

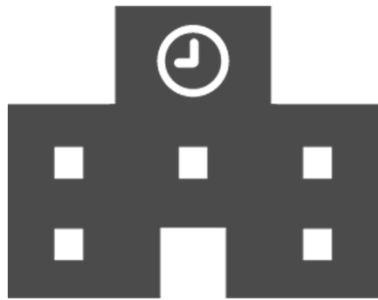
# Elementary School & Junior High School

The Japanese education system is comprised of elementary school (6 years), junior high school (3 years), and senior high school (3 years). The school year usually runs from April to March, and one year is divided into 3 terms: April to July, September to December, and January to March.

Japanese public elementary and junior high schools accept foreign children free of charge if they wish to enter them, and the opportunity of receiving the same education as Japanese students is guaranteed to foreign children.

See MORE

- Living in Fukuoka <http://www.fcif.or.jp/en/en-information/living/elementary-and-junior-high-schools/>
- Fukuoka City Childcare Information Website <https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/kosodate/kodomo-kosodate/index.html>  
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- The period of elementary school and junior high school  
*Children enter elementary school (shougakkou) in April following their 6th birthday and study there for six years. After graduating from elementary school, students enter junior high school (chuugakkou) and study there for another three years.*
- Tuition and Textbooks  
*Tuition and textbooks used in public elementary and junior high schools are free. However, you have to pay the cost of school lunch and supplies every month.*

## 1. Guidebook for foreign students to start school -Procedures for Entering Japanese Schools-

[https://www.mext.go.jp/a\\_menu/shotou/clarinet/003/1320860.htm](https://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/shotou/clarinet/003/1320860.htm)

## 2. Procedures for Starting School at Fukuoka City Elementary Schools (Fukuoka city)

[https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/kyoiku-iinkai/gakkoshien/ed/enter-school\\_3.html](https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/kyoiku-iinkai/gakkoshien/ed/enter-school_3.html)

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## 3. Procedures for Changing Schools within Japan to Fukuoka City Elementary/Junior High Schools

<https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/kyoiku-iinkai/gakkoshien/life/school-move.html>

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