have passed that school's entrance exam.

There are also **[part-time high schools]** students can attend in the evenings, as well as correspondence schools which offer distance learning via tools such as the internet.

1 – 3 University, Junior College, and Technical School

Students graduating from high school can take entrance exams for universities, technical schools, and other educational institutions. If they pass, they can attend that school.

Students who have graduated from nationally designated **international schools** in Japan are also eligible to take university entrance exams.



2 Money for Education

2 – 1 School Subsidy Program

Elementary and junior high school students coming from low-income households might be eligible for financial aid to cover school necessities (uniforms, backpacks, stationery, etc.) and school meals. To find out more about eligibility and how much aid is available, inquire with the School Education division of the Board of Education.

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2 – 2 Scholarships from the Miki City Board of Education

High school and university students who reside in Miki City and come from low-income households can receive financial support to partially cover costs such as tuition. Inquire with the General Affairs division of the Board of Education to find out more about eligibility and how much aid is available.

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2 – 3 High School Tuition Support

This waives the cost of tuition to 0 yen for students attending public high schools. Students whose parents are high-income will not receive free tuition (0 yen).

Partial tuition support from the government is also available to students attending private high schools. However, students whose parents are high-income are not eligible. The amount of aid that a student can receive is dependent on their parents' income. Applications are available at school.

2 – 4 Scholarships for University

Local and national governments, companies, and many other organizations offer scholarships for university. Ask around to find out which places have scholarships available.

The national government offers 2 types of financial aid:

Grants: Money that does not have to be repaid in the future

Loans: Money that is to be repaid after graduation

Even as a foreigner, you can receive aid from the national government as a permanent resident or relative of a Japanese national. There are also scholarships for foreign students.