

Educational support for students with foreign roots 2023

Academic / career guidance

For your future . . .

～What are your plans after junior high school?～

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I. The school system in Japan

1. Educational system in Japan

Elementary and junior high school education are compulsory in Japan.

Compulsory Education	Age 6	Elementary School (6 years)			Compulsory Education (9 years)
	* remark 3				
	Age 12	Junior High School (3 years)			
	Age 15				
	Age 18	Senior High School (3 years) *remark 1	Specialized training school (1+ years) *remark 2	Vocational School (1 ~ 2 years)	Technical School (5 years)
	Age 22	University (4 ~ 6 years)	Junior College (2 years)	Technical College (1+ years) *remark 2	
		Graduate School (1 ~ 5 years)			

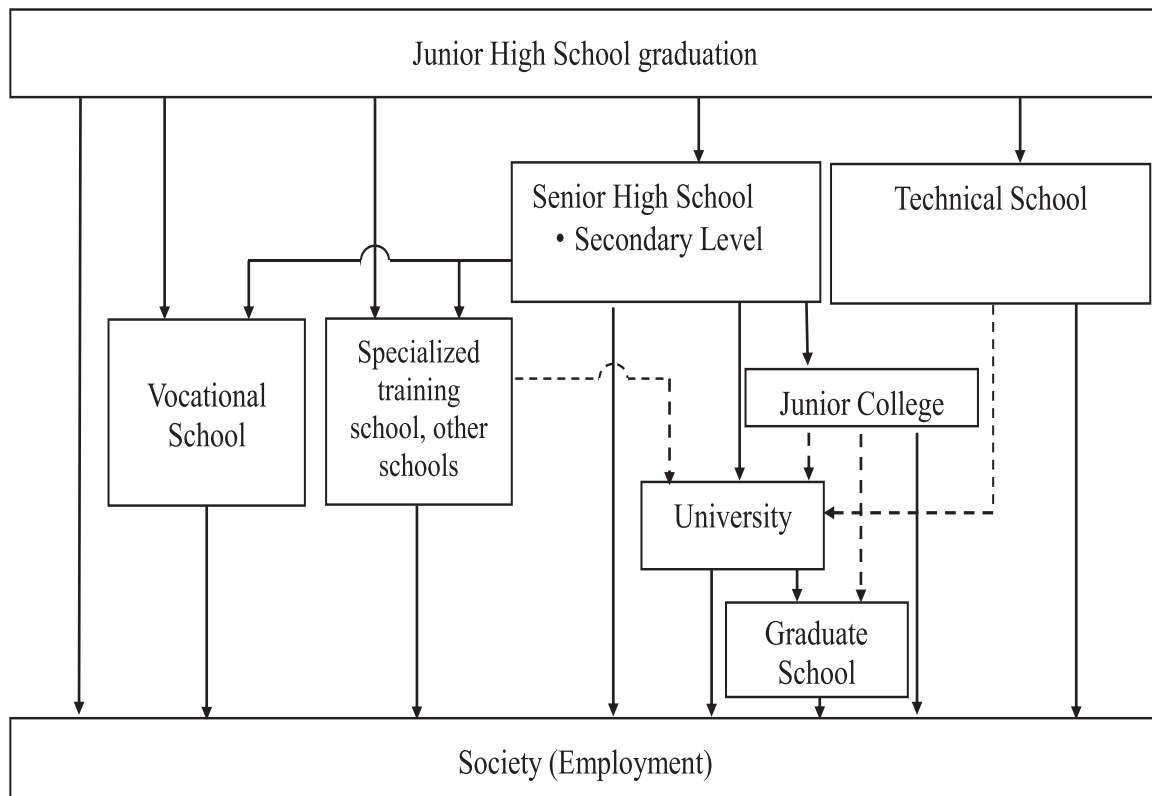
(remark 1) * Part-time courses are often completed in 4 years. Students may graduate in 3 years by taking part-time and correspondence courses simultaneously.

(remark 2) * Courses include fashion, home economics, commerce, industry, medical services, culture, etc.

(remark 3) * Compulsory education is not applicable to children of foreign nationalities.

2. Options after junior high school graduation

The chart below are general options after junior high school graduation.



II. Further studies after junior high school graduation

There are many ways to continue studies after junior high school graduation. You may choose to go on to a senior high school, technical school, specialized training school, or vocational school. For those who wish to continue studies while working, part-time and correspondence courses are also available in high school. Please consult with your teachers.

1. What is the difference between junior high school and senior high school?

In principle, all students are automatically promoted onto the next grade level in junior high school since it is compulsory education. However, in senior high school, students may not be promoted onto the next grade level nor graduate if performance is inadequate or class attendance is low. Regulations differ from school to school.

2. Can anyone take the entrance examination for senior high school?

(1) Individuals aged 15 or above, who graduated from a junior high school in Japan or completed 9 years of education overseas are eligible to take the entrance examination. Students with 8 years of education overseas must:

- ① Study 1 more year in an educational institution in Japan, or
- ② Pass the “Junior High School Graduation Certification Examination” held at the end of October every year.

(2) Junior High School Graduation Certification Examination

This examination is conducted by the government of Japan to certify whether or not you have the academic ability equivalent to junior high school graduation. Those who pass this examination have eligibility to take the senior high school entrance examination. Individuals without Japanese nationalities who are aged 15 or above by the end of the school year may also take the examination.

Application period: starts from July

Contact: Shiga Prefecture Educational Bureau, Early Childhood and Compulsory Education Division

Tel. 077-528-4665

Refer to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport, Science, and Technology homepage:

(https://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/shotou/sotugyo/index.htm)

(3) If returning to your home country

Please request all necessary documents to your school in advance (certificate of enrollment, academic transcripts, educational curriculum certificate, and graduation certificate). Official certification by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan is also necessary.

3. Types of schools

Senior high schools in Japan roughly fall into 2 categories, **public senior high schools** and **private senior high schools**. Moreover, they are divided into 3 types according to the time of attendance.

(1) Senior high schools

① Differences between public senior high schools and private senior high schools

a) Differences between public schools and private schools are shown in the tables below:

Public senior high schools	Private senior high schools
◇Established by prefecture administrative bodies	◇Established by private organizations
◇Low tuition fees	◇High tuition fees
◇Co-education	◇Boys' school, girls' school and co-education are available (co-education only in Shiga prefecture)
◇Personal Evaluation Report (<i>chousa-sho</i>) (*1) and academic test	◇Emphasis on entrance examination and interviews
◇Screening of applicants in early February and March	◇Choice of exclusive application (<i>sengan</i>) and multiple application (<i>heigan</i>) (*2)
	◇Screening of applicants in early February (in Shiga prefecture)

<Terminology explanation>

(*1) Personal Evaluation Report (*chousa-sho*)

Achievement (assessment) towards secondary education are evaluated on an absolute 5-point scale for each subject (9 subjects) based on performance during the 3 years of junior high school. Gradings for all subjects in junior high school are written on this document and is submitted to the senior high school for reference during application.

(*2) Exclusive application (*sengan*) and Multiple applications (*heigan*)

Exclusive application (*sengan*) for private senior high schools refers to a **method of application by pledging to enter if accepted**. On the other hand, a **multiple application (*heigan*)** refers to a **method of application where, even if accepted into the private high school, the applicant will decline entry if accepted into a public high school after taking the entrance examination that is to be conducted at a later date**. If accepted into a private high school by exclusive application (*sengan*), he/she may not take the entrance examination for a public high school that will be held at a later date. There is no distinction between exclusive (*sengan*) and multiple (*heigan*) application for public high schools, as the applicant must enter if accepted.

b) Full-time courses, part-time courses and correspondence courses

Depending on class hours and configuration, senior high schools are divided into the following types. Students attend school during the daytime for full-time courses. Part-time courses are available during the daytime or evening. Students study at home for correspondence courses with the use of teaching materials and television, submit reports, and take guidance classes for interviews on other days such as Sundays. There are part-time and correspondence schools that are under a credit-based system, instead of grade-year system.

② Subjects in senior high schools

There are general subjects, subjects mainly for vocational training (agriculture, industry, commerce, home economics, welfare, etc.) and non-vocational specialized educational subjects (science and mathematics, music, fine arts, physical education, etc.).

A comprehensive subject for specialized studies by category is also available.

(2) Other educational institutions

① “Technical college” (Shiga Prefecture’s Technical Schools)

A technical school is a facility for obtaining the knowledge and skills necessary for employment. Maibara Technical College and Kusatsu Technical College exist in Shiga prefecture that provide one-year vocational training for young individuals and those seeking new jobs or looking into changing jobs.

The courses below accept applications of new graduates from junior high schools.

School Name	Training period	Course	New graduates from junior high school
Maibara Technical College (Higher Technical Maibara School)	1 year	Wooden building architecture	Up to approximately 5 students
Kusatsu Technical College (Higher Technical Kusatsu School)	1 year	Fashion design Metal manufacturing	Up to approximately 5 students Up to approximately 5 students

② Specialized training schools and other schools

Other than senior high schools, there are specialized training schools, vocational schools, and other schools where you can receive practical education and specialized training such as Japanese dressmaking, bookkeeping, abacus, car maintenance, cooking and nutrition, hair dressing, beauty care, computer skills, English conversation, and manufacturing.

There are 2 specialized training schools in the prefecture with upper secondary courses that accept junior high school graduates, shown in the table below.

Specialized training schools which include upper secondary courses and accept junior high school graduates

(Specialized training schools approved by Shiga prefecture as of June, 2023)

	School	Location	Courses (period)	Technical cooperation
Specialized Training School	Otsu Medical Association Practical Nursing Specialized Training School	Otsu	Practical Nursing (2 years)	
	Kouyoudai Minakuchi Vocational School	Koka	Fashion (3 years)	Kouyoudai High School

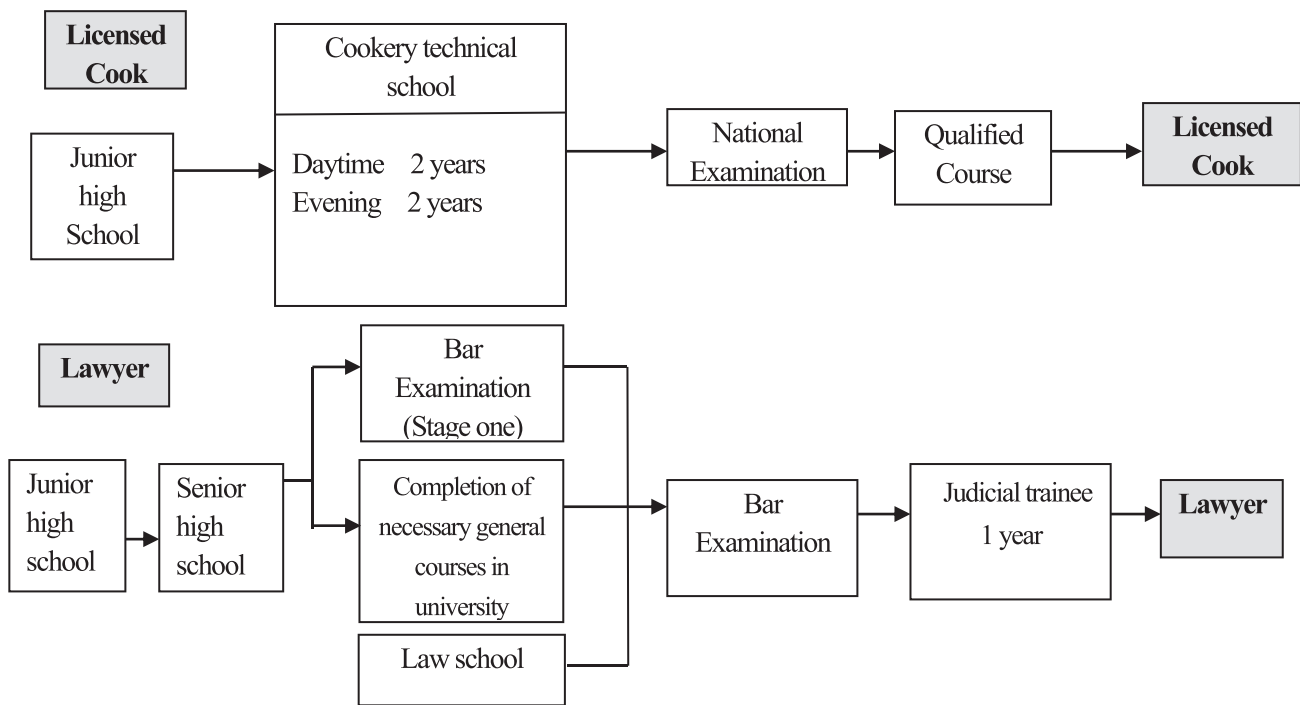
(3) Jobs and qualifications

Certain jobs require for you to take and pass a national examination. When taking such examinations, it is necessary to keep in mind that there may be certain prerequisites depending on the occupation. Some examinations may require an educational background, while others may not. Some examinations may not have educational background restrictions, however, may require knowledge equivalent to senior high school graduation or university graduation.

Some examples of qualifications and their corresponding occupations are explained below:

- ① Examples of occupations/qualifications that may be taken by junior high school graduates - licensed cook, hair-stylist, barber, etc.
- ② Examples of occupations/qualifications that require knowledge and skills of university graduation or equivalent- doctor, dentist, veterinarian, pharmacist, teacher, judge, lawyer, certified accountant, counselor for better quality of life, social education officer, child welfare commissioner, etc.
- ③ Examples of occupations/qualifications that are advantageous for graduates of senior high school in regular courses - nurse, childcare worker, civil servant, librarian, health nurse, midwife, etc.
- ④ Examples of occupations/qualifications that are advantageous for graduates of senior high school in technical courses - gas welder, boiler operator, electrical engineer (type 1, 2, 3), qualified architect (level 1, 2), car mechanic (level 2, 3), etc.
- ⑤ Examples of occupations/qualifications that are advantageous for graduates of senior high school in vocational course - tax accountant, administrative scrivener, licensed social insurance consultant, information technology engineer, certified welfare worker, etc.

Attaining the qualifications of a licensed cook and a lawyer flowchart:



※ The Nationality Clause:

“According to the clause, Japanese nationality is a prerequisite for taking the recruitment examination of general civil servants engaged in public authority or constitution of the national will.” (Source: Wikipedia).

Recently, movement for elimination of the Nationality Clause at the local public authority level is spreading, and restrictions in the field of education and medicine are also easing at the national level. Please verify the conditions for recruitment examinations in advance as the prerequisite for the Nationality Clause differ among occupations and regions.

4. School fees

After graduating junior high school, tuition is required in order to study in senior high school. First of all, an “examination fee” is required to take the entrance examination, and “admission fee” is required for admission after passing the exam. Moreover, a fixed amount of “tuition fee” is required every year.

Private senior high schools require fees such as “facility fee” (for replenishment of buildings and equipment) and vocational schools require fees such as “laboratory and practical training fee”. These fees, called “*gakkou noufukin*” must be paid to the school. Prefectural high schools require expenses for textbooks and other fees for leaning.

There is a substantial difference in education fees depending on the type, field of study, and administrative organization of the school. Please look into the fees required at the school you wish to go to in advance.

(1) Admission screening fees / enrollment fees

	Prefectural senior high school				Full time private school (e.g.)
	Full time	Part-time	Credit-based	Correspondence course	
Examination fee	2,200 yen	950 yen	950 yen	none	20,000 yen
Admission fee	5,650 yen	2,100 yen	2,100 yen	500 yen	150,000 yen
Uniform	40,000 ~ 60,000 yen	none	0 ~ 30,000 yen	none	Approx. 70,000 yen
Others (PE uniform, etc.) (e.g.)	Approx. 50,000 yen (includes 1 st year grade fee)	Approx. 40,000 yen (includes 1 st year grade fee)	Approx. 25,000 yen (incl. teaching material fees)	Approx. 20,000 yen (incl. teaching material fees)	Approx. 70,000 yen
Total	Approx. 100,000 yen	Approx. 43,000yen	Approx. 28,000 yen	Approx. 20,000 yen	Approx. 310,000 yen

* Admission fee must be paid by the time of entry.

(2) Tuition fees and other fees throughout the year

	Prefectural senior high school				Full time private school (e.g.)
	Full time	Part-time		Correspondence course	
		Non credit-based	Credit-based		
Tuition fee (annual)	118,800 yen	32,400 yen	1,750 yen (per credit)	330 yen (per credit)	Approx 396,000 yen
Parents-Teachers Association fee, etc. (annual)	Fees vary depending on schools, courses, and subjects.				Approx 20,000 yen
Savings towards the school trip (<i>shuugaku ryokou</i>) (annual)	Fees vary depending on schools, courses, and subjects.				Approx 100,000 yen
Others (Annual) Textbooks, etc.	Fees vary depending on schools, courses, and subjects.				Facilities fee Approx 200,000 yen
Total	Different for each school				Approx 716,000 yen

- Textbooks and teaching material fees, Parent-Teacher Association fees and savings for the school trip (*shuugaku ryokou*) are determined by each school.
- Commuter pass may be purchased at a student discount for those who use JR, private railways and buses.
- Tuition support programs (After admission in April)
The High School Tuition Support Fund (*koutougakkoutou shuugaku shienkin*) provides assistance for households with students in national, public or private high schools and other designated educational institutions. Households with guardians whose annual income is less than approx. 9.1 million yen* are eligible for assistance, while additional support is supplemented to households whose annual income is less than approx. 5.9 million yen * for private high school students. There is no need to repay the Tuition Support Fund.
- Support programs for expenses other than tuition (about July every year after the enrollment)
Supplemental Scholarship Fund (*shuugaku no tameno kyuuufukin*) is available for expenses other than tuition for those students who entered senior high school etc., (those applicable for the Tuition Support Fund, excluding those in the special needs senior high school course) after April, 2014 with guardians of low-income households (tax-exempt with annual income of less than approx. 2.7 million yen*) living in Shiga prefecture.
Please ask your school for details after enrollment.
- ※ Based on the total of parent(guardian)' s taxable income (standard taxable value) . It is made on an assumption of a family of four with one parent(guardian) working, one senior high school student (aged 16 or over) and one junior high school student, with an annual income of approximately 9.1 million yen, 5.9 million yen and 2.7 million yen.

5. Scholarship (Loan Fund) system

A financial assistance system is available for students who have difficulties in paying their school fees. There are restrictions on the applicant's financial situation. Please consult your school for details.

The summary of available scholarships are as follows. Please contact the corresponding institution for information on the qualifications, restrictions and repayment method of the loan.

Scholarship/loan	Monthly loan (interest-free)	Application Period	Contact (Tel.)
Shiga prefecture scholarship (Shigaken shogaku shikin)	<p>○Scholarship (Monthly)</p> <p>State and public school, living with family: 18,000 yen</p> <p>State and public school, living separately: 23,000 yen</p> <p>Private school, living with family: 30,000 yen</p> <p>Private school, living separately: 35,000 yen</p> <p>○Admission fund (lump sum)</p> <p>basic amount : 50,000 yen</p> <p>additional amount for private school: 150,000 yen</p> <p>(amount that will not exceed admission fee)</p> <p>○Funds for the purchase of computing devices* (one time only)</p> <p>Amount equivalent to the cost of purchasing a <u>computing device</u> (Up to 150,000 yen)</p> <p>* Funding for the purchase of computing devices is estimated at 150,000 yen maximum.</p>	<p>Reserved application (during 3rd year Junior High): September</p> <p>Application during enrollment: Any time</p>	<p>Consult with your senior high school or Shiga Prefectural Educational Bureau, General Education Division</p> <p>Tel: 077-528-4587</p>
Educational subsidies for part-time and correspondence course for senior high schools in Shiga	<p>Prefectural senior high school (part time, correspondence course)</p> <p>Private senior high school (correspondence course) 14,000 yen</p> <p>Private senior high school (part time) 29,000 yen</p>	October	<p>Consult with your senior high school or Shiga Prefectural Educational Bureau, General Education Division</p> <p>Tel: 077-528-4587</p>
Support for living Loan (Educational Support Loan)	<p>○Educational support (Monthly)</p> <p>Senior High school within 35,000 yen</p> <p>National College of Technology within 60,000 yen</p> <p>○Scholarship Fee (Lump sum) within 500,000 yen</p>	Anytime	<p>Shiga Prefectural Council of Social Welfare</p> <p>Tel: 077-567-3903</p>
Scholarship Association for Orphaned Children of Traffic Accident Victims (<i>kotsu iji ikueikai</i>)	<p>Monthly amount 20,000、30,000 or 40,000 yen as selected by applicants</p>	<p>Accepting reservation applications (during 3rd year Junior High)</p> <p>(Application also accepted after admission)</p>	<p>Scholarship Association for Orphaned Children of Traffic Accident Victims</p> <p>Tel: 0120-52-1286</p>
Scholarship for Traffic Accident Orphans (<i>Kōtsu iji shogakukin</i>)	<p>Monthly amount 10,000 yen</p> <p>(No obligation to repay)</p>	Anytime after admission into Orizurukai	<p>Orizurukai, Road Maintenance Division (Doro-hozenka) within Shiga Prefecture office</p> <p>Tel: 077-528-3682</p>
Ashinaga Scholarship Association (orphaned children of disaster victims or illness)	<p>State and public senior high school: 25,000 yen*</p> <p>Private senior high school: 30,000 yen*</p> <p>Special training school and others: 40,000 yen*</p> <p>*amount equivalent to loan</p>	<p>Accepting reservation applications (during 3rd year Junior High)</p> <p>(Application also accepted after admission)</p>	<p>Scholarship Division, Ashinaga Scholarship Association</p> <p>Tel: 0120-77-8565</p> <p>URL:https://www.ashinaga.org/</p>

Scholarship/loan	Monthly loan (interest-free)	Application Period	Contact (Tel.)
The Society of Mary St. Joseph Scholarship Fund	Monthly 20,000 yen (No obligation to repay) Scholarship will be granted until graduation	May 22 ~ July 7 (For applications in 2023)	In principle, inquiries should be made via the school. <i>Mitsui-Sumitomo Shintaku Ginko Shisan Jutaku Gyomu-bu Koeki Shintaku Group Catholic Maria Shogaku Ikuei Kikin</i> Tel: 03-5232-8910

- ※ Independent scholarships, reduction and exemption schemes are also available in private senior high schools. Please consult your class teacher and your school for details on the application period and types of scholarships available.
- ※ Loans granted by local public entities are also available. Please consult your class teacher for details.
- ※ Repayment of loans is an obligation.

6. Student selection process in senior high school

(1) Types of student selection

There are 3 types of student selection: “General selection”, “Referral selection”, “Special selection” and “Referral selection in sports, culture and arts”.

“General selection”...Based on scores of academic performance tests and personal evaluation report (*kojin chousa houkukokusho*). There are also interviews and practical examinations.

“Referral selection”...Based on 1 or 2 of the following criteria: interview, essay, practical examination

“Special selection”...Based on at least 2 of the following criteria: general questions, short essay, oral examination, practical examination

“Referral selection in sports, culture and arts”...Based on at least 1 of the following criteria: practical examination, interview, essay or short essay. Schools carrying out “Special selection” may include general questions for “Special selection”.

※ Previous questions from the Academic Test for Shiga Prefecture Senior High School Admission Screening of Applicants may be viewed on the Shiga Prefectural Board of Education’s homepage.

(URL: <https://www.pref.shiga.lg.jp/edu/nyuushi/high/senbatsu/105597.html>)

(2) Special consideration for entrance examinations of prefectural senior high schools

When students need special consideration during the entrance examination, the “Application for Special Arrangements for foreign and returnee students” (*Kaigai Kikoku Seitotou Toriatsukai Sochinegai*) is submitted to the school you wish to enter. Please consult the senior high school through your junior high school regarding details for consideration.

※ Eligibility for “Application for Special Arrangements for foreign and returnee students” (*Kaigai Kikoku Seitotou Toriatsukai Sochinegai*)

Returnees and foreign students who meet all of the following requirements:

- ① Period of stay in Japan: The period from the day of returning or arrival in Japan until February 1, 2024 is within 6 years.
- ② Period of living abroad: The period of continuously living abroad before returning or arrival in Japan is more than 1 year.

Consideration: For entrance examination questions, Kanji characters may be accompanied with Japanese hiragana, examination time may be increased and dictionaries may be used for the purpose of translating foreign words to Japanese and vice-versa. (Up to 2 dictionaries are allowed, however, dictionaries in English are prohibited.)

7. Entrance Examination schedule (Junior High School 3rd year student) <example>

July	<i>Sansha-mendan</i> (Student-parent(guardian)-teacher meeting)
August	Trial enrollment in senior high schools, etc.
Early September	Proficiency test (7 to 8 times / year)
October	Mid-term test
November	Final test
Mid-December	<i>sansha-mendan</i> (Consultation on the choice of senior high school according to student's test results and interests)
Mid-January	Application (<i>shutsugan</i>) for entrance examinations into private school in Shiga prefecture
Late January	Application (<i>shutsugan</i>) for special selection by category of referral, specialty, sports, arts and culture into prefectural senior high schools
Early February	Private school entrance examination Notice of private school entrance examination results in Shiga prefecture Screening for special selection by category of referral, specialty, sports, arts and culture into prefectural senior high schools (admission screening)
Mid-February	Notice of results for special selection by category of referral, specialty, sports, arts and culture into prefectural senior high schools Application (<i>shutsugan</i>) for general selection into prefectural senior high schools.
Late February	Amendments on prefectural senior high school general selection application
Early March	Academic test for prefectural senior high schools (general selection, first-round)
Mid-March	Notice of admission results Second-round application for prefectural senior high schools (only for schools that do not have full student capacity.)
Late March	Second-round selection Notice of second-round admission results
Early April	Admission into senior high school!

【Entrance examination terminology】

“*Gansho*”: application form to apply for an entrance examination.

“*Shiboukou*”: the school which one would like to apply to.

“*Shutsugan*”: the act of submitting a *gansho* to the school of interest.

“*Chousa-sho*”: a personal evaluation report with a record of academic performance, attendance and school activities (ex. committee membership or any awards, etc.) in junior high school.

“*Sengan*” (Exclusive application): To apply to only one school of interest. If the candidate who applied by this method for a private senior high school passes the entrance examination, he/she will have to go to the school. The chance of passing is higher compared to that of “multiple application”.

“*Heigan*” (Multiple applications): Students could apply not only to their first choice of school, but other schools as well.

- ① Application to more than one public/prefectural senior high school is prohibited, even if the school is located in another prefecture.
- ② Excluding candidates with referral for private senior high schools (*seigan*), multiple applications (*heigan*) for a prefectural senior high school and private senior high school or between different private high schools may be possible if entrance examination dates differ.

“*Koukou taiken nyuugaku*”: While in junior high school, students are able to experience senior high school life in their desired school. This “trial day” is carried out during summer holidays in August, or weekends in the second semester in most schools.

「Sansha-mendan」 (Student-parent(guardian)-teacher meeting to discuss career paths)

Discussion between the student, guardian, and teacher regarding the student's future academic/career path. Many schools have this discussion in July and December. The aim of this discussion is to have an idea for the student's future, to clarify current goals, and for the three parties involved to have a common understanding in regards to the details being discussed. This discussion may also be arranged at any time upon request. Please consult with your teacher as soon as possible for any concerns.

8. School life in senior high school

Various events are held at the school, including those where parents(guardians) are invited, such as parent(guardian)-teacher meetings, as well as special activities like school trips (shuugaku ryokou) that require additional expenses.

【Example of main school events throughout the year】

Semester 1: Starting ceremony, entrance ceremony, medical check-up, physical measurements, field trips, student-guardian-teacher meeting, regular tests, closing ceremony, summer vacation

Semester 2: Starting ceremony, Sports Day, School festival/ Study presentation, student-guardian-teacher meeting, regular tests, closing ceremony, winter vacation

Semester 3: Starting ceremony, school trip, student-guardian-teacher meeting, regular test, graduation ceremony, closing ceremony, spring vacation

- ※ Some schools have a 2-semester system instead of a 3-semester system.
- ※ Students may not be promoted from 1st year to 2nd year, or 2nd year to 3rd year for inadequate achievements or poor class attendance. “*Ryuunen*” refers to a student repeating the same grade.

~A standard day in a senior high school ~ (Example for a full-time school)

The school starts at 8:30 am. There are 4 lessons in the morning (50 minutes / lesson) and 2 more after lunch. There are 6 lessons in one day. Each subject is taught by a different teacher. There are afterschool clubs in sports or culture, where the student decides whether or not to join. Lunch is not provided, so students must bring their own lunches or eat in the cafeteria for schools with such a facility. Most schools require students to wear uniforms.

9. Others

Employment: The following are ways to find jobs.

Look for a job at “Hello Work **” (public job placement center) through the school

**“Hello Work” is a place where people can find jobs. Consultations regarding employment are also available. (Some “Hello Work” centers provide consultations in Portuguese and Spanish)

Let's think and discuss your future with your teachers and parents(guardians)!

 **I am not sure which path to take after graduation from junior high school.**

After graduating from junior high school, there are various institutions to continue your study: senior high schools, technical schools (*senmon gakko*), technical schools (*senshu gakko*), other schools (*kakushu gakko*), vocational schools (*shokugyo gakko*), part-time high schools (*teiji-sei*) and correspondence schools (*tsushin-sei*). Actively attend orientations, school tours and entry trials to collect information regarding the school. Think about what you want to do, what you are good at, and the skills you have, and consult with your teachers and family to make a decision. You may use the reference materials below:

* 「Yume no Sekkeizu」 (Shiga Prefecture Educational Bureau, High School Education Division)

Language: Portuguese / Spanish / Chinese / Tagalog

<https://www.pref.shiga.lg.jp/edu/school/tokusyoku/104806.html>

* 「Mirai no tame no shinro guidance - Academic/career guidance」 (SIA)

Language: Portuguese/Spanish/Chinese/English/Tagalog /Vietnamese/Nepalese

<https://www.s-i-a.or.jp/en/projects/multicultural>

 **I would like to become a nurse. What should I do?**

After junior high school graduation, there are various paths you may choose from, such as going to a technical school or specialized school, going to a practical nursing school or university with a nursing course after senior high school graduation, or going to a nursing college. Either way, you must pass the National Certification Examination for Nursing. There are schools for nursing in Shiga. Please consult with your teachers.

 **I did not graduate junior high school, but would like to go to senior high school.**

The government of Japan offers a certification exam once a year to determine if your academic skills are equivalent to the level of junior high school graduates. If you pass this exam, you will have the qualification to enter senior high school. Even if you don't have Japanese nationality, you may take this exam as long as you are 15 years or older by the end of the fiscal year.

Junior High School Graduation Certification Exam: Thursday, October 19, Shiga Prefectural Government Office North new bldg (Kita shinkan)5-E conference room (4-1-1 Kyomachi, Otsu)

Application: Monday, July 3 ~ Friday, September 1, 2023 (Postmark valid until September 1 for mail applications)

Inquiries: Shiga Prefecture Educational Bureau, Early Childhood and Compulsory Education Division

TEL 077-528-4665

 **I would like to quickly obtain a skill such as manufacturing and start working.**

Technical College in Shiga prefecture, a school for skill development assuming employment after completion of the class, offers one-year courses. Courses offered include: clothing design, wooden building architecture and metal manufacturing. Please consult with your teachers.

 **I would like to study while working at the same time.**

Part-time high school or correspondence courses are available. Daytime or evening classes are available for part-time schools. Correspondence classes require for you to study at home and submit reports during the week, and attend classes on weekends. This type of school is a credit-based system, rather than a grade-system. Please consult with your teachers.

 **I cannot continue with my schooling due to financial reasons.**

Please make use of various financial aid programs to support paying your tuition. Shiga educational fund (*Shiga-ken Shogaku Shikin*), Mary St. Joseph financial aid, and other organization and local government-supported programs are available.

If you are having financial difficulties, please consult with your school, organizations, or the Shiga Board of Education. Educational loans of private organizations are also available.

Resources

1. Subjects in Prefectural Senior High Schools

*“Dream Plans – Introduction to the aspects of Shiga Prefectural Public Senior High Schools” (By Shiga Prefecture Educational Bureau)

2. Admission screening of applicants for individual senior high schools in Shiga prefecture

* Admission screening of applicants for individual senior high schools in Shiga prefecture (By Shiga Prefecture Educational Bureau)

3. Private and other Senior High Schools and Technological Schools in Shiga Prefecture

4. Locations of Senior High Schools in Shiga prefecture

* 3&4: “The life of junior high school students and their future course” 2022 edition 1~3 (Future course counseling section, Shiga Prefecture Education Research Department)

5. List of local consultation desks in Shiga prefecture

6. List of Japanese classes in Shiga prefecture

7. Learning / Playing Groups for Children

School Subjects in Prefectural Senior High Schools

1. Regular courses

(1) Characteristics of Regular Courses

- General education...Raises the overall educational level, aiming at nurturing basic knowledge to cope with one's future career and studies.
- Contents ...Focuses on general subjects. However, some schools have specialized subjects
 General subjects : Japanese, Geography and History, Civics, Mathematics, Science, Health and Physical Education, Arts, Foreign Languages, Home Economics and Information
- Type...There are courses on "Humanities" focusing on Japanese and Social Sciences; "Science course" focuses on Mathematics and Science; students may study according to their own preferences.
- Study based on proficiency...For subjects such as Mathematics and English, some schools organize study programs according to the student's individual proficiency.

(2) Courses related to general education

Some schools organize educational courses according to the student's ability and their aptitude to cope with the needs of their future career and studies.

- Physical Education course • • **【Ibuki】 【Echi】 【Minakuchi】**
- International Culture course • • **【Kitaotsu】 【Minakuchi】**
- English course • • • • • **【Maibara】**
- Music course • • • • • **【Echi】**
- Welfare and Health course • • • **【Ishibe】**
- GS (Global Science) course • • **【Hikone Higashi】**

2 Specialized courses

- Specialized courses are designed according to the students' individual interests and concerns aiming at maximizing their characteristics respectively.
- Apart from regular subjects; students can gain specialized knowledge and skills.

(1) Agricultural subjects

Agriculture...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field of animal science (management of livestock and pet animals), field of food and agriculture promotion (regional agricultural production, processing, distribution, and sales), field of food production (cultivation, operation of large machineries) 【Nagahama Nougyo】 • Basic knowledge and techniques for producing agricultural commodities 【Konan Nougyo】 • Cultivation of rice, vegetables, fruits and plants; caring of livestock; biotechnology; and agricultural business 【Yokaichi-Minami】
Food Technology...	Manufacture, distribution and sales of processed agricultural and livestock products 【Nagahama Nougyo】 【Konan Nougyo】 【Yokaichi-Minami】
Horticulture...	Production, distribution, and use of vegetables, fruits and plants 【Nagahama Nougyo】
Flower and Greenery...	Basic knowledge and techniques for the production, sales and use of flowers and trees 【Konan Nougyo】
Landscape Design ...	Basic knowledge on environmental-conscious designs for urban planning and regional development; surveying and landscaping techniques 【Yokaichi-Minami】

(2) Industrial subjects

Course on Mechanics ...Includes basic information and skills in the machine industry, actual practice in the machine industry, site operation, supervision and management
【Hikone Kougyo】 【Hachiman Kougyo】 【Seta Kougyo】
【Hikone Kougyo (Part-time)】

Course on Electricity...Includes subjects in generation, transmission, the use and principles of electricity; electricity-related businesses (manufacturing, management, operation, maintenance, technical services, etc.); electricity-saving; mechanisms of computers and computer programs; technical innovations including mechatronics (controlling machines with computers); and information technology (data communications, etc.)
【Hikone Kougyo】 【Hachiman Kougyo】 【Seta Kougyo】

Chemical Engineering ...
Includes biotechnology, operation, management, research and technical services of facility devices in chemical factories and chemical-related fields
【Seta Kougyo】

Construction and Facilities ...
Includes design, construction techniques of buildings, such as wooden houses, high-rise buildings; also includes facility-related work such as those related to air-conditioning equipments, water supply and drainage, hygienic facilities of buildings, disaster prevention devices, roads, bridges, and railways.
【Hikone Kougyo】

Environmental Chemistry ...
Includes the study on environmental analysis and preservation, production, experiments on recycling, and experiments on biotechnology.
【Hachiman Kougyo】

Mechanical and Electrical courses...
Includes the study of the basic knowledge and techniques related to machineries and electricity; machine production techniques; and electrical construction management techniques
【Seta Kougyo (Part-time)】

(3) Commerce Subjects

Commerce ... The scope of study includes marketing and business management; clerical work techniques, the use of information apparatus and word processors
【Hachiman Shougyo】

Information Processing ...Includes clerical work training and the use of computers, data processing and programming techniques
【Hachiman Shougyo】

International Economics ...Includes subjects relevant to economics, culture and languages of foreign countries; leadership ability and creativity in the international society
【Hachiman Shougyo】

Comprehensive Business ...Includes knowledge and techniques covering a wide range of business activities, and also distribution, accounting, information and international society related matters
【Otsu Shougyo】

Information System ...Includes the study on data collection, analysis, processing and transmission by means of computers and IT (information communication technology) techniques
【Otsu Shougyo】

(4) Home Economics

Home Economics ...

Includes subjects relevant to family life and its related occupations and industries, clothing, food and childcare. **【Otsu】**

(5) Science and Mathematics

Science and Mathematics ...

Includes subjects relevant to the advanced knowledge of natural sciences and mathematics aiming at nurturing the ability on scientific observation and creativity.
【Maibara】 【Zeze】

(6) Physical Education

Physical education ...

Includes subjects on advanced specialized physical training and motion skills
【Kusatsu Higashi】

(7) Music

Music ...

Includes studies on basic and specialized knowledge and skills for a professional in music.
【Ishiyama】

(8) Fine Arts

Arts ...

Includes studies on basic and specialized knowledge and skills in arts
【Ritto】

(9) Arts and Science Research

Arts and Science Research ...

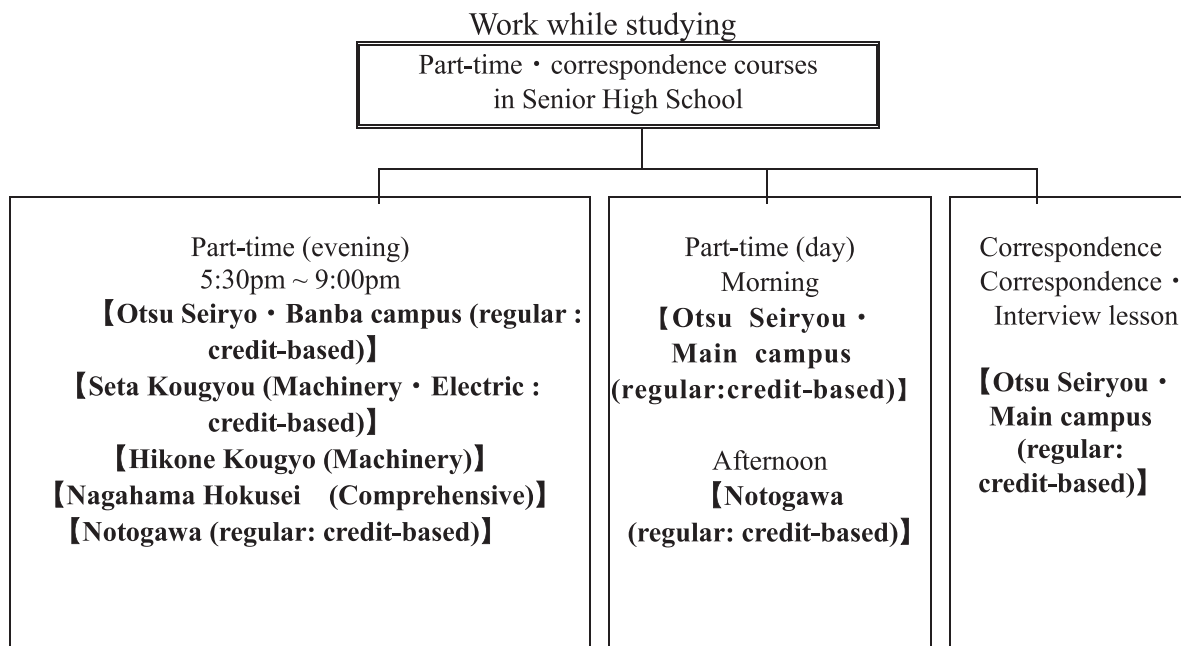
Includes logical thinking blended into arts and science, language and knowledge culture. **【Takashima】**

3 Comprehensive subjects

Students are free to choose the subjects they prefer through a comprehensive course of both general and specialized subjects wherein they can obtain specialized knowledge systematically to cope with their future needs.

**【Nagahama Hokusei】 【Hikone Shousei-kan】 【Kokusai Jouho】 【Adogawa】 【Hino】 【Kounan】
【Shigaraki】 【Nagahama Hokusei (Part-time)】**

4 Part-time · Correspondence Education



Part-time schools: Schools for individuals who want to study while working and advance to new goals, where daytime and evening classes are available. Students may acquire a senior high school graduation certificate in 3 years by completing necessary credits.

Correspondence courses : There are no screening tests for admission. The courses are established to provide a high school education opportunity to those who cannot attend school every day due to family, work or personal reasons. One may acquire a high school graduate certificate by attending school for more than 3 years and obtaining the number of credits required. Learning is carried out in 3 ways; through reports (submitting assignments), screening (interview lessons), and tests.

Admission screening of applicants for individual high schools (Full time courses)

Schools	Courses	Subjects	By referral				Special selection				Referral selection in sports, culture and arts							General selection							Remarks				
			Admission %	Interview	Essay writing	Practical test	Tests			Personal evaluation report	Admission (Number of people)	Tests					Academic Tests												
							Oral test	Short Essay	Practical test			General questi	Sports activities	Cultural and artistic	Interview	Essay writing	Practical test	Aptitude test	Short essay	General questi	Japanese	Mathematics	Social studies	Science		English	Interview	Essay writing	Practical test
Zeze	Full time	Regular					30	○		○	7 : 3							100	100	100	100	100					7 : 3		
		Science & Mathematics					50	○		○	7 : 3							100	120	100	120	100					7 : 3		
Katata	Full time	Regular	30	○								3			○		○										5 : 5		
Higashi Ōtsu	Full time	Regular					30	○		○	7 : 3							100	100	100	100	100					7 : 3		
Kita Ōtsu	Full time	Regular	30	○														100	100	100	100	100					5 : 5		
Ōtsu	Full time	Regular					30	○		○	6 : 4	3			○		○				○	100	100	100	100	100		7 : 3	
		Home Economics	40	○	○								3			○		○				100	100	100	100	100		7 : 3	
Ishiyama	Full time	Regular					30	○		○	7 : 3							100	100	100	100	100			※	7 : 3			
		Music					75	○	○		7 : 3							100	100	100	100	100		100		7 : 3			
Seta Kōgyō	Full time	Industrial	50	○		○												100	100	100	100	100					5 : 5		
Ōtsu Shōgyō	Full time	Comprehensive	50	○	○							17			○		○				100	100	100	100	100		6 : 4		
Hikone higaishi	Full time	Regular					30	○		○	7 : 3							100	100	100	100	100					7 : 3		
Kawase	Full time	Regular					30	○		○	7 : 3		3		○		○				○	100	100	100	100	100		7 : 3	
Hikone Kōgyō	Full time	Industrial	50	○	○													100	100	100	100	100					5 : 5		
Hikone Shōseikan	Full time	Comprehensive	40	○	○							19			○		○				100	100	100	100	100		7 : 3		
Nagahama Kita	Full time	Regular					30	○		○	6 : 4	8				○		○			100	100	100	100	100		7 : 3		
Torahime	Full time	Regular					30	○		○	6 : 4		3			○		○		○	100	100	100	100	100		7 : 3		
Ika	Full time	Regular	30	○								8			○		○				100	100	100	100	100		5 : 5		
Nagahama Nōgyō	Full time	Agriculture	50	○	○													100	100	100	100	100					5 : 5		
Nagahama Hokusei	Full time	Comprehensive	40	○	○							12			○		○				100	100	100	100	100		6 : 4		
Hachiman	Full time	Regular	30	○	○													100	100	100	100	100					7 : 3		
Hachiman Kōgyō	Full time	Industrial	50	○	○							20			○		○				100	100	100	100	100		6 : 4		
Hachiman Shōgyō	Full time	Commerce	50	○								4			○		○				100	100	100	100	100		5 : 5		
Kusatsu Higashi	Full time	Regular					30	○		○	6 : 4							100	100	100	100	100					7 : 3		
		Physical Education	85	○		○							26			○		○				100	100	100	100	100	100	6 : 4	
Kusatsu	Full time	Regular	30	○	○													100	100	100	100	100					6 : 4		
Tamagawa	Full time	Regular					30	○		○	6 : 4							100	100	100	100	100					7 : 3		

- (Notes)
- The admission quota (%) for Selection by Referral and Special Selection includes the number of admission for Selection by Referral in Sports, Culture and Arts.
 - The ratio of academic test scores to personal evaluation report are only approximate figures.
 - Figures under the columns of interview, essay writing and practical test show the perfect scores.
 - ※ If the second option is Music in Ishiyama High School, a practical test must be taken.

Admission screening of applicants for individual high schools (Part-time and Correspondence Courses)

Schools	Day time・evening and correspondence courses	Subjects	By referral				Special selection				Referral selection in sports, culture and arts						General selection						Remarks						
			Admission %	Interview	Essay writing	Practical test	Tests			Personal evaluation report	Admission (Number of people)		Tests				Academic Tests												
							Oral test	Short Essay	Practical test		Sports activities	Cultural and artistic	Interview	Essay writing	Practical test	Aptitude test	Short essay	General question	Japanese	Mathematics	Social studies	Science		English	Interview	Essay writing	Practical test	Academic test	Personal evaluation report
Ôtsu Seiryô (Correspondence course)	Day time	Regular																								6 : 4			
	Evening	Regular																									5 : 5		
	Correspondence	Regular																		○							#0 : 10		
Seta Kôgyô (Correspondence course)	Evening	Industrial																									5 : 5	★	
Hikone Kôgyô	Evening	Industrial																									5 : 5	★	
Nagahama Hokusei	Evening	Comprehensive																									5 : 5	★	
Notogawa (Correspondence course)	Day time	Regular	30		○																						6 : 4		
	Evening	Regular																										6 : 4	

- (Notes)
- The admission quota (%) for Selection by Referral and Special Selection includes the number of admission for Selection by Referral in Sports, Culture and Arts.
 - The ratio of academic test scores to personal evaluation report are only approximate figures.
 - Figures under the columns of interview, essay writing and practical test show the perfect scores.
 - # No academic tests required.
 - ★Special admission for part-time courses available.

3 Private and other senior high schools and technical schools in Shiga

Private senior high schools (full time) School name	Subjects	Location	Nearest station
Hieizan	Regular	4-3-1 Sakamoto, Otsu -shi	Keihan Otsu station. JR Hieizan-Sakamoto
Shigatankidaigaku Fuzoku	Regular	1-18-1 Asahigaoka Otsu-shi	JR Otsu station
Kosen	Regular	178 Noji-cho , Kusatsu -shi	JR Minami Kusatsu stn.
Omi	Regular	3511-1 Daikokumae, Matsubara-cho, Hikone-shi	JR Hikone station
	Global Inquiry		
Omi Kyodai- sha	Regular	177 Ichii-cho, Omihachiman-shi	JR Omihachiman stn.
	International Communications		
Shiga Gakuen	Regular	520-1, Takebekita-cho, Higashiomi-shi	Omi tetsudo Yokaichi stn.
Shiga Sogo	Comprehensive	328, Serikawa-cho, Hikone-shi	JR Hikone station Omi testudo Hikone Serikawa stn
	Creative cooking		
Ritsumeikan Moriyama	Regular	250, Miyake-cho, Moriyama shi	JR Moriyama station
Ayaha	Regular	1-18-1, Nishishibukawa, Kusatsu -shi	JR Kusatsu station
Happy Science Academy Kansai	Regular	2-16-1, Ouginosato-higashi, Otsu-shi	JR Ogoto-Onsen station

Private Senior High Schools (Part-time system)

School name	Subjects	Day/ Evening	Location	Nearest Station
Ayaha	Regular	Day time	1-18-1,Nishi-shibukawa, Kusatsu -shi	JR Kusatsu station.
	Food processing			

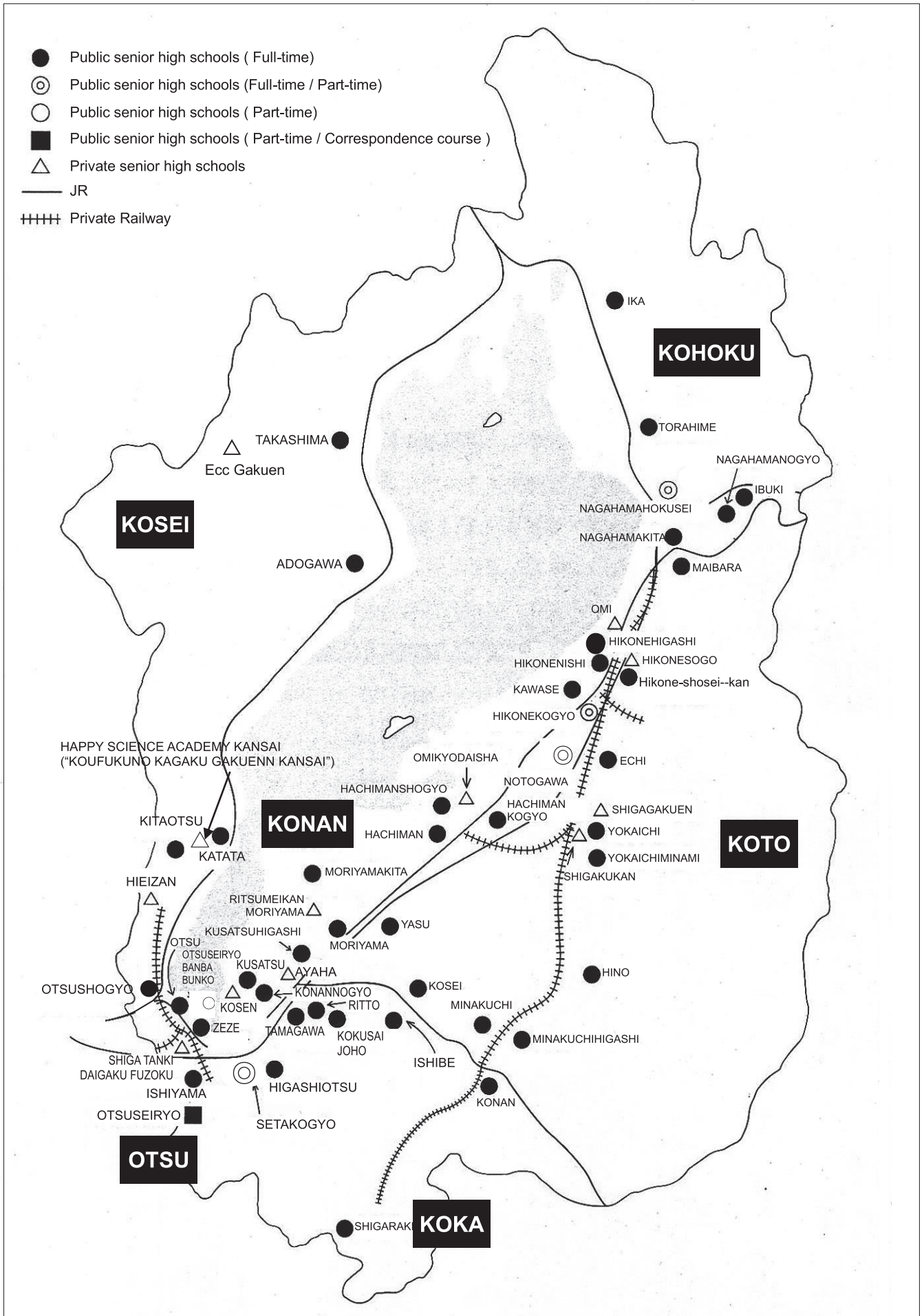
Correspondence, Credit-based Senior High Schools

School name	Subjects	Location	Nearest Station
Ayaha	Regular	1-18-1,Nishishibukawa, Kusatsu-shi	JR Kusatsu station
Shigakukan	Regular	2-30, Nonomiya-cho, Higashiomi-shi	Omi tetsudo Yokaichi stn.
ECC Gakuen	Comprehensive	512-1, Mukugawa, Imazu-cho, Takashima-shi	JROmi-imazu stn..

Public Industrial Senior Technical Schools (Nearby prefectures)

School name	Subjects	Location
Maizuru	Mechanical engineering, Electrical Information engineering, Construction System engineering, Electronic control engineering	Maizuru city, Kyoto Prefecture
Nara	Mechanical engineering, Electrical engineering, Chemical Resources engineering, Information engineering, Electronic Management engineering	Yamatokooryama city, Nara Prefecture
Gifu	Mechanical engineering, Electrical Information engineering, Environmental Urban engineering, Architecture, Electronic Management engineering	Motosu city, Gifu Prefecture
Suzuka	Mechanical engineering, Electrical and electronic engineering, , Applied Biological Chemistry, Material engineering, Electronic Information engineering	Suzuka city, Mie Prefecture
Fukui	Mechanical engineering, Electrical and electronic engineering, Material engineering, Environmental Urban engineering, Electronic Information engineering	Sabae city, Fukui Prefecture

Location of senior high schools in Shiga



Interpretation * Consultation Desks for Foreign Residents in Shiga

Note: "Other" is by AI interpreting devices and remote interpreting



Area	Consultation Desk	Language(s)	Consultation Schedule	Contact
Otsu	City Hall Kankou Shinkou-ka MICE Promotion Office	English	Mon - Fri 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	077-528-2864
	Otsu Int'l. Goodwill Association (Otsu-shi Kokusai Shinzen Kyokai)	Japanese/ zoom avail. Consultation with an Administrative Scrivener	2 nd Wed 5:30 pm, 6:15 pm, 7:00 pm (reservation required by 1pm the day before)	077-525-4711
Hikone	City Hall Hikone Foreign Residents Support Center (Hikone Gaikokujin Soudan Center) ① Honkan (main bldg) 3F Jinken-seisaku-ka ② Chuo-cho bekkan (annex) 1F	Portuguese	Mon - Fri 8:30 am - 5:15 pm (1 st & 3 rd Thu until 7:00 pm)	① 0749-30-6113 ② 0749-22-5931
		English	Mon - Fri	
		Chinese	Tue, Fri (Wed) 8:30 am - 5:15 pm	
		Vietnamese	Tue, Thu (Fri)	
Nagahama	City Hall Shimin-ka	Portuguese, Spanish, English, other	Thu 8:30 am - 7:00 pm Mon - Wed, Fri 8:30 am - 5:15 pm	0749-65-8711
	Nagahama-shi Tabunka Kyosei Kokusai Bunka Koryu House (GEO)	Japanese	Every day (expect Thu) 10am - 6pm	0749-63-4400
Omiachiman	City Hall 2F Kokusai Kyokai Each department	Portuguese, English, other	Mon - Fri 9:00 am - 4:45 pm	0748-26-7092
Kusatsu	City Hall 2F Machizukuri Kyodo-ka	English, other	Mon - Fri 9:00 am - 4:00 pm	077-561-2337
Moriyama	Moriyama Int'l. Friendship Assn. (Moriyama Shimin Koryu Center)	English (Inquire beforehand for other languages)	Mon - Fri 9:00 am - 4:30 pm	077-583-4653
Ritto	City Hall 3F Ritto Int'l. Friendship Association (Ritto Kokusai Koryu Kyokai)	Portuguese	Wed 1:00 - 5:00 pm	077-551-0293
Koka	City Hall Seikatsu Kankyo-ka	Portuguese, Spanish other	Mon - Fri 8:30 am - 5:15 pm	0748-69-2145
	City Hall Kosodate Seisaku-ka			0748-69-2176
	City Hall Seikatsu Shien-ka			0748-69-2158
Yasu	City Hall Kikaku Chousei-ka Each department	English, Chinese, other	Mon - Fri 8:30 am - 5:15 pm	077-587-6039
	Yasu Int'l Friendship Association (Yasu-shi Kokusai Kyokai)	English	Mon - Fri 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	077-586-3106
Konan	City Hall Higashi Chosha 1F Jinken Yogo-ka	Portuguese	Mon - Fri 9:00 am - 4:00 pm	0748-71-2354
	Konan Int'l. Assn. Nishi Chosha 4F (Konan-shi Kokusai Kyokai)	Portuguese	Mon - Fri 8:30 am - 5:00 pm	0748-69-7530
		Vietnamese	4 th Fri 8:30am - 5:00pm	
Takashima	Takashima Int'l Friendship Assn. (Takashima-shi Kokusai Kyokai)	English, Vietnamese	Irregular schedule (by appointment)	0740-20-1180
Higashiomi	City Hall Shinkan Shimin Seikatsu Soudan-ka	Portuguese	Mon - Fri 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	0748-24-5521
Maibara	City Hall Santo Shisho Chiiki Shinkou-ka	Portuguese	Mon - Fri 8:30 am - 5:15 pm	0749-53-5172
	Maibara Multicultural and Int'l Assn. (Maibara-shi Tabunka Kyosei Kyokai) Santo shisyo bekkan (annex) 2F	Portuguese	Mon - Fri 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	0749-56-0577
		Chinese	Mon - Thu 9:00 am - 3:00 pm	
Hino	Town Office Jyumin-ka	Portuguese	Mon, Wed, Thu 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	0748-52-6571
Aisho	Town Office Echigawa Chosha Mirai Sousei-ka	Portuguese	Mon, Tue, Fri 8:30 am - 5:15 pm Wed, Thu 8:30 am - 4:30 pm	0749-29-9046
		Other	Mon - Fri 8:30 am - 5:15 pm	
Shiga Prefecture	Shiga Foreign Residents Information Center (Shiga Gaikokujin Soudan Center)	Portuguese, Spanish, Tagalog, English, Vietnamese, other	Mon - Fri 10:00 am - 5:00 pm	077-523-5646

Japanese Language Classes in Shiga



Area	Group Name		Venue	Class Schedule	Contact
Otsu	Otsu International Goodwill Association		Asuto Hamaotsu 2 F	Fri 1:30 - 2:30 pm, 7:00 - 8:00 pm	077-525-4711
			Katata Community Center	Thu 10:00 - 11:45 am	
	Nihongo no kai		Otsu Kominkan	Thu 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	090-1479-5468
	Omi Nihongo Fureai Club		Piazza Omi 2F	Mon 10:30 am - 12:00 pm	077-523-1061
Seta-kita Kominkan			Sat 7:30 - 9:10 pm		
Hikone	Hikone International Assn.		Hikone Kokusai Koryu Salon	Wed 7:00 - 8:30 pm Fri 2:00 - 3:30 pm	0749-22-5931
			Nishi-chiku Kominkan	Sun 10:00 - 11:30 am	0749-24-7241
	Smile		Innovation Office Nayashichi	Mon - Fri ① 9:30 - 10:50 am ② 11:00 am - 12:20 pm ③ 1:30 - 2:50 pm ④ 3:00 - 4:20 pm (closed on Tue)	070-5661-7345
			Asahinomori-chiku Kominkan	Tue, Fri 9:00 - 10:20 am	
	Hikone Kokusai Koryukai VOICE		Naka-chiku Kominkan	Sat 2:00 - 4:00 pm	090-5156-6916
Nagahama	Nagahama UNESCO Kyokai		Kokusai Bunka Koryu House	Wed, Sat 7:00 - 8:30 pm	0749-65-6552
	Tanoshii Nihongo		GEO	Tue 6:30 - 8:00 pm	0749-63-4400
Omi-hachiman	Nihongo Koryu Kyoshitsu Tanpopo		Kaneda Community Center	Sat 7:00 - 9:00 pm	0748-26-7092
	Nihongo Koryu Kyoshitsu Azuchi		Azuchi Community Center		
	Nakayoshi Nihongo Koryu Kyoshitsu		Kaneda Community Center	Wed 10:00 - 11:30 am	
Kusatsu	Olive		Kirarie Kusatsu	Sat 7:00 - 8:40 pm	077-565-9215
	SHIPS		Tabunka Kyosei Shien Center	Wed, Fri 10:30 am - 12:00 pm	077-561-5110
	Kusatsu International Friendship Association Kizuna		Ritsumeikan Univ. BKC / online	Sat 10:20 am - 12:00 pm	077-561-2322
	Nihongo Center		Kirarie Kusatsu	2 nd & 4 th Sat 1:00 - 5:00 pm	090-8146-9596
Moriyama	Moriyama Nihongo Kyoshitsu		Moriyama Shimin Koryu Center	1 st - 4 th Sat 10:00 - 11:50 am	077-583-4653
	Nihongo Salon			Mon - Fri 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	090-8648-9749
Ritto	RIFA Nihongo Kyoshitsu		Community Center Daihou	2 nd & 4 th Sat 10:15 - 11:45 am	077-551-0293
Koka	Koka International Exchange Assn.	Ninja	Minakuchi-chuo Kominkan	Sat 7:30 - 9:30 pm	0748-63-8728
		Niji	Maroom	Mon 2:00 - 4:00 pm	
Yasu	YIFA Nihongo Kyoshitsu		Yasu International Association	Arrangements possible	077-586-3106
Konan	Konan International Association	Nihongo Kyoshitsu Ishibe	Ishibe Machizukuri Center	Mon 2:00 - 3:30 pm Tue 5:30 - 7:00 pm Wed 3:30 - 5:00 pm Thu 7:00 - 8:30 pm	0748-69-7530
		Nihongo Kyoshitsu Mito		Mito Community Center	
	Caminando		ELD	Mon, Wed 7:00 - 9:00 pm	090-1448-3350
Takashima	Takashima International Assn.		Imazuhigashi Community Center	Arrangements possible	0740-20-1180
	Nihongo de Hanasou		Shin-asahi Kominkan	2 nd & 4 th Sat 10:00 - 11:30 am	
Higashiomi	Yokaichi Nihongo Kyoshitsu		Higashiomi International Friendship Association	Sat 1:30 - 3:00 pm 1 st - 3 rd Sun 1:30 - 3:00 pm	050-5802-9606
	Notogawa Nihongo Kyoshitsu		Notogawa Community Center	1 st - 3 rd Sun 1:30 - 3:00 pm	
Maibara	Maibara Nihongo Kyoshitsu		Maibara City Hall Santo shisyo bekkann (annex)	Sat 9:30 - 11:00 am	0749-56-0577
Aisho	Aisho International Friendship Association		Echigawa Kominkan	Wed ① 1:30-3:00 pm ② 7:00 - 8:00 pm Sat, Sun ① 10:00 - 11:30 am ② 1:30 - 3:00 pm ③ 3:15 - 4:45 pm	070-5593-1769
Online	ONRITANS		Online classes (zoom)	Mon - Fri / Arrangements possible	090-3655-5417

Learning / Playing Groups for Children

In Shiga, there are various groups where children of foreign nationalities can study, play and eat meals together.

(As of October 1st 2022)



	Name of Group	Details	Venue	Date / Time	Inquiries
Otsu	Hiyori-terakoya Otsu	Learning support, entrance examination preparation	Seta Community Center (2nd floor)	Saturday 10:00am - 12:00pm	hiyori_o2@yahoo.co.jp
	Tabunka Kyosei Gakushukai Half / half (Multicultural Study Support)	Learning support, providing a place where children can stay	Tekiou Kyoiku Kyoshitsu Half Step (Adaptive Learning Class)	Saturday 6:00pm - 7:00pm	half.step.info@gmail.com Tel: 077-543-8565
	Child village	A third place for children and adults	Yamanaka Hiedaira Resident interaction Machizukuri Center Komorebi	4th Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm	t-hirano@po.kbu.ac.jp
Hikone	Hikone UNESCO Association (Japanese Language Class for Children) JUMP	Learning support, Japanese language and cultural learning	Higashi-Chiku Community Center	1st, 3rd, 4th Saturday 10:00am - 11:30am	Hikone UNESCO Association Tel: 0749-24-7974
Nagahama	Kodomo Gakushu Club (Children's Study Club)	Learning support (mainly elementary students)	International Cultural Friendship House "GEO"	Saturday 10:00am - 11:30pm	Tel: 0749-63-4400 geo@city.nagahama.lg.jp
Omihachiman	World Amigo Club	Learning support, Japanese language guidance, providing a place where children can stay	Kaneda Community Center	Saturday 10:00am - 12:00pm summer vacation (4x) winter vacation (1x)	world.amigo.club@gmail.com
	After school Amigo Class	High School Preparation Support, Japanese language learning support	Manabii (City Educational Facility) or former educational assembly hall	Once a week	
		Kan-chan no chiisana ie	Consultations about learning, learning support	Kan-chan no chiisana ie	Consult individually
Moriyama	Kodomo no Hiroba (Moriyama Children's Japanese Learning Club)	Learning support, Japanese language	Meeting Room 2 At Moriyama city library	Saturday (3 times a month) 10:00am-12:00pm	Tel: 090-9977-0875 (Mrs. Okumura)
Koka	Study class for children	Learning support mainly for elementary ▪ junior high school students	Koka Machizukuri Katsudo Center Maroom	Saturday 2:00pm - 4:00pm	Koka International Friendship Association Tel: 0748-63-8728 mifa@mx.biwa.ne.jp
Konan	Camiyando	Japanese language learning, support	ERUDI	Monday, Wednesday 7:00pm - 9:00pm	Tel: 090-1448-3350 (Mr. Kise)

	Name of Group	Details	Venue	Date / Time	Inquiries
Konan	South American Languages Classes <i>Camino Kyoshitsu</i> <i>Caminho Kyoshitsu</i>	1. Spanish, 2. Native language classes for Portuguese I, II	Mito Community Center	(1) Saturday 9:30am-11:00am (2) 6:00pm - 7:30pm I: Tuesday II: Friday	Konan International Association Tel: 0748-69-7530
Higashiomi	Japanese study class Nakayoshi	Japanese language and learning support for elementary - junior high school students	Welfare Center	Saturday 2:00pm - 4:00pm	Higashiomi City Board of Educ. Lifelong Learning Division
	Higashiomi Preschool	Learning support for students who will enter elementary school in the next fiscal year	Heart-pia	Saturday 2:00pm - 4:00pm (January to March)	Higashiomi Regional School Collaborative Promotion HQ

Multicultural Children's Cafeteria / Others

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Kusatsu	Tabunka Kyosei Shien Center SHIPS	Multicultural cafeteria for children	Tabunka Kyosei Shien Center SHIPS 1 st floor	Saturday 11:00am - 4:00pm	Tel: 077-561-5110
Omihachiman	Kan-chan no chiisana ie	Multicultural coexistence, regional exchange events (children's cafeteria)	Kan-chan no chiisana ie	10 times / year 10:30am-12:15 pm	Tel: 090-3708-3315



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