

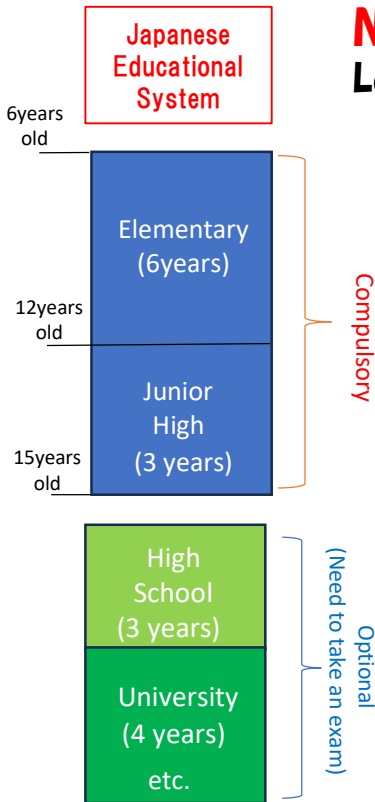


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New Semester Starts from April! Let's Study about Japanese Educational System.



- In Japan, the new semester starts in April. The school year will start in April and will end in next March. The new grade will also start from April.
- Going to elementary school (age 6-12) and junior high school (age 12-15) is compulsory in Japan.
- During the compulsory school education period (elementary and junior high), the tuition fee and textbook fee is not needed. However there might be additional fee needed for additional necessary goods. (For private school, the tuition fee and textbook fee might be needed. Please contact the school directly.)
- The public elementary & junior high school to commute is decided by the address of residence.
- High school education and education above is not compulsory. To pursue education above junior high school, it is necessary to take an exam.

If you are worried about Japanese School...

In Yokohama public elementary and junior high school, a native-language volunteer support system and Japanese language support center "Himawari" can help the children to adjust to Japanese way of school life. "Himawari" also organizes a guidance to explain about school life in Japan to parents and guardians.

If you are interested, please ask the school which your child is commuting.

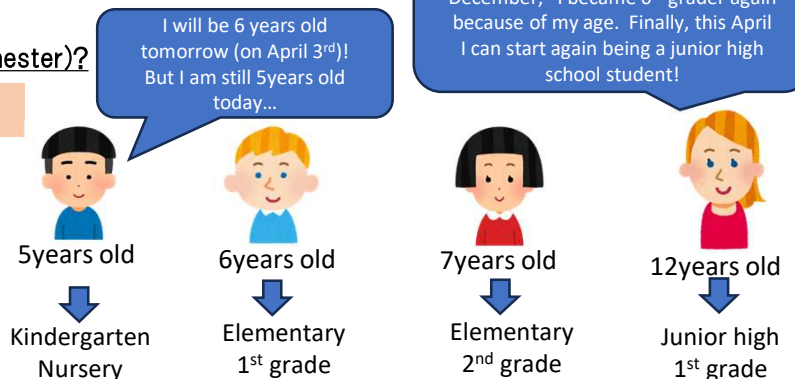


How the School Grade Year is Decided in Japan

Japanese school grade year is decided by the birth year and birth date of the child. The base date will be April 2nd. In other words, children born between April 2nd to next year April 1st will be in the same grade. Some children's grade year might differ from their mother country.

What grade am I in April (new semester)?

As of April 2nd



Have you ever heard "Welcome to the Yokohama School" ?

"Welcome to the Yokohama School" is a school guide to help students who need to study Japanese. It is written in 8 languages.

8 languages are Japanese, English, Chinese, Tagalog, Korean, Vietnamese, Portuguese and Spanish. Please check the website!



• School Notifications and School-Related Terms: For Schools, Parents and Guardians

→ Words related to Japanese school is explained in 8 languages with pictures. For example, questions such as "What is landoseru (Japanese school backpack)?", "What kind of cap is red and white reversible cap?" are defined. Some school handouts are also translated in 8 languages.

• **For Parents and Guardians:** Explanation of school in Yokohama is written in 8 languages. You can learn more about Japanese school system, lunch time, long vacation, international classes and many more.

"Welcome to the Yokohama School"

<https://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/kosodate-kyoiku/kyoiku/soudan/nihongoshido-tebiki.html>

From
March 23rd
Sunday

“Foreign Language Book Corner” will start !

Minami Lounge will start “Foreign Language Book Corner” !

- To enjoy reading books regardless of nationality-



What kind of books are there?

1. Picture books: (Language) Japanese, English, Chinese, Thai, Korean and Vietnamese and many more languages.
2. Book Types :
 Multi-language picture books → for children before elementary
 Story · Picture books → for children until middle grade of elementary
 (Language) Chinese · English
 Novel · Essay → For junior and high school students
 (Language) Chinese · English
 Novel · Self Improvement → For adults (Language) Chinese · English

Reading can be done in 2 ways...

1. Able to read at “Meeting corner”.
2. You can borrow the books.
(For more information, please ask the details at the counter of Minami Lounge.)



Minami Cherry Blossom Festival



“Minami Cherry Blossom Festival “ will be held in Maita Park on March 22nd (Saturday) and March 23rd (Sunday). There will be stage events, food stalls and bazaar which can be enjoyed by everyone. Minami Lounge will participate the event. Our booth will organize craft making by registered groups and test tasting of foreign tea introduced by our multicultural volunteer. The Japanese learners of the Japanese class will also participate. The fee will be free of charge. Please come and visit our booth!
(The event schedule might change due to weather and other reasons.) (The pictures are of last year.)

Date & Time	Groups	Contents
March 22 (Sat.)	14:00~16:00 Yuuka no Kai	Create a Bookmark
	17:00~19:00 Kanagawa CST Science Club	Make a whistle and blow it together!
March 23 (Sun.)	10:00~12:00 Multicultural Volunteer	Try African Coffee
	13:00~15:00 Japanese Class of Minami Ward	Interview by Japanese Learners !



Multicultural Volunteer ⑩

My name is Hiroshi Kawasaki. I like to play tennis, cook and study Chinese. I used to work at a trading company and worked in English and Spanish related foreign countries for over 20 years. After my retirement, I wanted to support foreign people by using languages I learned and decided to register as a Minami Lounge multicultural volunteer. I am now volunteering as an interpreter using English and Spanish. I also support children studying at school. By volunteering, I really feel the Importance of cultural exchange and at the same time I am happy to see the children who I support are getting used to Japanese way of life. Their progress are fast!
By volunteering, I also can learn many things and is also a wonderful experience for me. I would like to continue this wonderful volunteer activity.



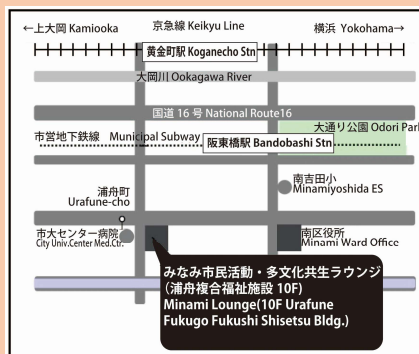
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① **Consultation Desk (Free of charge)** : Mon.-Sun. 9:00-17:00
(Closed on : Every 3rd Mondays : Dec.29 to Jan.3)
Tel. : (Japanese) 045-232-9544
(Foreign Language) 045-242-0888
※Please check below for available languages

② **Free of charge consultation** :
Law (2nd Thurs), Visa (3rd Thurs) and Education (4th Thurs)
※ 13:30-, 14:30- (Appointment needed. Tel.045-242-0888)



Minami Lounge URL
<https://tabunka.minamilounge.com/>

◀ Direction Map

【Available languages and days】

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Chinese	Chinese	Chinese English	Chinese Thai	Chinese Tagalog	Chinese	Chinese