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Guide to Academic and Career Options



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(Aichi Prefectural Government)

1. Japan's Educational System

This is to explain about the educational system in Japan.

In Japan, Compulsory education is for nine years (six years of Elementary school and three years of Junior High school). After completing this compulsory education regimen, 99 out of 100 students of Junior High school graduates would go on to attend Senior High School (3years). Then, after graduating from Senior High school, 82 out of 100 students would enroll in universities (4 years), Junior colleges (2-3 years), or Technical schools (1-2 years).

24-27 yrs. old	Graduate School (2~5yrs.)			
22 years old	College (4yrs.)			
18 years old	Junior College (2-3yrs.)	Vocational school (1-2yrs.)	Technical College (5yrs.)	
15 years old	Senior High (3 yrs)		Specialized Training (3yrs)	
12 years old	Junior High (3yrs.)			
6 years old	Elementary (6yrs.)			

Why go to Senior High School?

In Japan, the number of Junior High school graduates who immediately start working is very small (about one percent). The reason for this is because companies tend to hire graduates from Senior high schools, Universities, and Technical schools rather than hiring Junior High school graduates.

Also, many people in Japan think that furthering your education knowledge and honing your skills at schools are very important. Furthermore, as society continues to develop technology, the demand for high-level, technical jobs also increases and most of them required qualification which usually could be acquired at Senior High school. As a result, attending Senior High school will help you to discover your potential and broaden your career options for your future.

Public Senior High Schools' combination for Exam

【The grouping is based on the 2021 entrance examination】

	A Group (March 7 and 8)	B Group (March 10 and 11)
Regular Course Mikawa Gun	Yutakagaoka Toyohashi Minami (education course available) Fukue (Social Welfare course, Sightseeing Business course available) Kou Mito	Jishūkan Toyohashi Higashi (International Understanding Courses Available) Sei-shou Kozakai Gamagori East Taguchi (Nature Exploration Course available)
Technical Course	Toyohashi Kōka (Mechanical, Electrical, Robotics Engineering) (Architectural Design, Civil Engineering) Toyohashi Shōgyō (General: Business, International Business, Accounting, Information Systems) Toyohashi Minami (Lifestyle Design) Yutakagaoka (Lifestyle culture) Ko-u (General Business) Taguchi (Forestry) An-jou Nōrin (Agriculture and Horticulture) (Flower Science) (Food Science) (Biology/Animal Science) (Forestry and Environmental Studies) Asahi-gaoka (Art) Mei-wa (Music) Hou-ryou (Welfare and Social Work) (Healthcare) Mito (International study) Shinshiro Higashi Tsuku-de School (Social and Environmental Studies)	Toyokawa Kōka (Complete course: Robotics, Mechanical, Electrical Engineering, Information Design) Sei-shou (General Business) (Lifestyle culture) Atsumi Nōgyō (Agriculture and Horticulture) (Food Science) (Lifestyle Science) Miya Suisan (Marine Science) (Telecommunications) (Marine Resource Science) (Fisheries and Food Production) Taguchi (Forestry)
Integrated Course	Gamagori	Shinshiro Yukyokan Toyohashi-Nishi

* Reiwa 3 Private Senior High Schools Main Subsidy System

When people hear the words “Private Senior high school,” they usually think that it is expensive. However, in Aichi Prefecture, some parents avail reduced tuition fee support system and/or subsidized system for enrollment fee.

As a result, the difference in costs associated with attending either a public or private school is becoming smaller. Also, attending to a city private school may become cheaper rather than commuting to a far public school. A lot of private schools offer special subjects for those who want to attend universities and for those who want to pursue a career after Senior high school. Many Private schools also have reputations for sending graduates to respected corporations.

	Examination for recommended student	General Entrance Examination
	Private schools want to make sure that you are really determined to enroll yourself to their school. Also, they want to make sure your grades were good and how highly your Junior high school principal recommended you.	
Academic written exam	Japanese, English, and Math Exam. You may have an interview or have to write an essay, but this depends on the school.	Exam covers the 5 basic subjects of the core curriculum and Interview. (However, the exact subjects may vary by schools.)
After Passing	Student who pass this selection process <u>must enroll to the school.</u>	It is not required to attend to private school if you were able to pass the examination both in Public and Private schools.
Exam Fee	About 15,000 yen	
Enrollment Fee	Approximately 200,000 yen	
Tuition	30,000 - 37,000 yen This is usually paid about every 2 or 3 months. *Based on your family’s income, you may receive financial aid. Including tuition fee, Facilities fees, PTA Fees, and etc., the average cost per month for a first year student at a private school was approximately ¥40,000.	
Class payment	Approximately 12,000 yen	
Other	(School and Gym Uniform) ... 80,000 yen (Textbooks, etc) ... 20,000 yen	

By the beginning of February, you will need to prepare about 200,000 yen for the enrollment fee and you will need to have about 200,000 yen for uniforms, Text books, etc. by the end of March

Therefore, you will need to have about 400,000 yen by the end of March. (The amount may vary depending on schools)

* 2020 Major Scholarship for Private Senior High school

Senior High school(Full time•Part time) student

Application will be done at each Senior High school you have enrolled

1. Subsidy for Enrollment fee 【No need to pay back】

Partial amount will be subsidized

2. Subsidy for Tuition fee (Including the “Sr. High school Tuition Support fund”)

【No need to pay back】

Part of the tuition fee will be subsidized.

3. Special reduction and exemption system of the Tuition fee 【No need to pay back】

When parents' income reduced in the middle of the year due to unemployment and bankruptcy.

4. Scholarship Loan 【Need to pay back】

This is for the students who have financial problems. You can loan 18,000 or 30,000yen per month with no interest. After the Loan period of the Scholarship fund, it should be paid back within 6 years,10 years or 12 years by installment.

5. Enrollment fee Loan 【Need to pay back】

Students who will enroll in April can apply for this for their Enrollment fee.

*** Toyohashi Municipal Senior High school**

Toyohashi Municipal Senior High School offers part-time daytime and evening courses, and there

are many foreign students studying there. The school uses a credit system and even if the student would not be able to acquire all units of that specific year, they can still proceed to the next grade level as long as they accumulated a certain credits.

Day shift course can be divided to early time and late time. Their Class hour periods are lesser than Ordinary Private & Senior High schools and student usually complete the course and graduate it in 4 years. On the other hand, students may take additional special classes to acquire units to be able to graduate in 3 years.

Night shift course classes start early evening and students eat School Lunch before the class. If the students wish to graduate in 3 years, he/she can also acquire units by taking additional special classes like the students studying in Day shift.

Wide and varied selection system and small group teaching methods are being held in this school so that student can receive more personalized attention during the class. After the graduation, some would go on to College or Vocational schools and some would work. Toyohashi Municipal High School is funded by the city of Toyohashi and offers low tuition fee. Students who do not wish to burden their families financially may want to consider this school.

Aside from tuition fee, you will need about 4,000 yen to 5,000 yen every month. Upon enrollment, you need to prepare about 40,000 yen for educational materials.

For Day shift course, uniform is required and it costs about 50,000 yen to 60,000 yen.

- Examination Fee ... 950yen
- Enrollment Fee ... Free
- Tuition Fee ... 2,000 yen (Vary depends on Income)

Therefore, you will need to prepare amount indicated below by the end of March.

- Day shift Course ... About 100,000 yen
- Night shift Course ... About 50,000 yen

3. Other Career path

*** Special Training Institution**

At this kind of school, you will have the opportunity to hone skills that you will use in your future career or in your daily life. These schools offer courses in the home economics, culinary arts, communication, designing and etc.

In Toyohashi, there is a school called “**Toyohashi Kasei**” that offers this kind of curriculum.

◎Toyohashi Kasei Specialized Training School

(Toyohashi Kasei)

- Duration … 3 years
- Qualification and License you may acquire: Become eligible to apply to university, become certified to perform Tea ceremonies, earn a Chef’s license, become eligible to take Food sanitation supervisor License, take Business writing Proficiency Test, etc.

*** Aichiken Ritsu Higashi Mikawa Technical School**

At this school, they help to develop the technical skills you would need to pursue a career in the construction industry. Each year they take in about 20 students for their General Construction course and the training period is two years. To enter the school, you must take a Japanese exam and a mathematics exam in addition to an interview. If you wish to enroll to this school, please consult your homeroom teacher because you must submit some forms to the Employment Security Office.

Also, if you have a disability, you may choose to attend *Aichi Vocational School for the Disabled* in Toyokawa. In order to enroll to this school, you must submit some forms to the Employment Security Office.

*** Employment**

For those individuals who wish to work after graduation, you will need to conduct a consultation together with your family, homeroom teacher, and the Employment Security Office officer. So please inform your teacher about your desire. However, you should be aware that the demand for Junior high graduates workers is very low (In 1995, the Employment Security Office was offering jobs for 242 people who had graduated from junior high school, but in 2020, March, there were only 2 companies and they were only recruiting 5 people in Toyohashi /Tahara Cities)

You should ask family, friends and neighbors if they might know of any jobs available. Basically, you will need to find a job by yourself.

4. Q & A

Q: I don't really know much about Japan's entrance exam system and I'm not really sure what and when I should be doing. Please teach me a career planning Schedule for a typical third year Junior high school student?

April	Academic Ability Test	
May	Periodical Test I	
June	Career Options Information Session Survey for Academic & Career (1) Periodical Test II	-This event focuses on Private senior high schools. Teachers from different Private senior high schools will come and explain about their schools.
July	Parents and Teachers Meeting	
August	Preliminary Visit to Senior High School (For observation)	-Some schools conduct the Comprehensive exam in end of August. -Preliminary visit to school is still on going even after August.
September	Survey for Academic & Career (2) Comprehensive exam	
October	Perioded Test III	
November	Comprehensive exam(3 rd year only) Career Information Session Perioded Test IV	-This event focuses on Public Senior high schools. Teachers from Public senior high schools will come and come and explain about their schools.
December	Survey for Academic & Career (3) Parents and Teachers Meeting	-Final decision for your desire Private Senior High school
January	Perioded Test V Parents and Teachers Meeting Private school's Entrance exams for Recommended students (Jan.26)	-Final decision for your desire Public Senior High school
February	Private school's General Entrance exams (FEB.1 –FEB3)	*From 2023, the entrance examination system of Public Senior High Schools will change. For more information, please contact the junior high school.
March	Graduation Ceremony(Mar.3) Part-time High School Entrance Exams (First)(MAR.4) Public school's General Entrance Exams Part-time High School Entrance Exams (Second)(MAR.25)	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;">⇒</div> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px;"> <p><u>Group A</u>: Test (3/7) Interview (3/8)</p> <p><u>Group B</u>: Test (3/10) Interview (3/11)</p> </div> </div>

* The schedule for exams may be different depends on school.

* The event schedule for this year (the 2021 school year) is subject to change.

Q: What is the difference between Junior High school and Senior high school?

This biggest difference is that Junior high school is not compulsory. Unlike in Junior high school, if you get bad grades or are absent too many days you can fail and be unable to move on to the next grade or graduate.

Since attending to a Senior High school to enhance your interest and ability was decided by your will and decisions, you are required to study seriously and you may not be able to graduate if you won't be serious about it.

Q: What are the qualifications to take exam in Senior High school?

Anyone who is over 15 years old and has attended Elementary school and Junior High school (a total of 9 years of school) in either Japan or in foreign country is eligible to take Senior high school entrance exams.

Q: What should I do about textbooks? Where can I buy them?

Elementary school and Junior High school books were provided free of charge, however that is not the case in Senior high school.

After you enroll, you can buy them at school. They are usually around 20,000 – 30,000 yen.

Q: What is a “NAISHINTEN” (School record score)?

The word “Naishinten” is often used at school but the formal name for this is, “*Chousasho hyoutei*”. It is a sum of school record score that reflects your performance in each of the 9 subjects. Each subject is graded on a 5-point scale with 5 being the highest score possible for a single subject. The highest possible school record score is 45 points. This score will be one of the factors (the other being your performance on the entrance exams) that high schools take into consideration when deciding to accept you or not.

Basically, your scholastic performance and School record in your third year of Junior school is very important, so study hard, do your best, and try to get as high a score as possible.

Q: Are school and gym uniforms mandatory? How much are they?

At most high schools, they designate their own school wear and shoes. Prices vary depends on school. School uniforms and shoes cost around a total of 100,000 yen. You will purchase a uniform when you enroll, so you need to have the money to pay the enrollment fee, uniform and supply fee, and textbook fee.

Uniform is not needed for Part-time (Night shift course) and Correspondence senior high schools.

Q: Is it possible to work while attending school?

There are many students who wish to work while continuing their education. At part-time (Night shift course) Senior High schools, you can work during the day and then go to school at night. In Toyohashi, there are two such schools: Toyohashi Municipal Senior High School (Ichiko) and Toyohashi Kōka Kokō . In nearby cities, there are Part time (Night shift course) : Gamagori Senior High school (Gamogori City, Ue Honmachi) and Arai Senior High school(Kosai City, Araicho).

These Part-time schools were originally constructed for student who wished to work while attending school so if you work more than 90 days a year (part-time job or other), you can receive financial assistance for your Text books and other school necessities.

There are also correspondence schools through which you can earn your Senior High school degree (for example, Kenritsu Kariya Higashi High School and Aichi Sangyō Daigaku Mikawa Senior High School.

Q: After I enroll in Senior High school, I was hoping to get a part-time job. Would this be ok?

For a part-time school, it's prerequisite that you work while you continue your education, so it is recommended that you will get a part-time job. However, for full-time high schools, you will need the school's permission before being able to get a part-time job. After you enroll, talk with your teachers to see whether it would be permissible.

Q: What is the *Preliminary Visit to Senior High school?* When I go, of what should I be aware?

A Preliminary visit is when you are given the opportunity to visit Senior High schools to see what a typical classes and clubs are like first-hand. Therefore, if you were wondering what exactly do you learn as a mechanics student at a technical high school, or if you were wondering what do you learn at a business high school, or if you just want to see what a full-time high school class is like, we highly recommend you go visit some Senior high schools.

In order to participate, you need to submit an application form which is usually handed out by your Junior high school. You will need to fill out the form and then hand it in to your homeroom teacher. You can visit as many schools as you like but don't be absent and remember to dress appropriately (wear your school uniform) and mind your manners during your visits.)

Q: By when should I decide about my future plans?

Try to decide whether you will go on to Senior High school or start work soon after graduating Junior high school by October.

If you do decide to enroll in Senior high school, options are listed below and the content will be discussed during the Parents and Teachers meeting in December.

- A: Apply only to Private Senior High schools.
- B: Apply to both Public and Private Senior High schools.
- C: Apply only to Public Senior High schools.
- D: Apply to Technical or Vocational Senior High schools.

Q: How many Academic exams (subjects) are conducted?

This varies by school, but generally, Public Senior high schools test your ability in the five core subjects (Japanese, Math, Social Studies, Science, and English) on the first day and then conduct interviews on the second day.

Private Senior High school also conduct exams in five core subjects but for recommended students Exam, they usually only test you on your Japanese, Math, and English abilities in addition to the interview. You may have to write an essay as well. Make sure to ask your teacher about the entrance exam process for the school you wish to attend.

Q: How are the interviews conducted?

All students who will take examination in Public Senior high schools will undergo Interview. In the interview, they usually ask about your reason for wanting to attend their school. The school will decide the style (whether it is an Individual or Group Interview) and time frame.

Interview for Recommended students and General exam students will be held separately. However, result of Interview for Recommended students will also be considered when they are taking General exam. Also, Recommended students have to tell about their characteristic (about one minute) during the interview.

In many Junior high schools, special practice is provided to help prepare you for the interview process so please ask your homeroom teacher about it.

Q: Is it true there is a Special examination process for Foreign students at Toyohashi Nishi Kōkō and Toyokawa Kōka Kōkō ?

★Special selection process for Foreign students

Prefectural Toyohashi Nishi Kōkō Sōgō gakka and Prefectural Toyokawa Kōka Kōkō have Special selection process (exam) for Foreign students and repatriate students from China. Foreign students who passed the exam and accepted to school can receive special Japanese Lesson and Subject instruction support.

QUALIFICATION: Those who live in Aichi Prefecture with their legal guardian, and fulfill one of the following: 1) Entered school in Japan in the fourth grade or above 2) Entered school in Japan in the third grade or below, but have special circumstances 3) Will stay in Japan for less than 6 years after their arrival.

This exam is scheduled in the same date of Recommended student Exam date and this school must also be your 1st choice even in your General exam. Therefore, students need to take 5 subjects and undergo Interview on the following day. On the day of Interview, students will take a written Exam which is Japanese, Math and English content are put together in one test (45 minutes, with Japanese Furigana). In the Interview, students will be asked about the Questions written in the Recommendation letter and need to tell about their characteristic (about one minute) during the interview.

Submitted Documents, result of written Exam and Interview would be considered prior to the ranking of the Total Grades of Exam. Students who won't be able to Pass the Special selection process (Exam) will automatically be added in the General Examination List. However, student may take the exam of their 2nd choice for the General Exam this time. Please consult your teachers if you wish to know more about the process.

Q: Is it true that there is Japanese Furigana in the Exam of Part time school?

The questions on both the first term and second term entrance exams for part-time courses at public schools contain furigana. There will be special accommodations for individual interviews.

Qualifications:

- (1) Foreign nationality or parents have foreign nationality.
- (2) Student who came or returned to Japan when he/she was in Grade 4 and above grade level. Students who came to Japan when they were in Grade 3 and below with a special valid reason. Total living period in Japan is less than 6 years. Please consult your teachers if you wish to know more about the process.

Q: I am interested in Computers. Is there any school that fits my interest?

There are some Computer Vocational school. Business course, Information Technology Course and etc. Student can learn from the Basic business software to the Information System knowledge and skills. There are some Vocational schools that also offer Senior High school Course.

There are also some Vocational schools where you can earn license for Chef, Fashion Designer and Electrician and so on.

Tuition fee for Vocational school is expensive since it is a Private school. Aside from tuition Fee, you may need additional payment to learn other Technical knowledge and pay for its materials fee. If you are going to take Senior High school course at the same time, you have to pay for it too.

Amount of Tuition Fee is varied depends on school but the Examination Fee range from 15,000 to 20,000yen. Upon enrollment, you may need to pay for Practice training fee and Facilities Fee. You may also need to purchase tools such as Knife and scissors set depends on the course you will take.

School Fee for first year range from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000yen. You must check the total cost until the graduation and save money. You may also avail the School Subsidies system.

Please consult your teachers if you wish to know more about the system.

5. Personal Experience

I was Grade 5 when I first came to Japan. I was so worried then since I didn't know any Japanese and Japanese culture. Despite the hardship, I was able to learn Japanese language and got used to the school life. After a year, I had to go back to my mother country due to family reason and attended school there. After, I came back to Japan again in January of my second year Junior High school.

Though I could understand a little Japanese language since it was my second time in Japan, it was hard for me to cope up with studies. I had some friends but I had no idea when it comes to Senior High school issue. I was feeling alone every day since my parents don't know either about the Japanese School system. That was also the time when my class adviser and Kokusai (International) teacher talked to me. They invited an Interpreter and I told her that I am lost and do not know what to do. After that, they were so kind and told me about my status. They suggested me to attend the "Consultation on Career for Foreign student" which is held by the City and also had a Parents and Teachers meeting. My parents' knowledge on school system broadened and I really studied hard to be able to pass the Entrance exam for Senior High school.

I am so thankful that I passed the Entrance exam and now participating in English Club. I chose this club because I want to work in a Hotel where there are many foreign guests and to be independent and live by myself in my near future. I want to fulfill my dream and I am now studying hard to pass Eiken (English Proficiency Test).

I want to tell you that "Where there is a will, there is a way". Though your family members don't know much about the Japanese system, there is definitely someone who can help you. Even you are not good in Japanese communication, be brave enough and please try to communicate with your friends and teachers. I am sure that you would find some clues. I am now on my way to my success story in achieving my dream and hope we can strive together for our dreams.

6. The Most Important Thing

It was year 1990 when a foreign student entered Japanese school for the first time. Now, there are more that 2000 students studying in Elementary and Junior High school and a lot of them continue their study for their future in Japan. Some finished college degree and became teachers and some are working in the City hall. On the other hand, it is also true that there are some students who were not able to adjust themselves to the language and culture differences and lost willingness to study and quitted school.

Indeed, Japanese schools and the schools of your home country are undoubtedly different. It is still confusing even parents have lived in Japan for a long period of time. But no matter how hard it is, it is very important to build the Basic needs of your child's life which is Education.

In Japan, Education until 15 years old is mandatory and nobody is allowed to quit school and to work. Japanese think that Education until 15 years old is very important for the children. To be able to go to Japanese Senior High school, you need to have Graduation Certificate from Junior High school in Japan or in your country.

We had a case when a student quitted Junior High school and wanted to continue his studies after few years. But it is really hard to do so without Graduation Certificate of Junior High School.

Therefore, we would like to call on the attention of parents not let your child quit school easily. If you have any problems, please consult with the school or the Board of Education. Let us find a solution together.

The Toyohashi Board of Education is here to help and assist you in any educational issue and problem. We have some interpreters available as the schedule indicated below.

Address: Toyohashi City Hall, 11rd Floor, Foreign Student Consultation Corner

Phone: 0532-51-2077

▪ Consultation in Portuguese	Mon-Fri	9 : 0 0 ~ 1 6 : 0 0
▪ Consultation in Spanish	Tuesday	1 1 : 0 0 ~ 1 5 : 3 0
▪ Consultation in Tagalog	Mon · Wed	1 1 : 0 0 ~ 1 5 : 3 0
▪ Consultation in simple Japanese	Mon-Fri	1 3 : 0 0 ~ 1 7 : 0 0

