

# Raising children

② When you are pregnant C h i l d Rearing - Division  
*Kodomo Sodachi Shien-ka*  
☎ 0595-41-1556

If you become pregnant, you will receive a "Maternal and Child Health Handbook" at the City Hall.

If you have any concerns or problems, you can ask for advice.

## ■ Maternal and Child Health Handbook


You bring this when you go to the hospital. It contains information about the mother's health condition during pregnancy, the baby's size at birth, any illnesses the baby had, and whether preventive vaccinations (injections to prevent illness) were given, among other things..

When you receive your maternal and child health handbook, you will also get a book of tickets to have Pregnancy Health Checkup.

What to bring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pregnancy Registration Certificate (you get at the hospital)</li><li>• Zairyu card (Residence card)</li><li>• My number card</li><li>• The pregnant woman's passbook or cash card</li></ul>
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③ When a baby is born *Koseki Jumin-ka* ☎ 0595-22-9645

You must submit *Shusshou Todoke* (the report of birth of your baby) to the city hall within 14 days of the baby's birth.

What to bring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Birth registration (to be obtained at the hospital)</li><li>• Residence card and passport of the baby's father and mother</li><li>• Maternal and child health handbook</li></ul> 
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※ If both the father and mother are foreigners, please go to the immigration office to obtain a residence card for the baby. (⇒P8)

Children under 6 years old, before attending elementary school, can attend daycare nurseries, kindergartens, and a certified children's institution (Nintei Kodomo-en).

<p><b>Hoikusho</b>  <b>Hoikuen</b>                  (Day Nursery)                  *There are public and private nurseries.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children from 0 years old to Elementary school age attend when their parents are working or sick. They learn many things while playing.</li> <li>• Available Hours Monday through Friday)                      (Public) 7:30~18:00                      (Private) 7:00~18:00</li> <li>• If you want your child to attend, you apply around October of the previous year.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Yochien</b>                  (Kindergarten)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children from 3 years old to Elementary school age attend the school. They learn many things while playing.</li> <li>• Available Hours (Monday through Friday) 8:30~14:00</li> <li>• It can be used after 14:00 while parents are working.</li> <li>• If you want your child to attend, you apply around September of the previous year.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Shiritu-Nintei-Kodomo-en</b>                  (Private certified children's institution)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It combines the features of both a kindergarten and a day nursery.</li> <li>• If you want your child to attend, you apply around October of the previous year.</li> </ul>

※There is no charge for childcare in the 3-to 5-years-old class. Please contact the facility directly for the cost of educational materials, and others.



## 25 Elementary and Junior High School *Gakko-Kyoiku-ka*

☎ 0595-22-9649

- Parents of children between the ages of 6 and 15 are required to go to school in Japan. (Compulsory education)
- From the age of 6, children attend elementary school, and from the age of 12 to 15, junior high school.
- The school year begins in April and ends in March of the following year.

Foreign children can also attend elementary and junior high schools in Japan. (Please apply at the City Hall.)

- The school you attend is determined by where you live (your address).

<p>Entrance Orientation (Nyugaku-Setsumeikai)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children who will be entering the first grade of elementary school in April will have an orientation session around November at the elementary school where they will be entering.</li> <li>• Children who will be entering their first year of junior high school in April will have an orientation meeting at the junior high school they will enter around November to January.</li> </ul>
<p>Fees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuition, textbooks, and meals are free of charge.</li> <li>• There is a fee for studying materials.</li> <li>• If your income is too low to pay the fee, you may be able to receive school financial assistance. (Shugaku-enjyo)</li> </ul>
<p>Japanese language study (Early Adaptation Guidance Class)</p>	<p>In cases where a foreign student is attending a Japanese school for the first time and does not speak or understand Japanese at all, we will provide a 3-months course of study of Japanese language, etc.</p>
<p>Career guidance</p>	<p>There will be an information session about high school life for foreign students and guardians. (Around September)</p>

## ■ High School(Koukou)

A person who has graduated from a junior high school (a person who has not graduated from a junior high school in Japan but is recognized as having the same level of academic ability) may take an entrance examination and be admitted to a high school. If they pass the entrance examination, they are eligible to attend the school.

There are also "regular" high schools, which students attend at night, and "correspondence" high schools, where students study via the Internet etc.

<p><b>Where to consult</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prefectural High Schools Mieken-Kyoiku-Iinkai-Jimukyoku, Kokokyoiku-ka  ☎ 059-224-3002</li> <li>• Private High Schools Mieken-KankyoSeikatsu-bu, Shigaku-ka, Shigaku-han  ☎ 059-224-2161</li> </ul>
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## ■ University, Junior College, Vocational School

High school graduates may take an examination to enroll in a university, short-term college (junior college), or vocational school. If you pass the exam, you can attend the school. Please ask directly to the school you want to go to.

## ②7 Others

### ■ After-school children's clubs

When parents are unable to take care of their children after elementary school classes are over due to work or other commitments, they can leave their children in the care of an after-school children's club.

Hours of use	After school hours・・・After school~18:00 Long-term holidays, etc.: 8:00-18:00
Cost (User Fee)	For daily use after school・・・¥8000 /person/month Separate fee will be charged for use during long-term holidays.
Other	Registration is required every fiscal year.
Where to consult	<small>child Policy - Division</small> <b>KodomoSeisaku-ka</b> ☎ <b>0595-22-9677</b>

### ■ Children's Study (Learning Support)

	Learning Support Class "Sasayuri"	Kanji learning Support class
Day Hours	Saturday 14:00~16:00	Wednesday 15:30-16:30
Place	2F, Igashi-Sogo-Fukushi-Kaikan	4F, Haitopia Iga
Who can participate	From 5th grade Elementary School to Junior High School 3rd year, People who are taking the high school entrance exam	From 1st grade to 4th grade of Elementary School
Fee	200 yen per session	300 yen per month
Where to consult	NPO Iga no Tsutamaru ☎ 0595-23-0912 ☎ 080-3590-7612	Iga International Exchange Association ☎ 070-4455-4900

■ For more information on childcare, please click here. 