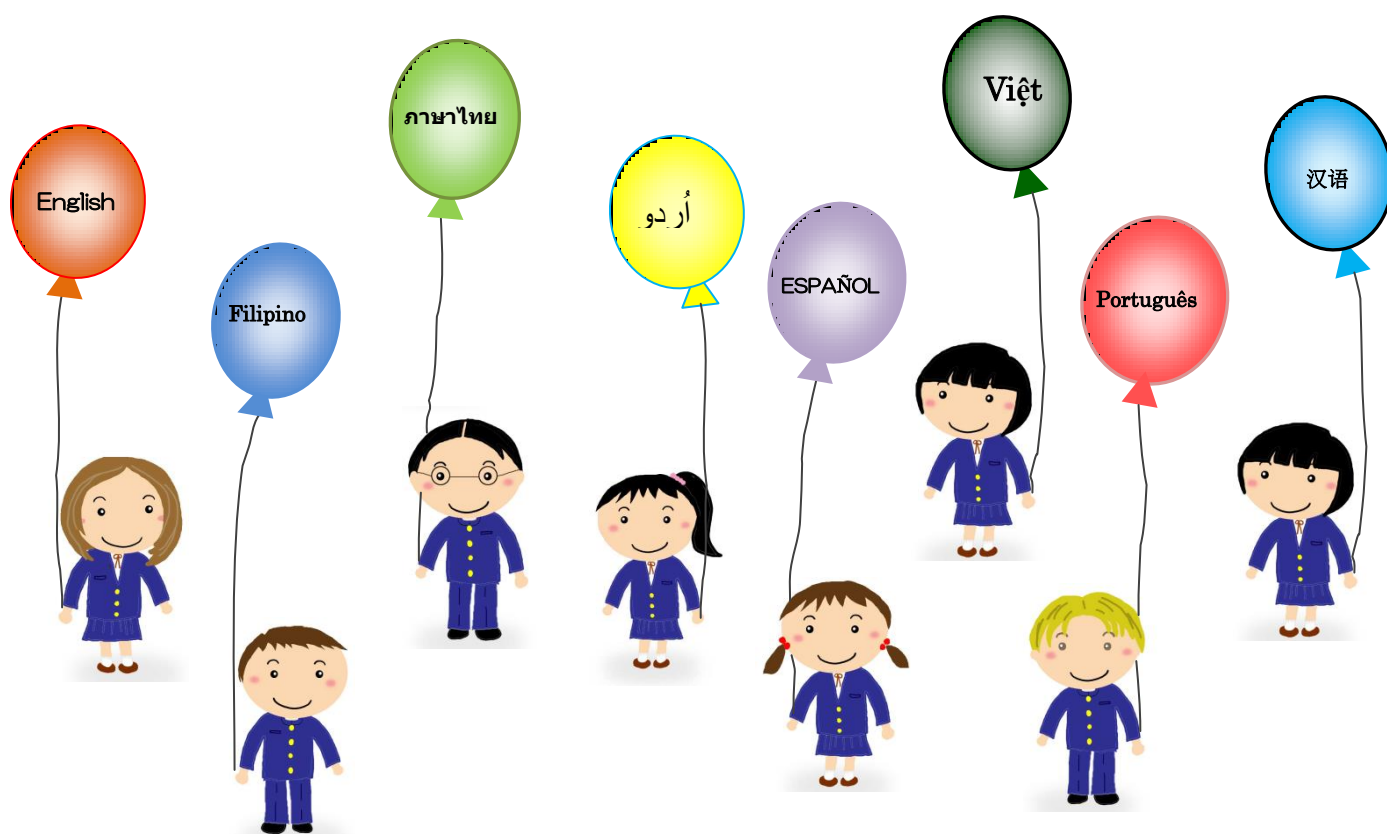


# Guidance for Entering High School in Multiple Languages



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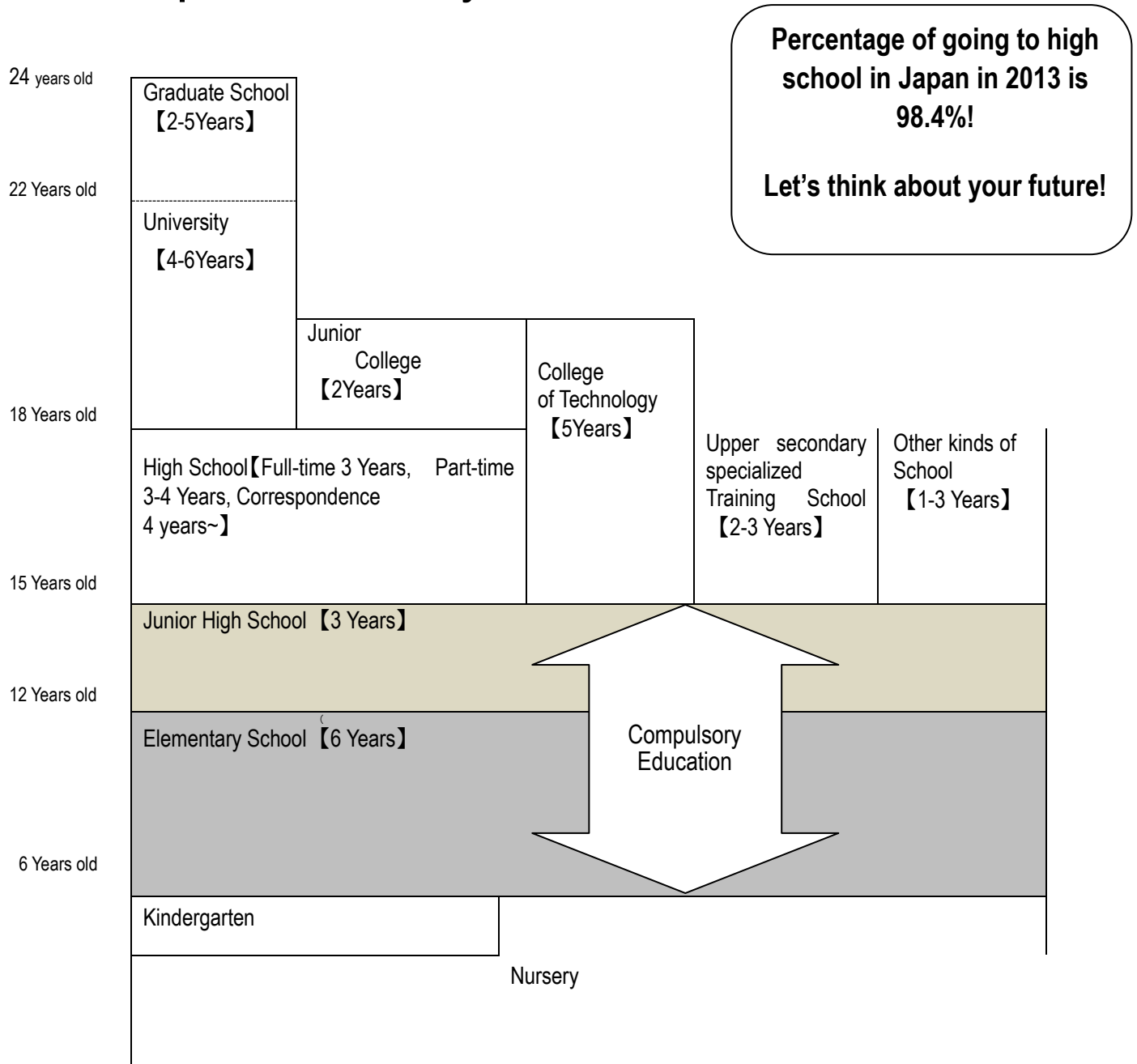
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# 1. The Japanese School System



## ☺ The difference between Elementary schools, Junior high schools and High schools

Elementary school to junior high school in Japan is a compulsory education. On the other hand, high school is not a compulsory education, when grades are not satisfactory, or the number of absent days exceeded the days of the required absences, the student will not be promoted or graduate.

## ☺ After graduating from high school...

Students can take an entrance examination to enter a university, junior college, vocational school or other educational institution. Since most jobs require high school graduates, you will have more chances to get a job if you graduate high school. During 3 years in high school, it is important to get some qualification and think about your aptitude / ability.

## 2. The types of High School in Tochigi

There are public high school (Ko-ritsu-Koko) and private high school (Shiritsu-Koko). About public high school, there are full-time school (Zennichi-sei), part-time school (Teiji-sei) and correspondence education (Tsushin-sei). When it comes to the high school courses, there are General course (Futsu-Ka), Vocational course (Senmon-Gakka) and Integrated course (Sogo-Gakka).

### (1) About Full-time School, Part-time School, Correspondence Education

	Full-time School (Zennichi-Sei) (58 schools)	Part-time School (Teiji-Sei) (8 schools)		Correspondence Education (Tsushin-Sei) (2 Schools)
Days	Monday - Friday	Everyday	Monday - Friday	Personal study & have your assignments checked by teachers. Attending school several times a month to study.
Time & Class	45 - 50 min. class 6 - 7 periods	(Evening) 45 min. class, 4 - 6 periods, Starts around 17:30	morning / afternoon / <b>evening</b> schooling system, 45 min. class, 4 - 6 periods	
Required No. of yrs. to graduate	3 years	3 or more than 3 years		
Course (See the next page)	General (Gakunen-sei) Vocational (Gakunen-sei) Integrated (Tani-sei)	General (Tani-sei) Vocational 「Industry」 「Commerce」 (Tani-sei)	General (Tani-sei) Vocational 「Commerce」 (Tani-sei)	General (Tani-sei)
Others		School meal available	only evening, school meal available	



### The point of choosing the school and course

- (1) Thinking about future, interest, ability and personality, and searching your possibility.
- (2) Thinking of future dream and the future occupation.
- (3) Thinking what you want to learn at high school.
- (4) Finding out about a university one wishes to enter, course, subjects and so on.
- (5) Finding out the studies the student wants to pursue after graduation.



### When you make a decision on your school and course

1<sup>st</sup> of all, you will think about your future course by yourself and then you will talk about your decision with your parents and you will ask your teachers for advice! Let's collect useful information as much as possible by attending open campus during summer vacation or career guidance!

## (2) Features of each department of public high school in Tochigi

General (Futsu-ka)		The main study of this course is general subjects. At many general courses, from the 2nd grade students are divided into Liberal arts ( Bunkei )and Science and mathematics (Ri-kei) or various courses.
Vocational (senmon)	Commercial dept.	Students learn distribution system or an account book and obtain business computer skills and English conversation skill.
	Industrial dept.	By experiments and laboratories, students learn about machinery, electricity, architecture, computer programming and so on.
	Agricultural dept.	By experiments and laboratories, students learn agricultural management,biotechnology,(Food Chemicals/agricultural civil engineering)and so on.
	Fisheries dept.	Students learn sea and river fish and shellfish farming. There is only one high school in Tochigi; Bato high school.
	Home economics dept.	In this department, there are several fields such as dress design, life planning, food culture, food nutrition, life culture and so on. By experiments and laboratories, students obtain those skills.
	Welfare dept.	Students obtain the skills of nursing and learn social welfare system.
	Science & Math dept.	Students specialize in Science & Math. There is only one high school in Tochigi; Oyama high school.
	Physical education dept.	Students obtain specialized knowledge of sports and improve athletic skills. There is only one high school in Tochigi; Oyama Minami high school.
Integrated (Sogo-Gakka)		Credit - based class, students choose the subjects according to their interests among more than 110 subjects.

☺ At the most of these vocational departments, in each course students will study and obtain for various qualifications

☺ When you want to know about the features of private high schools, please check the pamphlet of the school which you are interested in.

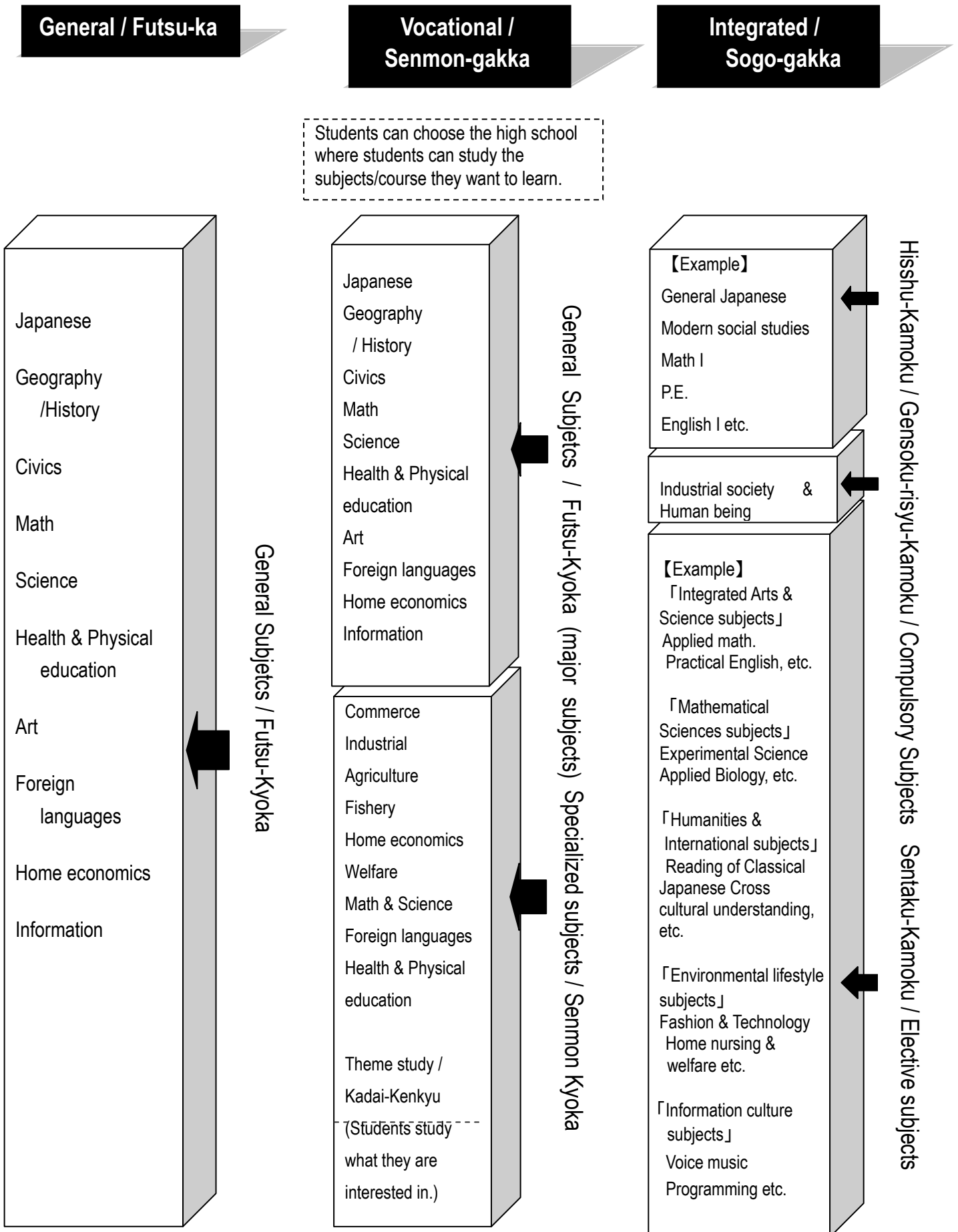
☺ There are private correspondence education and part time school as well.

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**(3) Subjects available on:**

**General (Futsu-ka), Vocational (Senmon-ka), Integrated (Sogo-gakka)**



### 3. Tuition Fees

#### Fees for entering high school

There is a wide difference between public (Ko-ritsu) and private(Shi-ritsu).

Course	Public(Ko-ritsu)			Private(Shi-ritsu)
	Full-time	Part-time(Credit)	Correspondence (Credit)	Full-time (example)
Examination Fee	2,200 yen	950 yen	None	12,000 yen ~ 20,000 yen
Entrance Fee	5,650 yen	2,100 yen	500 yen	100,000 yen ~ 200,000 yen
Uniform, Gym clothes, etc	40,000 yen ~ 60,000 yen	15,000 yen ~	None	70,000 yen ~ 150,000 yen
Facility Expansion Fee	None	None	None	100,000 yen ~
Approximate Total	50,000 yen ~	18,000 yen ~	500 yen	300,000 yen ~

Depending on private high school fees are different. If you need more detail or latest information please check the school pamphlet carefully.

The cost of the uniforms vary according to schools.(both public and private high school.)



You can ask some friends who graduated from the school where you want to go for their uniforms!

#### ( 2 ) Annual Fee

	Public high school			Private high school
	Full-time	Part-time (Credit)	Correspondence (Credit)	Full-time (example)
Tuition Fee	0 yen ( Tuition fee in public high school is free.)			300,000 yen ~ ※ 2
Texts, Materials	10,000 ~ 70,000 yen (Depending on school and department)			
others ※1	130,000 yen ~	30,000 yen ~	10,000 yen	250,000 yen ~
School lunches	None	depending on school	None	None

※ 1 PTA membership dues, student council fee etc. These fees are different from school to school. Many schools, from 1<sup>st</sup> grade, start saving for the school trip.

※ 2 When it comes to the tuition fee for private high school, from 2010, students are provided monthly 9,900 yen (in total 118,800 yen a year) because of High school enrollment support fund system, moreover, depending on the income of the parents, students may receive more than that.

### **( 3 ) Other Expenses**

#### **\* Club activity**

When students join some club activities students pay for such as uniforms, game fees, and so on by themselves.

#### **\* Transportation Fee**

If the student is from a remote area they can use the public transportation. If a student will use a train to go to school, he/she needs to get a commuter's pass.

### **( 4 ) In case of financial problem with the school expenses/payment**

#### **\* About Scholarship**

This is a loan system for high school students who want to study but have financial difficulties.

When it comes to a scholarship, there are many types of scholarships like governmental ones or private ones. In addition, when the students get a job, some scholarships are required to be refunded and some are not. Besides, scholarship screening is based on the students' academic records or performance and family income. In order to apply students need to prepare several papers. Those who are interested will seek advice from the junior high school teachers or high school teachers once you enter.

## **4 . Entrance Examination**

In order to enter the high school students have to take an entrance examination. We call this "Nyugaku-sha senbatsu" or "Nyu-shi". There are several requirements for taking the entrance examination.



## ( 1 ) The types of Entrance Examination for public high school

For both public and private high school there are 2 types of entrance examinations.

		Requirement	Examination
General Selection (Ippan-senbatsu)		Those who graduated from Japanese Jr.high school(or expected) or foreigner with 9 years schooling	① Written Examination / Gakuryoku-kensa ( 5 subjects) ② Student Information Sheet / Chosa-sho (school records, club activity etc.). Some schools have an interview.
Tokusyoku-senbatsu		Those who graduated from Japanese Jr.high school(or expected) or foreigner with 9 years schooling, Must fulfill the H.S. requirement	① Student Information Sheet/Chosa-sho ② Statement of purpose/Shigan-riyu-sho ③ Interview / Mensetsu, ④ Short essay /Sakubun,Shoronbun or school original exam.
Special Examination for Returnee Student & Student from overseas	A Special selection examination	Must be within 3 years of arrival in Japan	Generally based on Interview / Mensetsu, Student information sheet / Chosa-sho. However, some schools take written examination / Gakuryoku-kensa and Essay / Sakubun.
	B Special Examination	The same as A Special selection examination	Written Examination / Gakuryoku-kensa , Student Information Sheet / Chosa-sho, Essay / Sakubun and Interview / Mensetsu. About Written Examination, there are 3 subjects, Japanese, Math and English.

**\* When you want to take the Returnee Student / Student from overseas special Examination please seek advice from your homeroom teacher.**

### Differences between public and private high school on entrance examination

Public high school	Students can only apply to one public full time high school(All public high school hold an examination on the same day. However, it is different for part-time and correspondence course).When you pass students will enter that school unless there is a certain reason.	
Private high school	As many high schools as students need (depending on schools, different examination day)	
	Exclusive Acceptance / Tangan	Students have to enter the school once their application is accepted. Students can't apply to public high school.
	Multiple Acceptance / Heigan	Students do not need to enter the school even they are accepted. Students can apply to public high school.
* When students have an impressive record or sport achievements, they may have an opportunity to take a special examination. This is generally an exclusive acceptance.(When students pass students may be exempted from payment of the tuition fee or the tuition may be partially reduced.)		

## (2)Schedule until the Entrance Examination

Calendar	
November	<p>3-way (student/parent and teacher) interview, consultation and making a decision on the choice of high school.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 100px;">  Let's decide which school you want to apply by discussing with your teachers and your parents.         </div>
December	<p style="text-align: right;">Application of recommendation-based entrance examination to private high school</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↑</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Application of "general selection "in private high school</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p>
January	<p style="text-align: right;">Private high school recommendation-based entrance examination</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Private high school "general selection" entrance examination</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Result notification of general selection entrance examination in private high school.(depending on schools, there is second application)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Result notification of recommendation-based entrance examination in private high school.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↑</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Application of Special Examination in public high school.( Jan.29th-30th until 3pm)</p>
February	<p style="text-align: right;">Public high school Special Examination entrance examination ( Feb. 5th-6th )</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Application of "general selection" in public full-time high school ( Feb 18th- 19th until noon)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Application of "special selection" in public part-time and flex high school ( Feb. 23th -24th until noon ).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Result notification of Special Examination entrance examination in public high school. ( Feb.12th )</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↑</p>
March	<p style="text-align: right;">Public full-time "general selection" &amp; flex high school "special selection" entrance examination ( Mar. 5th )</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Result notification of general selection entrance examination in public full-time high school and special selection in flex high school. ( Mar. 11th )</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↑</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Application of "general selection" in public part-time high school ( Mar. 11 – 13 until noon )</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Entrance examination for public part-time high school ( Mar. 17th )</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Result notification of public part-time high school ( Mar. 20th )</p>



When you pass...

Unlike in elementary and junior high school which are compulsory, in high school, a student cannot return to school once he/ she drops the course. Whenever students have a problem, students should talk to their homeroom teacher, teachers in junior high school and so on.