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Guidance on Advancing to High School



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Let us begin the guidance for advancing
into high school

The first half consists of general
explanation for everyone, and the
second half will be individual
consultation sessions.

Let's think about the future and going to
high school together.

After graduating from junior high school...

I want to study more of my favorite subjects



I want to challenge myself
to something new

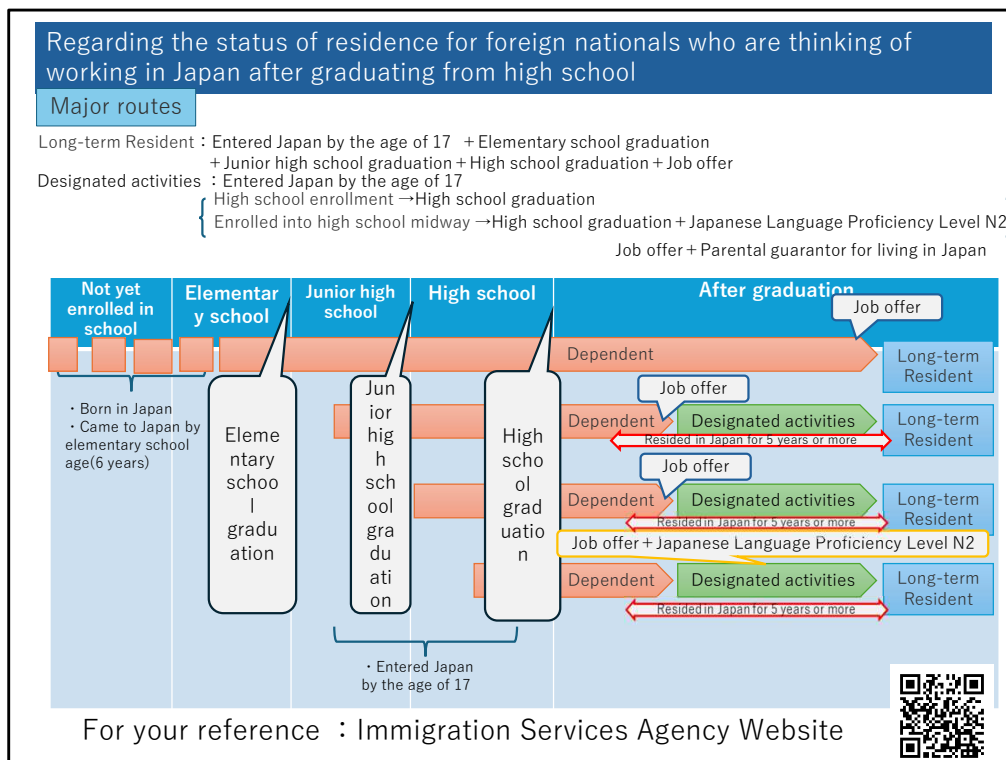


I want to do my best to prepare
for my future career



In Japan, elementary and junior high schools are, in most cases, decided by where you live.

However, you choose your own path after graduating from junior high school. What kind of life do you want to lead after graduating from junior high school?



As residence status is strongly related to one's future profession, a brief explanation will follow.

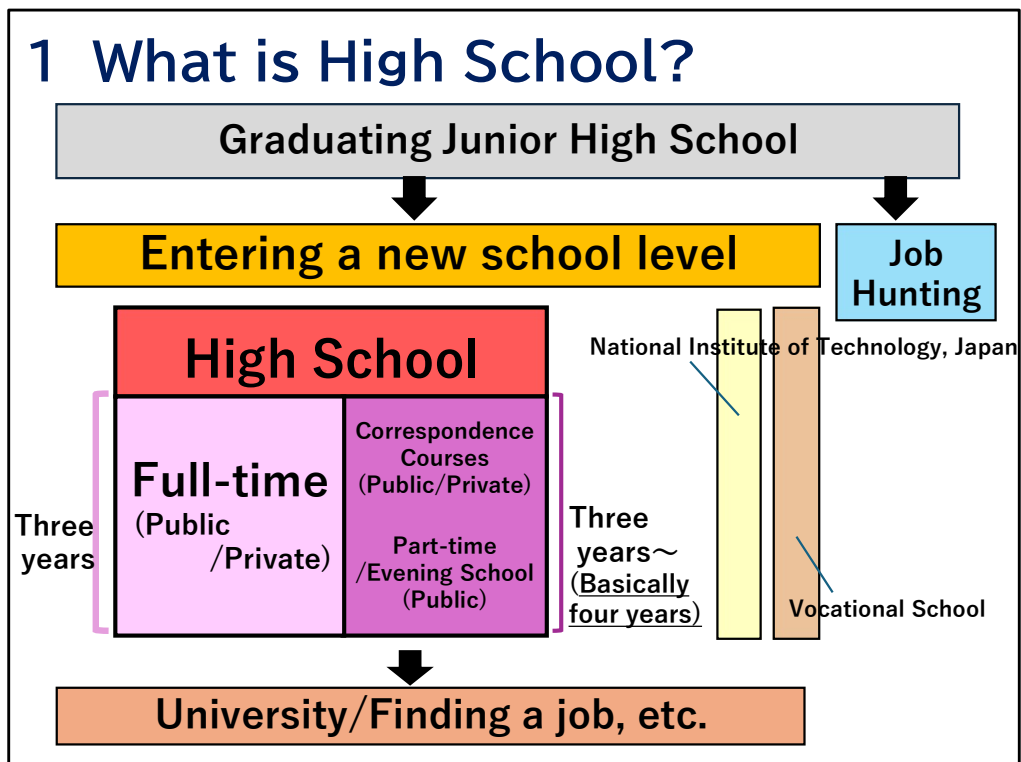
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It is likely that everyone either came to Japan together with their parent(s), or that they were born in here.

I believe your status of residence is "Long-term Resident" for those of Japanese descent, and "Dependent" for most others. Under Japan's current rules, if you remain under "Dependent" status, you cannot work more than 28 hours per week, and your choice of work is restricted.

However, if you graduate from a Japanese high school, it becomes possible to change your status to "Long-term Resident" or "Designated Activities". This allows you to work more than 28 hours per week and increases your career options.

Compared to those working immediately after graduating from junior high school, career options will increase for those with "Long-term Resident" status who are also of Japanese descent. If you continue to live in Japan, going to high school and graduating is an important step.



First, about high schools.

In Japan, after graduating from junior high school, almost everyone goes on to higher education, and most of them enter "Senior High School" (commonly known as "high school").

Today, we will explain what this "high school" is all about

2 What is different from Junior High School?

- **Commuting to school**

If your high school is far away, commute by bus or train.

- **Learning**

Some schools allow you to select your classes and choose your own schedule and receive Japanese instruction.

- **Textbooks**

Not free. Buy required textbooks.

- **Lunch**

There are no school lunches provided. Prepare your own boxed lunches. Some schools have cafeterias.

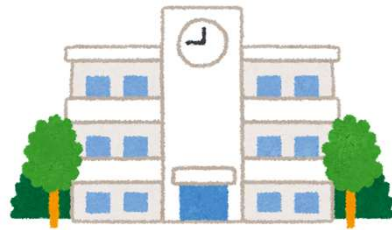


There are several differences between junior high school and high school, such as "commuting," "learning," "textbooks," and "lunch."

3 How many high schools are in Toyama Prefecture?

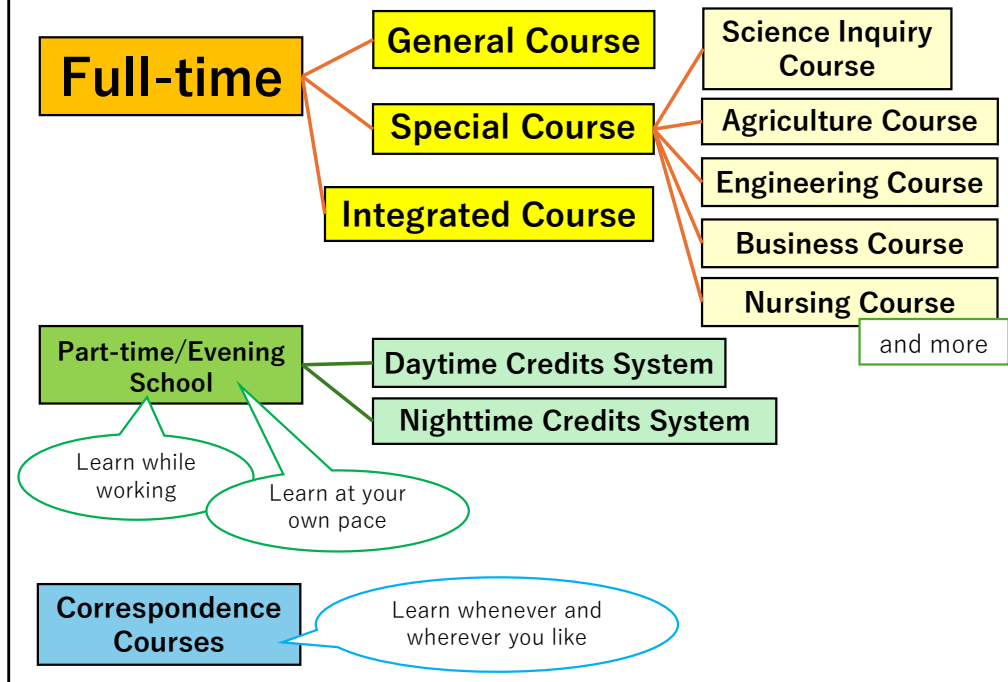
◆ Prefectural High Schools
(39 schools)

◆ Private High Schools (10 schools)



In Toyama Prefecture, there are 39 prefectural high schools established and operated by Toyama Prefecture. There are 10 private high schools established and operated by private entities.

4 What kinds of high schools are there?



There are three types of high schools.

The first is "Full-time" (Zennichisei), where you go to school in the morning and return in the evening, much like elementary or junior high school.

In Toyama Prefecture, most children attend "Full-time" schools.

"Night schools" are attended for short periods either during the day or night, and many people study there while working.

"Remote-learning" basically involves studying at home and submitting assignments to the school.

Commuting to high school on select days of the week

5 Can anyone go high school?

You must be over 15 years old on April 1st of the year you enroll, and must meet any one of the following:

- (1) Graduated from a Japanese junior high school or are scheduled to graduate from one in March 2027
- (2) Graduated from a junior high school overseas/ a corresponding school or are scheduled to graduate from one in March 2027
- (3) Recognized as having the same or higher academic ability as someone who has graduated from junior high school (Through a Junior High School Equivalency Examination Pass)

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Entrance examinations

Since high school is not compulsory education, you can enroll if you pass the entrance exam.

You can take the examinations if you are at least 15 years old as of April 1st of the entry year, and meet any of the following criteria:

Graduated from a Japanese junior high school, or expected to graduate in March 2027.

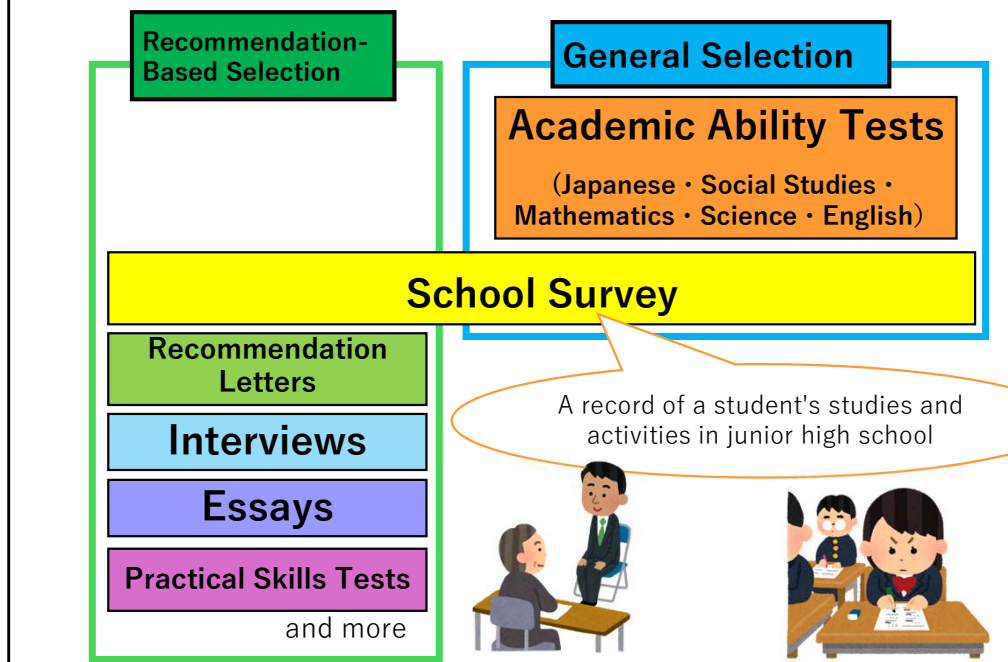
Graduated from an overseas junior high school or equivalent, or expected to graduate by March 2027.

Recognized as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than a junior high school graduate; if you meet any of these criteria, you can take the examinations.

Passing all subjects of the "Junior High School Equivalency Examination" under (3) is said to be very difficult.

If you are currently attending junior high school, attend it properly and graduate on time!

6 Please tell me about entrance examinations



There are two methods for selecting students for entrance examinations: Recommendation-Based Selection and General Selection .

There are certain requirements for applying through the Recommendation-Based Selection process, so students who are interested should consult their junior high school teacher carefully

"General Selection" is an academic test covering Japanese, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, and English.

For both, admission is decided based on the exam results combined with a "Student Report" (Chosasho) prepared by the junior high school, which contains grades, activity records, and attendance.

Since this is prepared by your junior high school, we hope you can appreciate the consistent effort we have put in at school.

7 What kinds of questions do academic ability tests have?

- Questions include what students have learned content during all three years of junior high school in Japanese, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, and English.

Prefectural High Schools

Students of foreign nationalities who have been in Japan for 6 years or less can request furigana (hiragana pronunciations) to be written on their test questions.

(Requests must come from the junior high school. If you would like to request this, please consult your teacher.)

Private High Schools

Differs depending on the high school.

The ability test covers content studied from the first through the third year of junior high school.

For full-time prefectural high schools, the content of the exams are the same regardless of which school or department you apply to.

For private high schools, content of the exams will vary depending on the individual school.

8 How do you apply for entrance examinations?

Prefectural high schools, private high schools, recommendation selections, standard selections all use online applications.
(Not including correspondence courses)



- Application schedules differ for prefectural high schools and private high schools.
- First, consult a teacher at your child's junior high school, the prefectural Board of Education, and/or a nearby NPO.

With the exception of correspondence schools, all entrance exam applications are submitted online.

The application schedule differs for each school.

Additionally, the application portal is only available in Japanese.

If you are currently in junior high school, consult your school teacher. If you are not enrolled, please consult the board of education or a local NPO.

9 Please tell me about the schedule				
	Private High Schools		Prefectural High Schools	
	Recommendation Selection	Standard Selection	Recommendation Selection	Standard Selection
December				
January	Application and exam fee payment			
	entrance examinations			
February	Announcement of results	Application and exam fee payment	Application and exam fee payment	
		entrance examinations	entrance examinations	
March		Announcement of results	Passing result notification	Application and exam fee payment
				entrance examinations
				Announcement of results

The schedule is generally like this every year.

In Toyama Prefecture, most people take exams for both prefectural and private high schools.

If you pass a private high school exam and wish to keep your enrollment spot active, then you are required to pay a portion of the entrance fee (about ¥50,000).

Even if you pass the prefectural high school exam and enroll there, any entrance fees previously paid to a private high school will not be refunded.

10 How much money is needed for high school?

Fiscal Year 2025		Prefectural High Schools			private high schools (full-time prefectural high schools)
		Full-time	Part-time/Evening School	Correspondence Courses	(Differs depending on the school)
Entrance examinations	Exam fee	¥2,200	¥950	¥460	Approximately ¥9,000
When enrolling	Enrollment fee	¥5,650	¥2,100	None	Approximately ¥130,000
	Uniforms, gym clothes, etc.	Approximately ¥70,000			Regarding enrollment fees, private high schools offer financial assistance if families meet certain income requirements.
After enrolling	Course fees and more	【Eligibility requirements for tuition support】 ○Students with Japanese nationality who have an address in Japan ○Students of non-Japanese nationality who have an address in Japan (Must hold one of the following statuses of residence.) ①Special Permanent Resident ② Permanent Resident ③ Spouse, etc., of a Japanese National ④ Spouse, etc., of a Permanent Resident ⑤ Long-term Residents who are recognized as having the intention to reside permanently in the future. ⑥ Dependents who have graduated from elementary and junior high schools in Japan, and are recognized as having the intention to work and settle in Japan after graduating from high school.			
	Textbooks				
	Other	PTA fees, Club fees, Library fees, Transportation fees (bus and train fares) and more			

•Prefectural and private high schools both have financial support systems.

•Plan ahead and save systematically for enrolling in high school.

This table shows the current fiscal year's expenses divided into three stages: "Fee to take the entrance exam", "initial cost upon enrollment, and "reoccurring expenses incurred while attending the school.

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For tuition, both prefectural and private high schools offer financial assistance if requirements such as nationality and status of residence are met. For both prefectural and private schools, about 70,000 yen is needed for uniforms, gym clothes, etc. Additionally, those commuting by train or bus must budget for transportation costs.

Let's save money in a planned, systematic manner to prepare for advancing into high school.

To all parents and guardians

◎For a better path for your child...

【If your child is attending school】

The school wants to work with you to support you and think of your child's future together. Please be sure to respond to any contact from school. If there is something you do not understand or need help with, please consult the school.

【If your child is not attending school】

If there is something you do not understand or need help with, please consult the prefectural Board of Education, and/or a nearby NPO. Think about your child's future path together with them.

Parents and gaurdians, let's think about your child's future path together with their junior high school, the Toyama Prefecture Board of Education, and local NPOs.