


# 2023 Guidance for Admission to High School

Prefectural High School Entrance Examination Schedule for School Year 2024/Reiwa 6 (Beginning April 2024)

## 2024 (Reiwa 6)

<b>February</b>	7 (Wednesday)	Submit school entrance application, examination admission card, and school report card to the high school by <u>Designated Delivery mail</u> (to be delivered <u>February 7, 2024 only</u> )*
	8 (Thursday)	} Submit school entrance application, examination admission card, and school report to the front office of each high school* } During this period, you may apply to additional schools and/or withdraw existing applications, once per school.
	9 (Friday)	
	14 (Wednesday)	
	15 (Thursday)	9am - 4pm
	21 (Wednesday)	Academic Examination
	22 (Thursday)	Practical Assessment or Interview (for some schools)
<b>March</b>	1 (Friday)	Admission results released (Online: 9am, School notice boards: 10am)
	4 (Monday)	Additional Examinations (for applicants who were unable to take their academic examination due to illness, etc. See the School Admission Selection Process summary on the Saitama Prefecture Senior High School Education Management Division Homepage for more information.)
	6 (Wednesday)	Admission results released (for additional examinations)

\*Submit application via Designated Delivery mail OR in person. It is not necessary to do both.  
 ※Schools will continue to accept enrollments if there are still places available after entrance exams. Please contact schools for further information.



## Inquiries

Topics		Office	Contact Information	Page
Entrance Examinations and School Information Sessions	Public Schools	Department of Academic Counseling and Guidance, Saitama Prefectural Education Center	<b>Phone:</b> 048-556-2439 <b>Email:</b> p7412216@pref.saitama.lg.jp <b>Website:</b> https://www.center.spec.ed.jp/nyuushi	⇒ p.2
		High School Education Management Division, Saitama Prefecture Education Bureau	<b>Phone:</b> 048-830-6766 <b>Email:</b> a6760@pref.saitama.lg.jp <b>Website:</b> https://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/f2208/r6nyuushi-jouhou.html	
	Private Schools	Private Junior and Senior High School Association of Saitama Prefecture	<b>Website:</b> https://saitamashigaku.com/	
Students who did not graduate from a junior high school in Japan	Private School Affairs Group, Prefectural Schools Management and Personnel Division, Saitama Prefecture Education Bureau	<b>Phone:</b> 048-830-6735 <b>Website:</b> https://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/f2207/nyugakusya-senbatsu/kaigai.html	⇒ p.3	
Financial Support Systems for High School Expenses	Financial Affairs Division Saitama Prefecture Education Bureau	Enrollment and Course Fee Support Systems for High School Education <b>Phone:</b> 048-822-5670 <b>Website:</b> https://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/f2204/j-s/	⇒ p.4	
	Tuition Fee Reduction Help Desk, Private School Affairs Group, Department of General Affairs, Saitama Prefectural Office	Assistance for Parents of Private High School Students for School-Related Expenses <b>Phone:</b> 048-830-2725 <b>Website:</b> https://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/a0204/fubofutan2.html		
Japanese Education System	Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)	Guidebook for Starting School - Procedures for Entering Japanese Schools <b>Website:</b> https://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/shotou/clarinet/003/1320860.htm		
Information for Foreign Students	Compulsory Education Management Division, Saitama Prefecture Education Bureau	Foreign Students Support Page <b>Website:</b> https://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/f2214/kikokugaikokujinsapoutoigyoyou240120.html		
Japanese Language Classes	Saitama International Association (Saitama Information & Support)	<b>Phone:</b> 048-833-2992 (SIA office) 048-833-3296 (SIS - Consultations) <b>Website:</b> https://sia1.jp/foreign/japanese/		

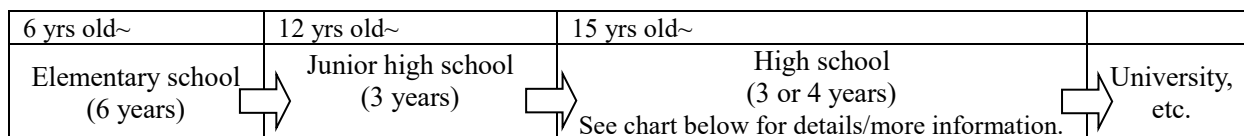
# 1 High Schools in the Japanese Educational System

Students generally attend high school for 3 to 4 years after graduating from junior high school.

Unlike elementary and junior high schools, students must pass an exam to enter high school.

Even after you enter high school, you may not be able to proceed to the next grade or graduate if you don't perform well in class.

High schools also offer various club activities and events throughout the year (such as single-day and overnight field trips, sports festivals, and school festivals).



\*Students born in April through to March of the following year are in the same school grade.

## 2 Types of High Schools

### (1) Public High School (general examples)

		School hours	Hours of Study/day	Years to graduate	Courses
Full-time school		Generally 8:40am - 3:40pm	Class (~6 hours), club activities	3 years	Standard Specialist subject (※1) Comprehensive (※2)
Part-time school	Evening	Generally 5:30pm - 9pm	Class (~4 hours), club activities, school meal	4 years	Standard Comprehensive Specialist subject
	3-Course system	Course I: Morning Course II: Afternoon Course III: Evening	Class (~4 hours) *Can take classes from other courses within the same system	3-4 years	Comprehensive Standard (credit system) (※3)
		Course I: Morning - Afternoon Course II: Afternoon - Evening			
2-Course system	Course I: Morning - Afternoon Course II: Evening	Club activities, school meal			
Correspondence courses		Attend 2-3 times a month	Study at home and submit reports to school		Standard

(※1) Specialist Subjects Courses: Agricultural, Industrial, Commercial, and Foreign Language studies (etc.)

(※2) Comprehensive Courses: In addition to compulsory classes, you can also choose to study both standard and specialist subjects.

(※3) You can study both standard and specialist subjects (such as Welfare, Business, International Studies, Natural Science, etc.) under the credit system.

### (2) Private High School (schools other than public high schools)

There are full-time and correspondence schools. Please contact schools for more details.

Contact information for private high schools can be found on the Saitama Prefectural Government Private School Affairs Division website:

<https://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/a0204/shiritsuitiran/koukou24.html>

## 3 School Information Sessions

Each school holds information sessions. We recommend that students attend these sessions to see the school and ask questions before making their final decision. There are also joint school information sessions where multiple schools will be in attendance. (Sessions subject to change.)

Please contact schools and/or the Saitama Prefectural Education Center (for public schools) for session dates. Information regarding these sessions and high school entrance exams is also available on the Saitama Prefectural Education Center website (<https://www.center.spec.ed.jp/nyuushi>).

## 4 Entrance examinations

Eligibility Criteria	<p>① Students who have graduated from junior high school in Japan or overseas OR students who are expected to graduate in March 2024.</p> <p>② Students who did not graduate from junior high school but can demonstrate academic abilities at the junior high school graduate level.</p> <p>※A “Qualification Certificate” (<i>Shutsugan Shikaku Nintei</i>) is required for students who are not graduates of junior high schools in Japan. Please refer to “Section 5: Students who are not Graduates of Junior High Schools in Japan” for more information.</p>
Location	All full-time and part-time schools
Places available	The number of students that can attend varies for each school.
Documents to be submitted	School entrance application form, examination admission card, school report card, etc. If applying to schools accepting electronic applications, please confirm the application process at each school. A list of schools accepting electronic applications can be found on the Saitama Prefectural High School Education Management Division's website.
Exam Contents Vary from School to School	<p>① Academic Examination only (Japanese, Math, Social Studies, Science, and English)</p> <p>② Academic Examination and Interview</p> <p>③ Academic Examination and Practical Assessment</p> <p>※These exams are the same as the ones given to Japanese students.</p>

※ If you are applying to a private high school, please contact the school for specific information about examinations.

## 5 Students who are not Graduates of Junior High Schools in Japan

A “Qualification Certificate” (*shutsugan shikaku nintei*) is required to take entrance examinations when applying to public high schools (prefectural and municipal).

**\*Important:** Please consult the Private School Affairs Group (*gakuji tantou*) of the Prefectural School Management and Personnel Division, Saitama Prefecture Education Bureau regarding documents to be submitted before applying. If applying to private schools, please contact the schools you intend to take entrance examinations at.

### Documents to be submitted

1	Qualification Certificate Application Form for Saitama Prefectural High School Admissions 2024	Application forms are available at the Private School Affairs Group office, or on their website.
2	Proof of residence with guardian in Saitama Prefecture ※Different documents are required depending on the type of housing the applicant lives in.	<p>① Homeowner: Property Registration Certificate (official copy)</p> <p>② Public housing resident: Copy of Contract, Certificate of Tenancy (<i>nyuukyo shoumeisho</i>), etc. If you live in public municipal housing ⇒ documentation can be obtained from city hall If you live in public prefectural housing ⇒ documentation can be obtained from branch offices of the Saitama Housing Supply Corporation</p> <p>③ Resident of apartment/other housing: Copy of Rental Contract</p>
3	Proof of most recent year level of schooling completed overseas	Certificate of completion/graduation, academic transcripts, report cards, etc.

## 6 Special Selection Process for Non-Japanese Students

The following 12 schools offer exams for non-Japanese students who have only lived in Japan for a short time.

### High Schools Offering Special Selection Process for Non-Japanese Students

Iwatsuki HS (Standard/International Culture Course), Kawaguchi Higashi HS (Standard), Kawagoe Nishi HS (Standard), Kurihashi Hokusai HS (Standard), Soka Minami HS (Standard/Foreign Language Course), Niiza Yanase HS (Standard), Nanryo HS (Standard/Foreign Language Course), Fukaya Daiichi HS (Standard), Misato Kita HS (Standard), Menuma HS (Standard), Wako Kokusai HS (Standard/Foreign Language Course), Warabi HS (Standard • Foreign Language Course)

#### (1) Eligibility Criteria

- Students who have lived in Japan for less than three years in total (as of February 1, 2024)
- Students who live in Saitama with guardians or who intend to live in Saitama by March 31, 2024

#### (2) Information about the Entrance Examination

The entrance exam will consist of an Academic Examination (Math and English) and Interview.

※Examinations have the same questions as the standard Japanese exams with furigana added above kanji. Interviews will be conducted in Japanese.

※Even if there are only a few applicants, you may not be accepted if your examination results do not meet the required school standards.

## 7 School Expenses

### (1) Types of Expenses

	Public High Schools		Private High Schools
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time
Entrance examination fee	2,200 yen	950 yen	Approx. 24,000 yen (on average)
Enrollment fee (※1)	5,650 yen	2,100 yen	Approx. 236,000 yen (on average)
Course fees (※1)	118,800 yen/year	32,400 yen/year	Approx. 391,000 yen/year (on average)
Expenses at time of enrollment, etc. (※2)	Uniforms, textbooks, sports uniform, tablet device, and other expenses (Approx. 110,000 - 140,000yen)		More expensive than full-time public high schools
Miscellaneous fees (※2,3)	Approx. 10,000 - 20,000 yen/month	Approx. 5,000 yen/month	More expensive than full-time public high schools (※4)
School lunch fees	No lunch provided	Approx. 50,000 yen/year	No lunch provided
Total for one year Total/year	At time of enrollment: Approx. 50,000 yen  Whole year: Approx. 300,000 - 450,000 yen	At time of enrollment: Approx. 20,000 yen  Whole year: Approx. 200,000 yen	Fees vary according to the school. Please contact schools directly for more information.

(※1) Fees are subject to change. For questions regarding municipal high schools, please contact each school directly.

(※2) Fees and required expenses vary for each school. Some schools may have tablet devices available to borrow. Please contact your school for more information.

(※3) Miscellaneous fees include PTA membership fee, school contribution fee, student council fee, course material fees, school trips (such as excursions) deposits, and others.

(※4) Private schools will also require an additional facility fee of approximately 208,000 yen.

### (2) Exemptions from school expenses

Some schools provide a partial exemption from enrollment and miscellaneous fees.

Please speak with teachers at your school prior to or soon after enrolling.

## 8 Financial Support Systems for School Expenses

There are various financial support systems available for high school students. Some require repayment and some do not. Eligibility for these systems is based on the family's financial situation and school references.

### (1) Supports systems that do not require repayment

- High School Tuition Support Fund (for students attending high school)
- Saitama Prefecture Assistance for Parents of Private High School Students (for students who live in Saitama Prefecture with their guardians, and attend a private high school in Saitama Prefecture)
- Saitama Prefecture Allowance for High School Education (student's guardian must live in Saitama)

### (2) Supports systems that require repayment

- Loan for High School Education in Saitama Prefecture (student's guardian must live in Saitama)

### (3) Other (Municipal Student Loans and Scholarships, etc.)

- Some municipalities may have scholarships or loans available. Please contact your municipal office for more information.

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