

Nagoya University Guide to Child Care in Nagoya

Nursery Schools in Nagoya

Provided that vacancies exist, pre-school-age children, who reside in the city, will be accepted at nursery schools after they reach the age of 57 days.

Where to Apply

Public & Child Welfare Division of your ward office or the Residents' Welfare Division at ward office branches.

[List of Ward Offices](#)

<http://www.city.nagoya.jp/en/page/0000013888.html> <English>

When to Apply

April Admission	Nursery schools and the Public & Child Welfare Division of each ward office accept applications between the beginning of December and the end of January. For exact application periods, see the November edition of “ <i>Kōhō Nagoya-kunai Han</i> ” (city bulletin). Application results become available in mid-March.
During the Year	Apply by the 20 th day of the month prior to the month in which admission is desired. (Where the 20 th falls on a public holiday, applications should be made by the next working day.) Application results become available around the 25 th day of the month prior to the month in which admission is desired.

Ward Office Hours 8:00~18:00, on weekdays

Required Documents

1. Application for admission to nursery school
2. Documented proof of inability to care for your child/children at home
3. Proof of income/tax payment certificate

With regard to “2.” and “3.”, please check

<http://www.city.nagoya.jp/kurashi/category/8-5-4-5-4-0-0-0-0-0.html> <Japanese only>.

After submission of the above application materials, you will be interviewed by an officer of the Public & Child Welfare Division.

Nursery School Pick-up Services

Parents/guardians are responsible for sending to, and picking up their children from nursery schools.

Nursery Closing Times Sundays, national holidays, and December 29th to January 3rd.

Fees Vary, depending on the child's age and household/resident tax assessment.

Eligibility All three of the following criteria must be satisfied.

1. The child must be a resident of Nagoya.
2. Both parents/guardians must satisfy eligibility criteria for admission.
3. A relative/other person living with the applicant must be unable to take care of the child at home.

Else

- Some nursery schools provide extended child care services (additional fee required).

For a list of nursery schools providing this service, please see

<http://www.city.nagoya.jp/kodomoseishonen/page/0000008317.html>

• Ward Office Request

Where necessary, first time visitors to the ward office should be accompanied by a Japanese speaker. The Japanese Language Education Consultation Center and Nagoya International Center (NIC) provide interpretation and translation services. Please refer to [Language Issues] for further details.

Nagoya City Nagoya Living Guide 2012

http://www.city.nagoya.jp/shicho/cmsfiles/contents/0000029/29846/living_guide_en2012.pdf <English>

List of Public and Child Welfare Divisions at Ward Offices

<http://www.city.nagoya.jp/kurashi/category/8-5-8-0-0-0-0-0-0-0.html> <Japanese only>

List of Nursery Schools approved by Nagoya City.

<http://www.city.nagoya.jp/kurashi/category/8-5-4-5-3-0-0-0-0-0.html> <Japanese only>

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Temporary/Occasional Child Care Service provided by Nagoya City

Available to parents/guardians not meeting the employment and/or other criteria for regular admission to nursery schools. This service may be used by parents on ceremonial occasions (coming-of-age, marriage, burial, etc.), at times of emergency, if employed up to three times a week, and for personal respite. For further details, please enquire at the Public and Child Welfare Division of your Ward Office

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Day Care Service for Sick and Convalescing Children provided by Nagoya City

A temporary service provided where child care in a group environment is rendered difficult through sickness or convalescence, and parents/guardians are unable to care for the child at home due to employment, etc.

Details on day care support for sick/convalescing children:

<http://www.city.nagoya.jp/kodomoseishonen/page/0000008355.html> <Japanese only>

Kindergarten in Nagoya

<http://www.city.nagoya.jp/kurashi/category/11-3-8-0-0-0-0-0-0-0.html>

List of Nagoya City-operated Kindergarten:

<http://www.city.nagoya.jp/kurashi/category/19-5-5-0-0-0-0-0-0-0.html> <Japanese only>

List of Private Kindergarten:




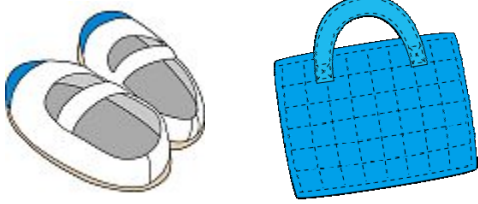




<http://www.nagoyashiyo.or.jp/outline/nagoyashi.html> <Japanese only>

Elementary and Junior High Schools in Nagoya

For the enrolment of children who are foreign nationals in public elementary or junior high schools, please enquire at the Residents' Affairs Division of your local ward office.

Getting Ready to Start School !

The list of items below is just an example. The materials that you will need to prepare before the entrance ceremony will vary from school to school. Some items will be given to you by the school, some will need to be purchased from the school or nearby shops, and others you will have to make yourself. **For full details see your school's admission guide.**

Indoor shoes and bag	Lunch bag (lunch napkin and mask)
	
Sportswear and bag (t-shirt, shorts, and red-white hat)--- the design is decided by the school	Gym shoes and bag
	
Stationery box (used to store the items below)	Scissors, glue, pastel crayons
	
Parent/teacher correspondence notebook (B5 size)	Protective hood (worn during earthquakes and other disasters)
	

*Write the child's name, grade and class on all items.

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- Concerns about differences involving religious customs should be directed to the school principal.

- **Financial Assistance and Other Information on Schools in Nagoya**

Nagoya City operates a program to assist households having difficulty paying for school lunch, school supplies and other necessary expenses involved in sending children to City elementary and junior high schools. For questions regarding assistance with school fees at City elementary and junior high schools, please inquire at the Educational Affairs Division of the Nagoya City Board of Education (Tel 972-3217 FAX 972-4175) or at the school your child/children attend(s).

A guidebook entitled “*Welcome to Nagoya*” is available in Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Tagalog, and Spanish for non-Japanese parents whose children attend elementary and junior high schools in Nagoya. Please refer to the City of Nagoya official website in your language.

Language Issues

Parents/guardians are expected to follow up on their child’s progress. Advice and support regarding Japanese language learning is available from the following sources.

1. Japanese Language Education Consultation Center:

<http://www.city.nagoya.jp/kyoiku/page/0000009262.html> <Japanese only>

- Language education is provided to assist children’s study life in Japanese schools, and tailored according to each child’s Japanese language ability. Classes that guide pupils in 1) language competence for everyday life (first stage Japanese language intensive class) and, 2) language competence for studies (Japanese special education guidance) are available.

Consultation services on school education are provided in five languages (Portuguese, Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, and Korean).

- In addition, where requested by a school, translation and interpretation services are provided with regard to documents issued by the school to the parents.

Content of Translation/Interpretation Services:

- Year/class newsletters
- Observations/comments in school reports
- Health questionnaires/medical sheets
- Explanation of school events
- Higher education/career guidance

Address: Nagoya-shi, Naka-ku Nishiki 3-16-6, 1F, Nagoya-shi Kyōiku-kan

Hours: Mon. – Fri., 9:00-17:00 (services in five languages are available at 13:00-16:00)

Tel: 052-961-0418

2. Nagoya International Center (NIC): <http://www.nic-nagoya.or.jp/en/e/>

- Children's Japanese Class (fee-paying): <http://www.nic-nagoya.or.jp/en/e/archives/8092>

- Translation/Interpretation Services (fee-paying): <http://www.nic-nagoya.or.jp/en/e/archives/3655>

Available languages

English, Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese, French, German, Korean, Vietnamese, Indonesian, etc.

Content of Translation/Interpretation Services

Interpretation ... Volunteers offer interpretation services to support foreign residents in their daily life, as well as at international exchange events and tourist spots in and around the Nagoya area.

Translation ... Services are provided for non-specialist documents written in Japanese that are no longer than one side of A4-sized paper, e.g., notices on international exchange events, letters, notices and newsletters issued by nursery schools, kindergarten, and elementary/junior high schools.

Application timelines

Interpretation ... applications should be submitted at least two weeks in advance of the needed date. If multiple volunteers are required, please apply at least one month in advance.

Translation ... between ten days and two weeks, but depending on the document, additional time may be required.