

# Child Education

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In Japan, the school year in general begins in April and ends in March. Nursery schools or Kindergartens are for pre-school age children. Elementary school (6 years) is for children of age 6 and older. Junior high school (3 years) is for age 12 and older. High school (3 years) is for those age 15 and older. For those age 18 and older, there are several courses : 4 years of university, 2 years of college, special training school, vocational school, etc.

## Pre-School Age (Age 0 to 5)

就学前（ゼロ歳～  
5歳）

### Nursery Schools (Day Nurseries) / Kindergartens

幼稚園・保育園  
youchien・hoikuen

For pre-school children, nursery schools and kindergartens are available.

**Purpose** The nursery school in Japan is a care-oriented welfare facility to provide day care for pre-school children on behalf of parents/guardians who are unable to attend to them during the daytime due to work, illness, or other difficult conditions. The kindergarten, on the other hand, is an educational facility, and the parents/guardians are assumed to look after the children during the day. For this difference, the nursery school differs from the kindergarten in their enrollment requirements. For a child to be enrolled in a nursery school, it must be shown that no one is available to take care of the child at home.

**Age** The nursery school accepts children between age zero and five. The kindergarten is for 3 years old upwards.

**Hour** The nursery school takes care of children from morning till about 7pm. The kindergarten teaches children from morning to about 2pm. (Extended hours may be available.)

**Fees** Both nursery schools (private/public) and kindergartens (private) require fees. Fees for the nursery school are determined mainly on the basis of the age of the child and the parent's/guardian's income tax and municipal tax of the preceding year. Fees for the kindergarten are set by each kindergarten. Fees for the kindergarten may be subsidized according to the parent's/guardian's income of the preceding year.



Pre-School Education							
Institution	Public/Private	Name	Address	Phone	Capacity	School Lunch	Eligibility (old and older)
Nursery School	Public	Midori	1-6-2 Midori	7182-1059	120	○	57days ~
		Kotobuki	1-13-11 Kotobuki	7182-9552	150	○	57days ~
		Kohokudai	3-1-16 Kohokudai	7188-2405	110	○	57days ~
		Nedo	967-2 Nedo	7182-5572	60	○	6month ~
		Tsukushino	4-17-2 Tsukushino	7184-8822	110	○	6month ~
		Namiki	5-2-19 Namiki	7184-3983	120	○	6month ~
		Higashiabiko	1-5-22 Higashiabiko	7183-3165	90	○	6month ~
	Private	Jikou	3-13-13 Kohokudai	7188-0874	60	○	57days ~
		Keiai	8-17-9 Kohokudai	7188-7771	120	○	57days ~
		Fusatakara	2318 Fusa	7189-2744	90	○	6month ~
		Hakuho	30-9 Nakabyo	7188-3338	60	○	7month ~
		Tennoudai	182-16 Shibasaki	7185-0555	90	○	8month ~
		Futaba	1-2-28 Arakino	7188-0665	90	○	8month ~
		Kohoku	1423 Nakabyo	7188-1059	60	○	9month ~
Kindergarten	Private	Mebae	2-7-5 Hakusan	7184-1313	400	X	3years ~
		Hikari	2-3-1 Midori	7185-0415	370	○ : Mon, Wed, Fri X : Tue, Thu	3years ~
		Wakakusa	515 Nakazato	7188-2026	340	○ : Mon, Wed, Fri X : Tue, Thu	3years ~
		Kohokudai	8-10-2 Kohokudai	7188-1001	270	○ : Mon, Wed, Fri (on request) X : Tue, Thu	3years ~
		Kohoku Shirobara	5-2-1 Kohokudai	7188-2211	160	X	3years ~
		Wada	1275 Fusa	7189-1608	240	○ (on request)	3years ~
		Nikaido	479-1 Kujike	7185-1371	200	○ : Mon, Thu X : Tue, Fri	3years ~
		Ederu	24-32 Izumi	7184-4804	320	X	3years ~
		Tsukushino	6-23-10 Tsukushino	7184-3200	360	○ : Mon, Wed, Fri (on request) X : Tue, Thu	3years ~
		Fusadai	1849 Fusa	7189-0231	300	○	3years ~

○ = Available

X = Not Available. Bring box lunch.



# Compulsory Education (Age 6 to 14)

義務教育 (6歳～  
14歳)

## Elementary Schools / Junior High Schools

小学校・中学校  
shougakkou・  
chuugakkou

Elementary school and junior high school are compulsory in Japan.

**Age** Children enter elementary school at 6 years old, and enter junior high school at 12 years old. Foreign children can attend Japanese schools, though not compulsory. A notice of enrollment will be sent to parents/guardians who have children reaching school age.

**Fees** Tuition fees and textbooks are free in public elementary and junior high schools. But you pay fees for school goods, excursions, school trips, school lunches, etc.

**School Expense Allowance** Allowance for school goods, etc., will be offered for parents who have difficulties in meeting those school fees. Ask your child's school for more information.

**Enrollment, Midterm Enrollment or Transfer** Visit City Hall (either Citizens Registration Section or School Education Section) for the following procedures.

- 1) For midterm enrollment to schools from overseas or outside Abiko City : Receive documents at City Hall. Accompany your child to the school on the appointed day with the given documents.
- 2) In moving-out of Abiko to another municipality : Inform the desk at City Hall the need for a school transfer. Receive a school transfer form. Submit this form to the present school, and you will be given school transfer documents. After moving out, visit Board of Education of your new residence and submit the documents.
- 3) For transfer within Abiko City : When you apply a change-of-address notification, inform the desk the need for a school transfer. Receive a school transfer form. Submit this form to the present school, and you will be given school transfer documents. After moving, visit the new school to submit the documents.



■ Contact : School Education Section, Phone 7185-1151

Elementary and Junior High Schools					
	Public/ Private	Name	Address	Phone	School Lunch
<b>Elementary school</b>	Public (City-run)	Abiko Daiichi	1-22-10 Kotobuki	7184-0415	○
		Abiko Daini	610 Sageto	7184-1722	○
		Abiko Daisan	3-3-1 Shibasakidai	7184-1171	○
		Abiko Daiyon	3-2-1 Hakusan	7182-6151	○
		Kohoku	95 Nakazato	7188-1002	○
		Fusa	1217 Fusa	7189-2545	○
		Kohokudai Nishi	8-17-1 Kohokudai	7188-1123	○
		Kounoyama	198 Kounoyama	7183-3238	○
		Nedo	4-17-1 Tsukushino	7184-3988	○
		Kohokudai Higashi	4-3-1 Kohokudai	7187-2951	○
		Araki	1460 Araki	7187-1051	○
		Namiki	7-30-1 Tsukushino	7184-3151	○
		Fusaminami	5-1-1 Fusaheiwadai	7189-2132	○
<b>Junior High School</b>	Public (City-run)	Abiko	537 Kounoyama	7182-5191	○
		Kohoku	300 Furudo	7188-2042	○
		Fusa	1301 Fusa	7189-2426	○
		Kohokudai	6-9-1 Kohokudai	7188-2120	○
		Kujike	171 Tsukushino	7184-3987	○
		Hakusan	3-7-3 Hakusan	7184-1893	○

## High Schools (Age 15-18)

High school is not compulsory in Japan, but more than 90 % of junior high school pupils go to high schools. To enroll in a high school, an applicant must take an entrance examination. Tuition fees vary with schools.

There are 5 high schools in Abiko as listed below. The designated high school zone to which Abiko citizens are to apply has about 60 public high schools, in addition to private schools.

■ Contact : Public schools → Chiba Board of Education, Phone 043-223-4060

Private schools → Chiba Private Junior and Senior High School Association, Phone 043-241-7382

High Schools			
Public/Private	Name	Address	Phone
Public (Prefectural)	Abiko	18-4 Wakamatsu	7182-5181
	Kohoku	70 Hibiri	7187-1541
	Fusa	172 Shin Shinden	7189-4051
Private	Abiko Nikaido	479-1 Kujike	7182-0101
	Chuogakuin	765 Ichibu	7188-1101



## Higher Education and others

In Abiko, there are 2 universities, a vocational school, and a nursing school for the handicapped.

Other Schools			
Public/Private	Name	Address	Phone
Private	Chuo Gakuin University	451 Kujike	7183-6501
	Kawamura Gakuen Woman's University	1133 Sageto	7183-0111
Public (Prefectural)	Chiba Prefectural Abiko Nursing School	479-1 Kujike	7182-0101
	Abiko Advanced Vocational Training School	765 Ichibu	7188-1101

**School Expense Loan** ○ For high school, special training school, or university students who have difficulties in paying school fees, an interest-free loan is offered. ○ Up to ¥10,000/month for high school students and special training school students. Up to ¥20,000/month for university students. ○ Apply and have an interview at City Hall. ○ Repayment : Within 6 years after finishing high school or special training school, or 10 years after graduating university.