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When your child enters elementary and junior high school



In Japan, children go to school from April when they are 6 years old until March when they are 15 years old. Students attend elementary school (*Shō Gakkō*) for six years and junior high school (*Chū Gakkō*) for three years. There is no charge to take classes (*Jugyō*).

For more information on elementary and junior high schools in Sammu City, contact < the Child Education Section (*Kodomo Kyōiku Ka*) > at the City Hall.



< Education in Japan >

age	Until 6 years	7 8 9 10 11 12	13 14 15	16 17 18	19 20 21 22
School	Certified Child Center/ Preschool / Nursery School	Elementary School (6 years)	Junior High School (3 years)	High School	University

(1) School Transfer

If you have children who attended elementary or junior high school before coming to Japan, consult with < the Child Education Section (*Kodomo Kyōiku Ka*) > of the City Hall. After that, you will receive a "Letter of Transfer" (*Hennyūgaku Tsūchi Sho*). Take this to a school indicated on it

< Bring the followings >

- ① Residence card (*Zairyū card*)
- ② Passport



(2) A school you will attend is determined by where you live.

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(3) School Life

School hours are as follows

In elementary school, each class period is 45 minutes.

In junior high school, the class period is 50 minutes.

The school is closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

In elementary school, one teacher teaches everything.

In junior high school, teachers change for each subject (*Kyōka*).

School lunches (*Kyūshoku*) are provided at both elementary and junior high schools. Their guardians have to pay for the school lunch.



◎ The Difficult Words on pages 90 and 91 ◎

※Class (*Jugyō*) : To learn to study at school. We learn a lot of things in one day, including Japanese and arithmetic.

※Letter of Transfer (*Hennyūgaku Tsūchi Sho*) : A document that says which school you will attend. Take this with you when you go to school for the first time.

※Subject (*Kyōka*) : An area of knowledge you study at a school. Japanese language, arithmetic, science, social studies, etc.

※School Lunch (*Kyūshoku*) : Eat lunch together at school.

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