

# Guide for foreign students to start school

## 小・中学校(Sho/Chu-gakko) - Enrolling Your Child in Elementary/Junior High School

Ordinarily, the age bracket for each kind of school is as follows:

Elementary School Age 6-11

Junior High School Age 12-14

### 1. 小学校・中学校(Sho-gakko/Chu-gakko) Elementary school and Junior High School

Children start elementary school in April of the next school year that the child turned six years old. Students who have completed the six-year curriculum of elementary school are admitted to junior high school. All classes are generally conducted in Japanese in elementary/junior high schools. School year is divided into three terms in Oita City. There are breaks between the terms: Summer break is from July 21st to August 24th; Winter break is from December 25th to January 7th; School-year-end and New-school-year break is from March 27th to April 7th. For municipal elementary schools and junior high schools, there is no tuition fee and textbooks are provided for free. However, parents need to pay for other supplementary materials and school lunch.

#### (1) 入学のご案内(Nyugaku no goan-nai) - School Enrollment Information

For those who are registered residency in Oita City before entering school, the information for school enrollment is sent to the parents/guardian by the Oita City Board of Education. The information for school enrollment is a document to confirm if the parents/guardian would like to enroll their child to a municipal elementary school, and to confirm parents'/guardians' preference regarding stating the child's legal name and registered Japanese nickname in the notification for school enrollment. Please fill out the questionnaire enclosed in the information of school enrollment and send it back to the Board of Education. A notification for school enrollment is sent to the parents/guardians who chose municipal elementary schools to send their child by the end of January. The date of entry, the child's designated school, and other information are stated on the notification. A notification for junior high school enrollment is noticed through the elementary school the child attends. However, if the parents/guardian has preference for sending their child to a school other than the designated one, and for handing the child's registered Japanese nickname, please contact the School Education Division of the Oita City Board of Education.

#### (2) 年度途中入学の手続き(Nendochunyugaku no Tetsuzuki) - Procedure for enrolling in school mid-term

Please apply for admission by bringing the child's residence card to the School Education Division of the Oita City Board of Education.

#### (3) 転・退学の手続き(Ten/Taigaku no Tetsuzuki) - Procedure for transfer of schools or leaving school

Please contact the school.

### 2. 問い合わせ先(Toiawase Saki) - Contact Information

For more information, please contact the School Education Division of Oita City Board of Education  
097-537-5903 (Japanese only)