

Educational support for students with foreign roots 2024

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)
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	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)					

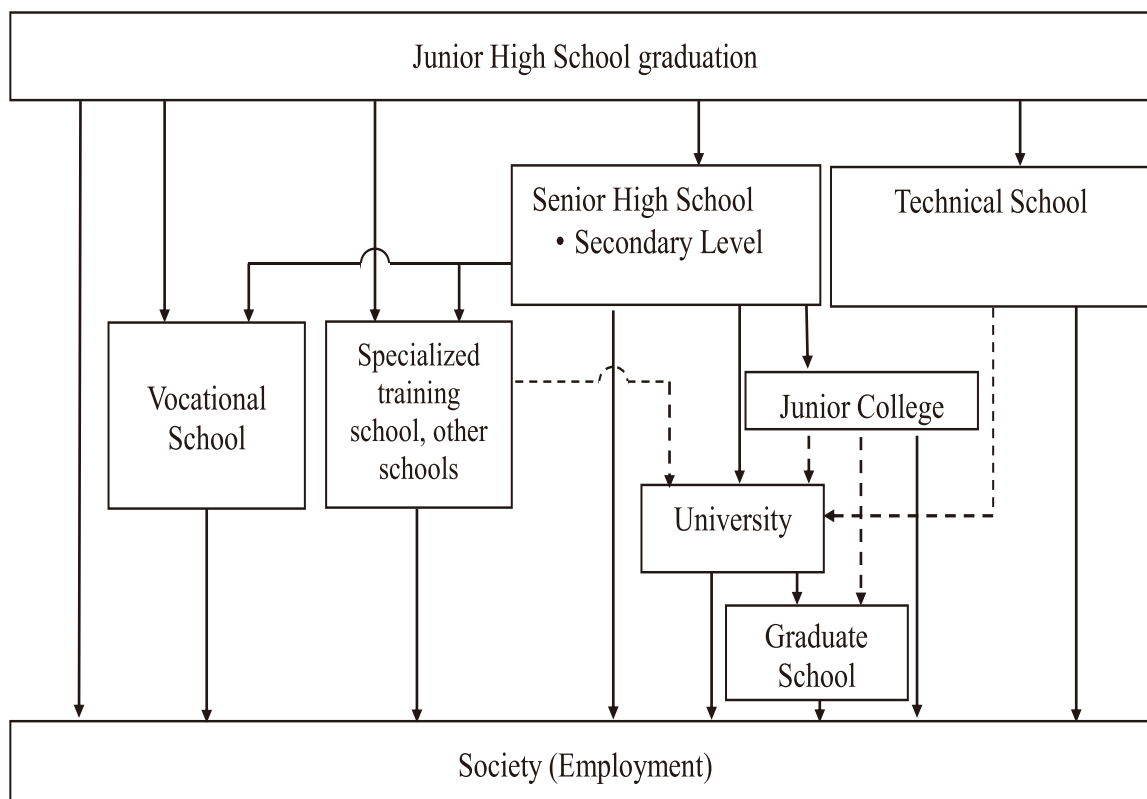
(remark 1) * Part-time systems are often completed in 4 years. Students may graduate in 3 years by taking part-time and correspondence systems simultaneously.

(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 systems 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 (*Chugakko sotsugyo teido nintei shiken*)” held at the end of October every year.

(2) What is Junior High School Graduation Certification Examination (*Chugakko sotsugyo teido nintei shiken*)?

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 registration, 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, part-time and correspondence systems

Depending on class hours and configuration, senior high schools are divided into the following types. Students attend school during the daytime for full-time system. Part-time system are available during the daytime or evening. Students study at home for correspondence system 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 Courses in senior high schools

There are courses that feature general education (Regular course/ Mori no Tankyu-ka (Forest exploration)/ Mirai Kyosou-ka (Future co-creation)), vocational education (agriculture, industry, commerce, home economics, nursing, welfare, etc.), and non-vocational specialized education (science, mathematics, music, fine arts, physical education, etc.).

A comprehensive course 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, 2024)

	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

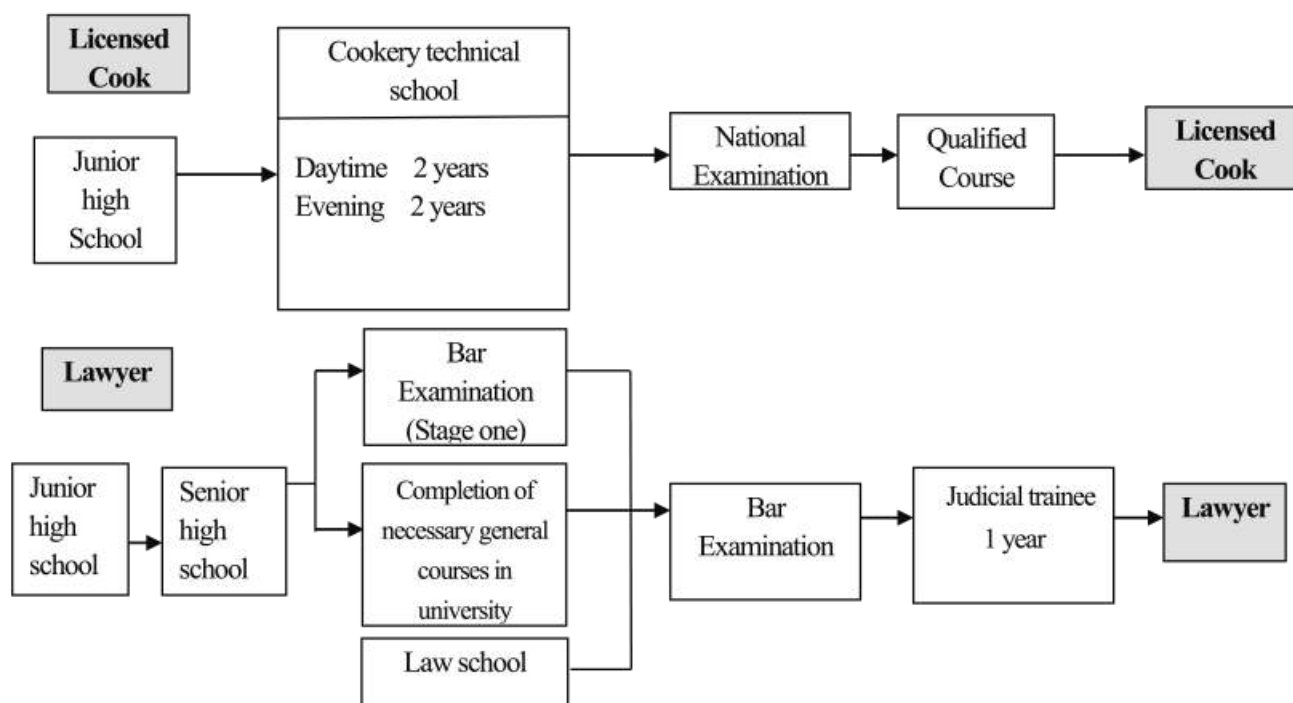
(3) Jobs and qualifications

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 learning.

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	
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	
		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 kyuuufikin*) 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>National / public school, living with family: 18,000 yen</p> <p>National / 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>	Consult with your senior high school or Shiga Prefectural Educational Bureau, General Education Division Tel: 077-528-4587
Educational subsidies for part-time and correspondence systems for senior high schools in Shiga	<p>Prefectural senior high school (part time, correspondence system)</p> <p>Private senior high school (correspondence system) 14,000 yen</p> <p>Private senior high school (part time) 29,000 yen</p>	October	Consult with your senior high school or Shiga Prefectural Educational Bureau, General Education Division Tel: 077-528-4587
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	Shiga Prefectural Council of Social Welfare Tel: 077-567-3903
Scholarship Association for Orphaned Children of Traffic Accident Victims (<i>Kotsu iji ikueikai</i>)	Monthly amount 20,000、30,000 or 40,000 yen as selected by applicants	Accepting reservation applications (during 3 rd year Junior High) (Application also accepted after admission)	Scholarship Association for Orphaned Children of Traffic Accident Victims Tel: 0120-52-1286
Scholarship for Traffic Accident Orphans (<i>Kōtsu iji shogakukin</i>)	Monthly amount 10,000 yen (No obligation to repay)	Anytime after admission into Orizurukai	Orizurukai, Road Maintenance Division (Doro-hozenka) within Shiga Prefecture office Tel: 077-528-3682
Ashinaga Scholarship Association (orphaned children of disaster victims or illness)	<p>National / 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>	Accepting reservation applications (during 3 rd year Junior High) (Application also accepted after admission)	Scholarship Division, Ashinaga Scholarship Association Tel: 0120-77-8565 URL: https://www.ashinaga.org/

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 27 ~ July 5 (For applications in 2024)	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 hokukokusho*). 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, 2025 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 (*sengan*), 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. “*Ryumen*” 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 “HelloWork *” (public job placement center) through the school

*“HelloWork” is a place where people can find jobs. Consultations regarding employment are also available.
(Some “HelloWork” 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 17, Shiga Prefectural Government Office North new bldg (Kita shinkan)5-E conference room (4-1-1 Kyomachi, Otsu)

Application: Monday, July 1 ~ Friday, August 30, 2024 (Postmark valid until August 30, for mail applications)

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

TEL 077-528-4665

Those who have not graduated from junior high school or those who have not been able to learn sufficiently for various reasons, such as not attending school, can attend a night junior high school. In Shiga Prefecture, an evening class will be established at Konan-shi Kosei Junior High School in April 2025. Students will have classes five days a week, four hours of classes per day, and learn all junior high school subjects. Upon graduation, students will receive a junior high school diploma.

Information Session for prospective students

August 31 (Saturday), 2024 Application deadline August 26 (Monday)

October 25 (Friday), 2024 Application deadline October 21 (Monday)

Inquiries Konan City Board of Education, School Education Division TEL 0748-77-7011

 **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. Courses that feature general education (Regular courses)

※ A new course that feature general education other than the regular course will be established in 2025.

- Mori no Tankyu-ka (Forest exploration) **【Ika Senior High School】**
- Mirai Kyosou-ka (Future co-creation) **【Moriyama Kita Senior High School】**

(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.
- 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) Features of the Mori no Tankyu-ka (Forest exploration) **【Ika Senior High School】**

We will cultivate students' “zest for living” together with the local community under the concept of “learning in the forest” by utilizing the rich natural environment and forest resources in the northern part of Shiga Prefecture. We also aim to foster human resources that contribute to the creation of sustainable society, a lifestyle rooted in Lake Biwa, and a circular society where people and nature coexist.

(3) Features of the Mirai Kyosou-ka (Future co-creation) **【Moriyama Kita Senior High School】**

We aim to nurture “zest for living” including self-reliance, collaboration, and communication skills, while also fostering the ability to co-create. We provide an environment where students can experience the joy of learning through diverse, practical, authentic experiences and through trial and error.

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 courses

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 courses

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 courses

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 ...

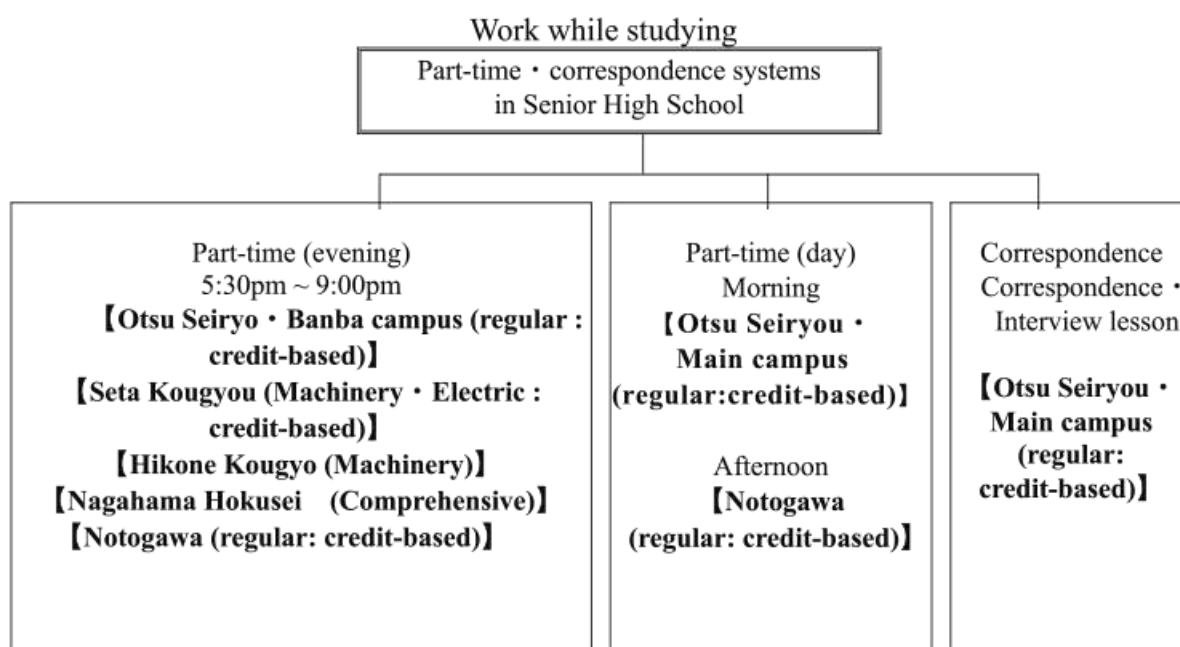
Includes logical thinking blended into arts and science, language and knowledge culture. **【Takashima】**

3. Comprehensive courses

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 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: 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 systems)

Schools	Systems	Courses	By referral				Special selection				Referral selection in sports, culture and arts								General selection								Remarks				
			Admission %	Interview	Essay writing	Practical test	Admission %	Tests			Test .. Personal evaluation report	Admission (Number of people)		Tests						Academic Tests				Interview	Essay writing	Practical test		Academic test score .. Personal evaluation report			
								Oral test	Short Essay	Practical test		General questi	Sports activities	artistic activities	Interview	Essay writing	Practical test	Aptitude test	Short essay	General questi	Japanese	Mathematics	Social studies						Science	English	
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			○		○					100	100	100	100	100				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 bigaishi	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		
		Forest exploration	50	○	○														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.

Schools	Systems	Courses	By referral				Special selection					Referral selection in sports, culture and arts								General selection										Remarks	
			Admission %	Interview	Essay writing	Practical test	Admission %	Tests				Test .. Personal evaluation report	Activities (Number of people)		Tests						Academic Tests					Interview	Essay writing	Practical test	Academic test score .. Personal evaluation report		
								Oral test	Short Essay	Practical test	General question		Sports activities	Cultural and artistic activities	Interview	Essay writing	Practical test	Aptitude test	Short essay	General questions	Japanese	Mathematics	Social studies	Science	English						
Konan Nōgyō	Full time	Agriculture	50	○																100	100	100	100	100				5	: 5		
Moriyama	Full time	Regular					30		○		○	7 : 3									100	100	100	100	100				7	: 3	
Moriyama Kita	Full time	Regular	30	○	○															100	100	100	100	100				5	: 5		
		Future co-creation	50	○	○															100	100	100	100	100				5	: 5		
Ritto	Full time	Regular	30	○								16			○		○				100	100	100	100	100				5	: 5	
		Arts	75			○														100	100	100	100	100		100		6	: 4		
Kokusai Jōhō	Full time	Comprehensive	40	○	○															100	100	100	100	100				6	: 4		
Minakuchi	Full time	Regular	30	○	○							7			○		○				100	100	100	100	100				6	: 4	
Minakuchi Higashi	Full time	Regular					30		○		○	5 : 5									100	100	100	100	100				7	: 3	
Kōnan	Full time	Comprehensive	40	○																100	100	100	100	100				5	: 5		
Shigaraki	Full time	Comprehensive	40 ☆	○ ○	○															100	100	100	100	100				5	: 5		
Yasu	Full time	Regular	30	○								10			○		○				100	100	100	100	100				5	: 5	
Ishibe	Full time	Regular	30	○																100	100	100	100	100				5	: 5		
Kōsei	Full time	Regular	30	○								6			○		○				100	100	100	100	100				6	: 4	
Takashima	Full time	Regular	20	○	○															100	100	100	100	100				7	: 3		
		Arts and science research					50		○		○	7 : 3									100	100	100	100	100				7	: 3	
Adogawa	Full time	Comprehensive	30	○																100	100	100	100	100				6	: 4		
Yōkaichi	Full time	Regular					30		○		○	7 : 3									100	100	100	100	100				7	: 3	
Notogawa(Credit-based system)	Full time	Regular	30	○																100	100	100	100	100				6	: 4		
Yōkaichi Minami	Full time	Agriculture	50	○								3			○		○				100	100	100	100	100				5	: 5	
Ibuki	Full time	Regular	30	○								10			○		○				100	100	100	100	100				5	: 5	
Maibara	Full time	Regular					30		○		○	7 : 3									100	100	100	100	100				7	: 3	
		Science & Mathematics					50		○		○	7 : 3									100	100	100	100	100				7	: 3	
Hino	Full time	Comprehensive	40	○								5			○		○				100	100	100	100	100				5	: 5	
Echi	Full time	Regular	30	○																100	100	100	100	100	100				5	: 5	

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 - Figures under the columns of interview, essay writing and practical test show the perfect scores.
 - ☆ Category for applicants nationwide (Up to five students) of comprehensive subject of Shigaraki High School

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

Schools	Day time•evening and correspondence systems	Courses	By referral			Special selection				Referral selection in sports, culture and arts							General selection							Remarks						
			Admission %	Interview	Essay writing	Practical test	Admission %	Tests				Admission (Number of people)	Tests				Academic Tests				Interview	Essay writing	Practical test		Academic test score .. Personal evaluation report					
								Oral test	Short Essay	Practical test	General question		Sports activities	artistic activities	Interview	Essay writing	Practical test	Aptitude test	Short essay	General questions						Japanese	Mathematics	Social studies	Science	English
Ôtsu Seiryô (Correspondenc e course)	Day time	Regular																		100	100	100	100	100			6 : 4			
	Evening	Regular																		100	100	100	100	100			5 : 5			
	Co-rrespondence	Regular																		—	—	—	—	—	○		#0 : 10			
Seta Kōgyō (Correspondenc e course)	Evening	Industrial																		100	100	100	100	100			5 : 5	★		
Hikone Kōgyō	Evening	Industrial																		100	100	100	100	100			5 : 5	★		
Nagahama Hokusei	Evening	Comprehensive																		100	100	100	100	100			5 : 5	★		
Notogawa (Correspondenc e course)	Day time	Regular	30		○															100	100	100	100	100			6 : 4			
	Evening	Regular																		100	100	100	100	100			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.

Private and other senior high schools and technical schools in Shiga

Private senior high schools (full time) School name	Courses	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 station
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 station
	International Communications		
Shiga Gakuen	Regular ・ Nursing	520-1 Takebekita-cho, Higashiomi-shi	Omi tetsudo Yokaichi station
Shiga Sogo	Comprehensive	328 Serikawa-cho, Hikone-shi	JR Hikone station Omi tetsudo Hikone Serikawa station
	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	Courses	Day/ Evening	Location	Nearest Station
Ayaha	Regular	Day time	1-18-1 Nishi-shibukawa, Kusatsu-shi	JR Kusatsu station
	Food processing			

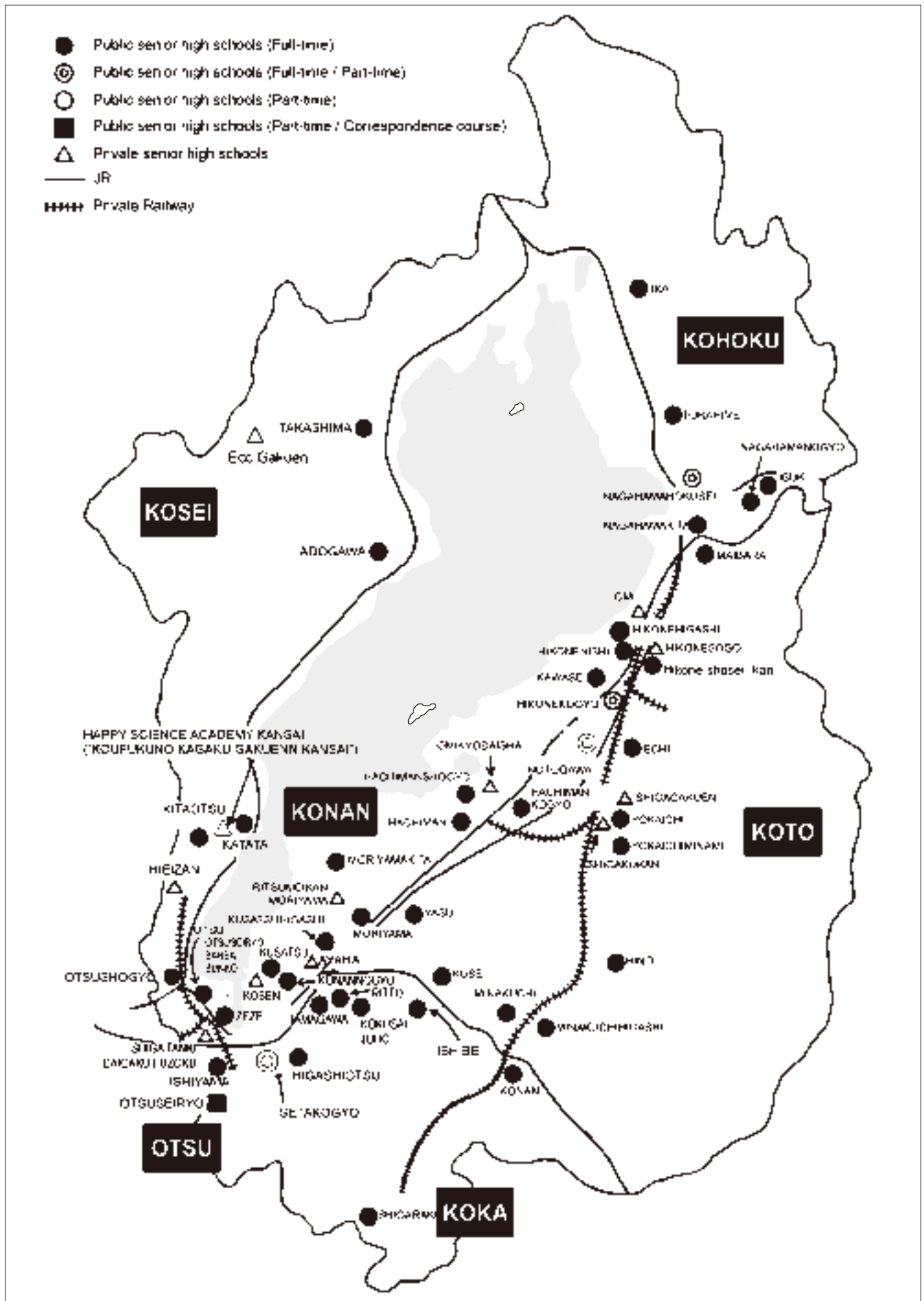
Correspondence, Credit-based Senior High Schools

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

Public Industrial Senior Technical Schools (Nearby prefectures)

School name	Courses	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	Yamatokooriyama 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: “Others” is by AI interpreting devices and remote interpreting



Area	Consultation Desk	Language(s)	Consultation Schedule	Contact
Otsu	City Hall Kanko Shinko-ka MICE Promotion Office	English, others	Mon - Fri 9:00am-5:00pm	077-528-2864
	Otsu Int'l. Goodwill Association Free Private Consultation for Foreign Residents	Japanese	2 nd Wed 5:30pm-, 6:15pm-, 7:00pm- (Reservation required)	077-525-4711
Hikone	City Hall Hikone Foreign Residents Support Center (<i>Hikone Gaikokujin Soudan Center</i>) · Honkan (main bldg) 3F Jinken seisaku-ka · Chuo-cho bekkann (annex) 1F	Portuguese	Mon - Fri 8:30am-5:15pm 1 st & 3 rd Thu 8:30am-7:00pm	0749-30-6113
		English	Mon - Fri	
		Chinese	Tue, Fri (Wed)	
		Vietnamese	Tue, Thu, Fri	
Nagahama	City Hall Shimin-ka	Portuguese, Spanish	Thu 8:30am-7:00pm	0749-65-8711
		English, others	Mon - Wed, Fri 8:30am-5:15pm	
		Vietnamese	Tue 1:00-5:15pm Thu 1:00-7:00pm	
	Nagahama-shi Tabunka Kyosei Kokusai Bunka Koryu House (GEO)	Japanese	Every day (except Thu) 10:00am-6:00pm	0749-63-4400
Omi-hachiman	City Hall 2F International Association	Portuguese, English, others	Mon - Fri 9:00am-4:45pm	0748-26-7092
Kusatsu	City Hall 2F Machizukuri Kyodo-ka	English, others	Mon - Fri 9:00am-4:00pm	077-561-2337
Moriyama	Moriyama Int'l. Friendship Assn Moriyama Shimin Koryu Center	English (Inquire beforehand for other languages)	Mon - Fri 9:00am-4:30pm	077-583-4653
Ritto	City Hall 3F Ritto Int'l. Friendship Association	Portuguese	Wed 1:00-5:00pm	077-551-0293
Koka	City Hall Shimin Katsudo Suishin-ka	Portuguese, Spanish others	Mon - Fri 8:30am-5:15pm	0748-69-2146
	City Hall Kosodate Seisaku-ka			0748-69-2176
	Koka International Society Koka Multicultural Center	Portuguese, Spanish English, others	Tue - Sun 9:00am-5:00pm (Reservation required)	0748-70-3721
Yasu	City Hall Kikaku Chosei-ka Each department	English, others	Mon - Fri 8:30am-5:15pm	077-587-6039
	Yasu Int'l. Friendship Association South Annex	English	Mon - Fri 9:00am-5:00pm	077-586-3106
Konan	City Hall Higashi chosha 1F Jinken Yogo-ka	Portuguese, others	Mon - Fri 8:30am-5:15pm	0748-71-2354
	Konan Int'l. Association City hall Nishi chosha 4F	Portuguese, others	Mon - Fri 8:30am-5:00pm	0748-69-7530
		Vietnamese	4 th Fri 8:30am-5:00pm	
Takashima	Takashima Int'l. Friendship Assn	English, Vietnamese	Irregular schedule (by appointment)	0740-20-1180
Higashiomi	City Hall Shinkan Shimin Seikatsu Soudan-ka	Portuguese, others	Mon - Fri 9:00am-5:00pm	0748-24-5521
Maibara	City Hall Santo Shisho Chiiki Shinko-ka	Portuguese, others	Mon - Fri 8:30am-5:15pm	0749-53-5172
	Maibara Multicultural and International Association Santo shisho bekkann (annex) 2F	Portuguese	Mon - Fri 9:00am-5:00pm	0749-56-0577
		Chinese	Mon - Thu 9:00am-3:00pm	
Hino	Town Office Jumin-ka	Portuguese	Mon, Wed, Thu 9:00am-5:00pm	0748-52-6571
Aisho	Town Office Echigawa Chosha Mirai Sosei-ka	Portuguese	Mon, Tue, Fri 8:30am-5:15pm Wed, Thu 8:30am-4:30pm	0749-29-9046
		Others	Mon - Fri 8:30am-5:15pm	
Shiga Prefecture	Shiga Intercultural Association for Globalization / Shiga Foreign Residents Information Center	Portuguese, Spanish, Tagalog, English, Vietnamese, others	Mon - Fri 10:00am-5:00pm	077-523-5646

Japanese Language Classes in Shiga

(As of October 1st 2024)



Area	Classroom Name	Venue	Class Schedule	Contact
Otsu	OIGA Hamaotsu class	Otsu Kokusai Koryu Salon	Fri 1:30-2:30pm, 7:00-8:00pm	077-525-4711
	OIGA Katata class	Katata Community Center	Thu 10:00-11:45am	
	Nihongo no kai	Otsu Kominkan	Thu 10:00am-12:00pm	090-1479-5468
	Omi Nihongo Fureai Club	Seta-kita Kominkan	Sat 7:30-9:10pm	077-523-1061
	Tabunka Kyosei Shien Club	Seta Kominkan 2F	Fri 7:00-8:30pm	077-543-9414
Hikone	International Association Nihongo Hiroba	Hikone Kokusai Koryu Salon	Inquiry required	0749-22-5931
	Nihongo Kyoshitsu Smile	Innovation Office Nayashichi	Mon - Fri ①9:30-10:50am ②11:00-12:20pm ③1:30-2:50pm ④3:00-4:20pm	070-5661-7345
	VOICE Nihongo Kyoshitsu	Naka-chiku Kominkan	Sat 2:00-4:00pm	090-5156-6916
Nagahama	Nagahama UNESCO Kyokai Nihongo Kyoshitsu	Kokusai Bunka Koryu House GEO	Wed, Sat 7:00-8:30pm	0749-65-6552
	Tanoshii Nihongo		Tue 6:30-8:00pm	0749-63-4400
Omi-hachiman	Nihongo Koryu Kyoshitsu Tanpopo	Kaneda Community Center	Sat 7:00-9:00pm	0748-26-7092
	Nihongo Koryu Kyoshitsu Azuchi	Azuchi Community Center		
	Nakayoshi Nihongo Koryu Kyoshitsu	Kaneda Community Center	Wed 10:00-11:30am	
Kusatsu	Olive	Kirarie Kusatsu	Sat 7:00-8:40pm	077-565-9215
	SHIPS	Tabunka Kyosei Shien Center	Wed, Fri 10:30am-12:00pm	077-561-5110
	KIFA Nihongo Hiroba "Kizuna"	Ritsumeikan Univ. BKC	Sat 10:20am-12:00pm	077-561-2322
Moriyama	Moriyama Nihongo Kyoshitsu	Moriyama Shimin Koryu Center	1 st - 4 th Sat 10:00-11:50am	077-583-4653
	Nihongo Salon		Mon - Fri 10:00am-12:00pm	090-8648-9749
Ritto	RIFA Nihongo Kyoshitsu	Community Center Daihou	2 nd & 4 th Sat 10:15-11:45am	077-551-0293
Koka	KIS Ninja Nihongo Kyoshitsu	Minakuru Plaza	Sat 7:30-9:30pm	0748-63-8728
	KIS Nihongo Kyoshitsu "Niji"	Maroom	Mon 2:00-4:00pm	
	Hajimete no Nihongo	Minakuru Plaza	Inquiry required	
Yasu	YIFA Nihongo Kyoshitsu	Yasu International Association	Arrangements possible	077-586-3106
Konan	KIA Nihongo Kyoshitsu Ishibe	Ishibe Machizukuri Center	Mon 2:00-3:30pm Wed 3:30-5:00pm Thu 7:00-8:30pm	0748-69-7530
	KIA Nihongo Kyoshitsu Mito	Mito Community Center	Sat 6:30-8:00pm	
	Caminando	ELD	Mon, Wed 7:00-9:00pm	090-1448-3350
Takashima	International Association Nihongo Kyoshitsu	Imazuhigashi Community Center	Arrangements possible	0740-20-1180
	Nihongo de Hanaso	Shin-asahi Kominkan	5 times a year (Inquiry required)	
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	Nihongo Kyoshitsu	Maibara City Hall Santo shisho bekkann (annex)	Sat 9:30-11:00 am	0749-56-0577
Aisho	International Friendship Assn. Volunteer Nihongo Kyoshitsu	Echigawa Kominkan	Sat, Sun ①10:00-11:30am ②1:30-3:00pm ③3:15-4:45pm	070-5593-1769
Toyosato	Nihongo Yomikaki Kyoshitsu	Toyosato Rinpokan	2 nd & 4 th Sat 2:00-4:00pm	0749-35-0611
Online	ONRITANS	Online classes	Mon - Fri / Arrangements possible	satorubox@gmail.com

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 August 1st 2024)



	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	1 st , 3 rd , 4 th 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	Determined according to the child's situation Consult individually	Tel: 090-3708-3315 srmq61299@nike.eonet.ne.jp
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)

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