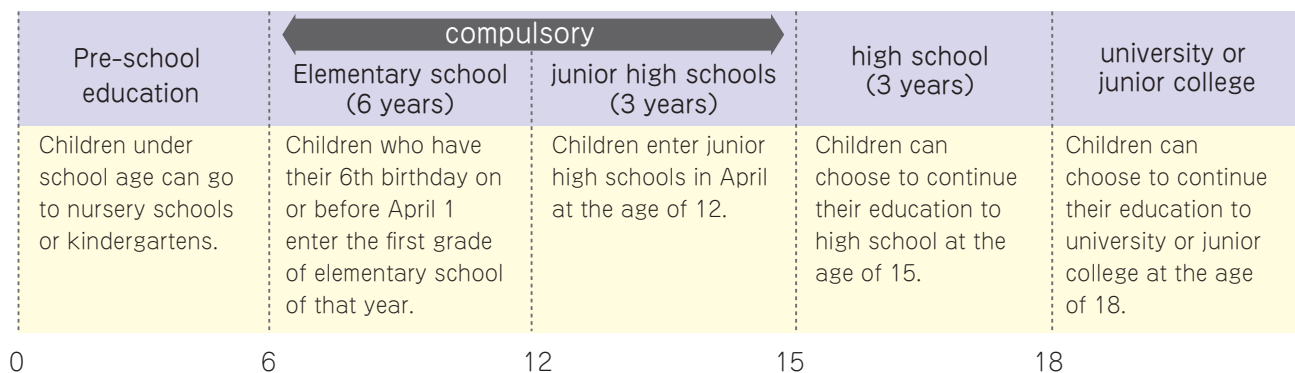


## Education

Most Japanese children will go to nursery schools and kindergartens to learn social skills among other important life skills.

The Japanese education system consists of six years of elementary school, three years of junior high school, three years of high school and four years of university (or two years of junior college). Every child must enter and graduate from an elementary school and a junior high school, as this is compulsory. Compulsory education is an obligation for Japanese citizens but not for foreign nationals. However, if you wish, you can register your child/children to attend elementary and junior high schools.

(A school year begins in April and ends in the following March.)



### 1. Nursery school

(Contact: Tsuyama City Children's Issues Division on the 1st floor of Tsuyama Children's Welfare Center) Tel. 0868-32-7028)

Nursery schools are available for the children whose parents are not able to look after them during daytime because of the work commitment. Children under school age are admitted to nursery schools. There are 28 (5 public and 23 private) nursery schools in Tsuyama city.

Who is eligible?	For those parents who need childcare during the daytime
Opening hours	From 8:30 am to 5:00 pm during the week
Fees	Depend on the circumstances of the parents such as income (from 5,500 to 61,000 yen per month)
How to apply?	Submit the application form from late October to the end of November each year for the following April entry. If there is a vacancy, your child can start on the first day of each month (provided that you have submitted the form by 25th of the previous month.)
Note	All nursery schools except Kugo nursery provide extended hours care until 7 pm. The fees for this service is 200 yen per session or 3,000 yen per month.

◎A list of nursery schools (Hoikuen/Hoikusho) in Tsuyama city (\* area code 0868)

Name	Address	Tel.	Name	Address	Tel.
Ichinomiya Nursery	1227 Higashi-ichinomiya	27-0300	Hirono Nursery	2169 Tanokuma	29-0036
Tsuyama Nursery	30-6 Sange	22-3376	Haida Nursery	859-1 Kawasaki	26-2130
Sakuyo Nursery	412-9 Ootani	22-4446	Oosaki Nursery	36-1 Nishi-yoshida	26-4977
Josai Nursery	1381-3 Odanaka	22-2408	Kokubunji Nursery	454-2 Kokubunji	26-2032
Johoku Nursery	217-5 Kamigawara	23-0353	Joto Nursery	732-3 Kawasaki	22-3977
Tsuyama Nyuji (newborn baby) Nursery	1380-6 Odanaka	22-6942	Takano Nursery	1457-8 Takano-hongou	26-1037
Innoshou Nursery	1039-1 Innoshou	28-2475	Hukuoka Nursery	1232 Yokoyama	22-8053

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Name	Address	Tel.	Name	Address	Tel.
Yayoi Nursery	343-2 Katsube	23-0306	Higashi Tsuyama Nursery	170-1 Kawasaki	26-2100
Soja Nursery	27-1 Souja	23-8233	Tamachi Nursery	29 Tamachi	22-5553
Takakura Hikari Nursery	813-2 Shimo-takakura-nishi	29-0276	Shohoku kazenoko kodomo-en	600-1 Niino-higashi	36-8844
Tanomura Nursery	114-3 Shimo-tanomura	28-2729	Kugo Nursery	1565 Kamochou-kugou	42-2939
KOKKO Nursery	327 Tsuyama-guchi	24-1011	Kamo Nursery	41 Kamochou-konakabara	42-3027
Takano Daini (2nd) Nursery	553-1 Takano-yamanishi	26-4368	Kume Nursery	1744-1 Minami-gatanaka	57-2501
Ninomiya Nursery	2170 Ninomiya	28-3245	Shitori Nursery	1678-1 Satokumon	57-3021

## 2. Kindergarten

(Contact: Tsuyama City Children's Issues Division  
the 1st floor of Tsuyama Children's Welfare Center) Tel. 0868-32-7028)

Kindergartens are the first educational settings that children encounter in their lives. There are 17 (14 public and 3 private) in Tsuyama city.

Public Kindergarten	Who is it for?	Children above age four and five who live in the city.
	Opening hours	From 8:30 am to 2 pm during the week (excluding the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, which finish at 11:45 am)
	How to apply?	Contact the interested Kindergartens directly for an application form from early October to mid November for starting in the following April. (Please note that the Children's Issues Division does not deal with the application process.)
	School fees	6,000 yen plus other fees (about 3,000 yen)
Private Kindergarten	There are three private kindergartens in the city. Each has its own educational policy and the services unique to the setting such as offering pick-up/drop-off service by school bus, extended hours childcare and hot lunch. Please contact them directly for further details. School fees are from 9,000 to 15,000 yen plus 6,000 yen for other fees	

◎A list of Kindergartens (Youchien) in Tsuyama city

Name	Address	Tel.	Name	Address	Tel.
Nishi Kindergarten	1364-1 Odanaka	22-3624	Sarayama Kindergarten	672 Sara	28-3169
Higashi Kindergarten	767-1 Haida	22-2237	Takata Kindergarten	1172-5 Shimo-yokono	27-1219
Kawanabe Kindergarten	1122 Kokubunji	26-4003	Seisen Kindergarten	393-1 Ayabe	29-2741
Oosaki Kindergarten	11-10 Kanai	26-3899	Seimei Kindergarten	135-8 Nomura	29-2727
Innoshou Kindergarten	1041 Innoshou	28-1364	Ninomiya Kindergarten	1977 Ninomiya	28-0686
Kakuzan Kindergarten	184 Odanaka	22-2352	Kamo Kindergarten	147-1 Kamochou-tatchu	42-3036
Tanomura Kindergarten	11 Kami-tanomura	28-0647	Aba kindergarten	1788-1 Aba	46-2403
Mimasaka University affiliated Kindergarten★	75 Kitazono-cho	22-7500	Myojo Kindergarten★	875-1 Hirafuku	28-1093
			Shirayuri Kindergarten★	153 Kamigawara	24-4711

★ Private Kindergarten

### 3. Elementary school and junior high school

(Contact: Tsuyama City Schools and Education Division  
on the 2nd floor of the East Wing of the City Hall Tel: 0868-32-2115)

There are 28 elementary schools and 8 junior high schools. Your child will attend the one which is in the residential district where you live. Entrance fees, tuition fees and text books are free of charge but you are expected to pay for school lunch and the fees for the resources for various activities. Some schools offer support to the children who need extra help with the Japanese language. Please contact the Schools and Education Division.

### 4. High school

To enter a high school, you are required to pass an admission exam.

Also as it is not compulsory, you have to pay entrance fees, tuition fees and the fees for resources. There are several types of high school. In Tsuyama city, there are both general academic high schools and specialized high schools such as commercial high school, agricultural high school and industrial high school. You can consult with your junior high school's teachers as regards to applying for a high school.

