



Minami No Kaze

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Minami Lounge Information

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We are supporting* foreign mothers who are raising children.

① Let's communicate with other Japanese mothers who have children of almost the same age as your child

Minami ward's lifelong study will hold "International Exchange" meeting.

Date: Every fourth Monday, 10:00~12:00

Who can join: Non-Japanese parent with a child from more than 1 year old (who are going to enter elementary school).

Subject: The purpose of this meeting is to understand cultural difference in raising child through cultural exchange.

Every meeting, we decide themes, such as exercising and cooking.

This is a chance for your child to blend into your region before entering kindergarten and elementary school.

Contact: Minami Lounge TEL: 232-9544 (Foreign Languages available)



② Minami Public Health & Welfare Center Childcare & Family Support Division will hold 「Foreign Mothers meeting」

Date: 1st meeting : July 30th (closed)

2nd meeting : November 12th (Monday) 10:00~11:30

Who can join: Non-Japanese mother who have small children/Pregnant woman.

Subject: Japanese Origami and child rearing class (about Influenza prevention)

Contact: Minami Lounge

TEL: 232-9544 (Foreign Languages available)



Photograph: 1st meeting/ Dance



Events/Classes from September

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Japanese Volunteer class (Basic course)

Date: September 29th (First class is on Saturday)

Oct. 10th ~ Nov. 21 (Every Wednesday)

13:30~16:00 (8 classes)

Class: Learn basic knowledge of how to teach daily Japanese to non-Japanese. (Please check the details from the leaflet)

Fee: Free (The textbook is about 2500yen)

Application: At the Lounge, send postcard or FAX

FAX: 242-0897 TEL: 232-9544

2012 「Minna no 『Wa!』 Festival」

Date: December 1st (Saturday)

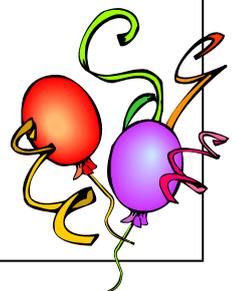
11:00~15:00

Events: Japanese Speech contest/cuisine and tea from around the world/other programs related to introducing Japanese culture.

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242-0888 (Foreign Language)



Prepare for Entering Japanese High School!

Why do you go to High School ?

In Japan, 98 percent of children who finished 9 years compulsory education goes to High School. Why? Because going to High School will expand your job options.

There are only limited jobs if you only finished Junior high school and also, you cannot get your status of residence. When applying to Japanese technical school, most of the school only accepts high school graduates for admission. Also, Japanese Language School requires person above 18 years old for admission. Graduating high school will help you to enter technical school, junior college and university and also you can acquire knowledge and skills. Entering high school is one entrance for brightening your future.

How can I enter ?

Basically you need to graduate Junior high school in Japan or in overseas. In Japan, high school starts from April so the entrance examination is around February.

Point ① You cannot take many public high school's examination at the same time. It is better to take private school's examination too. Usually, private school's examination is earlier than public school but they will wait for your test result of the public school's examination. If you passed the public school's examination you can decline entering private school.

Public school's examination is only once from this year. If you failed the examination, you can take part time high school and correspondence high school's examination.

Point ② If you wish to enter besides correspondence high school, the school will judge from your junior high school's academic record (from second half of 2nd grade and 3rd grade, academic ability test and the interview). Academic record will include all of the subjects, including Health and Physical Education • Home Economics • Music • Art etc, which are evaluated in 5 grades.

Point ③ Non-Japanese child who stayed in Japan within 3 years, can apply to special system called "Zaiken Gaikokujin Nado Tokubetsu Boshyu". The examination is only 3 subjects, which are: Math, English and Japanese language. However, only 10 school accepts this system. Especially, in Yokohama, the school is less than the number of applicants which elevate the competition rate. Thus, it is better to observe school and expand options. Also, check if the school matches you.

What can I do from now : From September, school guidance begins. On September 30th, from 1:00~, school guidance will be held at "Kenmin Katsudo Support Center" in Yokohama station. High school teachers will come to the guidance and you can ask questions. If you had graduated junior high school in overseas, you need to apply "Shigan shikaku shonin shinsei" (Application for Approval of Eligibility) to the prefectural government's board of education during December 10th to January 24th. Prepare for necessary documents and apply school on February 1st.

What will I do after entering school ?

Most of the People might say 「study !」, but Japanese educational system is unique. First, high school is not compulsory education anymore, which means, everything is up to you. You can choose subjects besides required subjects. You need to earn credits, worry about repeating the year and withdraw which was not considered in junior high school.

What is credits?: 1 credit: 1hour class/once a week for 1 year. 2 credits is 2 hour class/once a week for 1 year and 4 credits is 4 hour class/once a week for 1 year.

What is acquiring?: Acquired means, you have passed the test and your attendance is alright.

In order to graduate high school, you need to earn 74 credits. Full-day school system requires 3 years to study and part-time school system requires 4 years to study.

Let's prepare for your child's future and collect information about entering high school!!

Education counselling is available on every 4th Thursday, 13 : 30 ~ 15 : 30.



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