

Guidebook to Application for Senior High Schools 【2025】

For those with native languages other than Japanese

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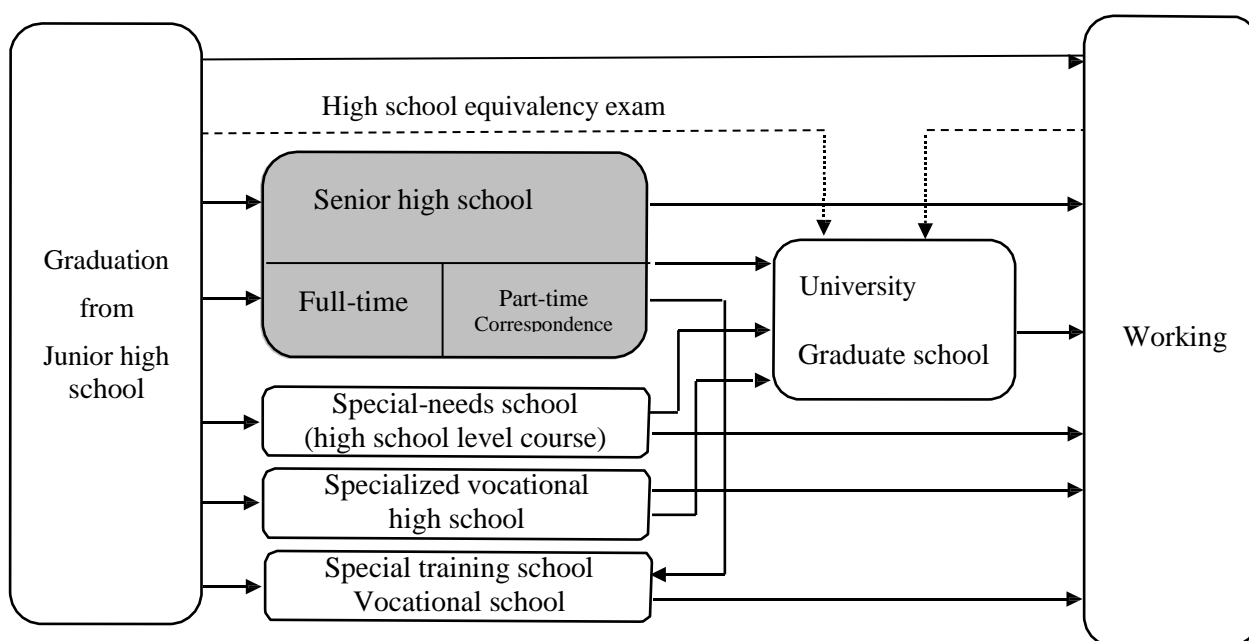
◇Outline of Public Senior High School

1. Academic options

(1) Introduction

As the chart below shows, there are many academic options available to students after they graduate from junior high school.

Applicants are advised to choose a path that not only best suits their individual interests and abilities, but that will also help them succeed later on in life.



(2) Application for senior high schools

Senior high school education is aimed at fostering a high level of social consciousness and providing knowledge and skills that establish the foundation for further education, as well as promoting the ability within each student to think critically for oneself. These developments are supported through special activities and learning basic academic skills as well as taking part in homeroom classes, student-body meetings, school events, and club activities, as well as a wide array of course options.

High school offers a course study based on a full-time, part-time or correspondence basis. Each curriculum is based on either a general, specialized, or comprehensive department of study.

Some schools offer a fixed curriculum for each grade level, while some other schools allow students to choose courses according to their own needs.

(3) Points to consider when deciding on a school and a department

1. Think about your future potential and possibilities when considering your abilities, aptitude, interests, and concerns.
2. Think about the types of jobs that interest you or may suit you best.
3. Think about what you want to learn and explore in school.
4. Research the characteristics and academic content of the schools and departments that interest you.

2. Outline of public senior high schools

(1) Public senior high schools available to applicants for the 2025 school year

There are 56 schools (including 1 school building) that are open to all applicants for the school year beginning in April 2025. There are full-time, part-time and correspondence courses being offered to all applicants. Each of these courses is scheduled at different times of the day and has different methods of learning.

| Course | Schools that offer General Education Course | Schools that offer Vocational Course | | | | | | | | | Schools that offer Comprehensive or Integrated Course |
|----------------|---|--------------------------------------|----------|------------|-----------|----------------|---------|-------------|---------|--------|---|
| | | Agriculture | Industry | Commercial | Fisheries | Home economics | Nursing | Information | Welfare | Others | |
| Full-time | 30 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 8 |
| Part-time | 9 | | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| Correspondence | 2 | | | | | | | | | | |

(Each number represents the number of schools)

● Full-time course (Zen nichi sei)

Classes in the full-time course are held in the daytime just like in junior high school. The standard number of class hours for one full-time course per week is 30 (one class hour corresponds to 50 minutes), including special activities. One school year includes 35 weeks.

●Part-time course (Teiji sei)

Classes in the part-time course are conducted at night times besides the day times. Part-time courses provide an environment suitable for learning to various students who cannot attend courses during the day, including those working daytime, truant students, those who have transferred from the full-time course, and foreign students in need of Japanese language assistance.

The majority of these schools offer the general department. Some schools offer a vocational-education department, such as the mechanical and traffic engineering, architect and technology departments at Yokkaichi Kogyo High School, the information-business department at Hokusei High School, and the manufacturing-engineering department at Ise Manabi High School.

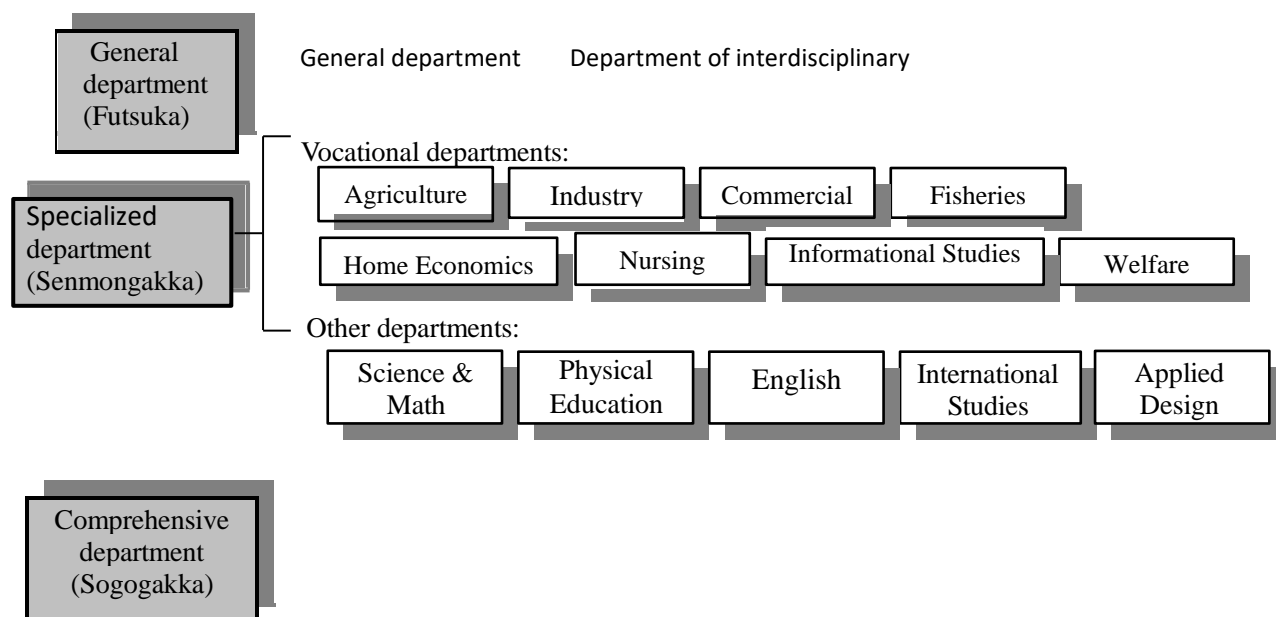
The schools that offer part-time and full-time courses include Mie Yume Gakuen High School (the first public part-time high school in the nation to set up a comprehensive department), Hokusei High School and Ise Manabi High School. (Both Hokusei and Ise Manabi High Schools allow students to attend both daytime and nighttime classes as well as gain course credit regardless of their grade.)

●Correspondence course (Tsushin sei)

This course is designed for students who cannot attend school every day. Students receive instruction with course materials that are mailed to them at home. Currently, Hokusei High School and Matsusaka High School offer this option. Students are required to attend school usually twice a month, while studying textbooks and assigned course materials at home. Students mail all completed assignments to their school.

(2) Department

◎ Types of departments

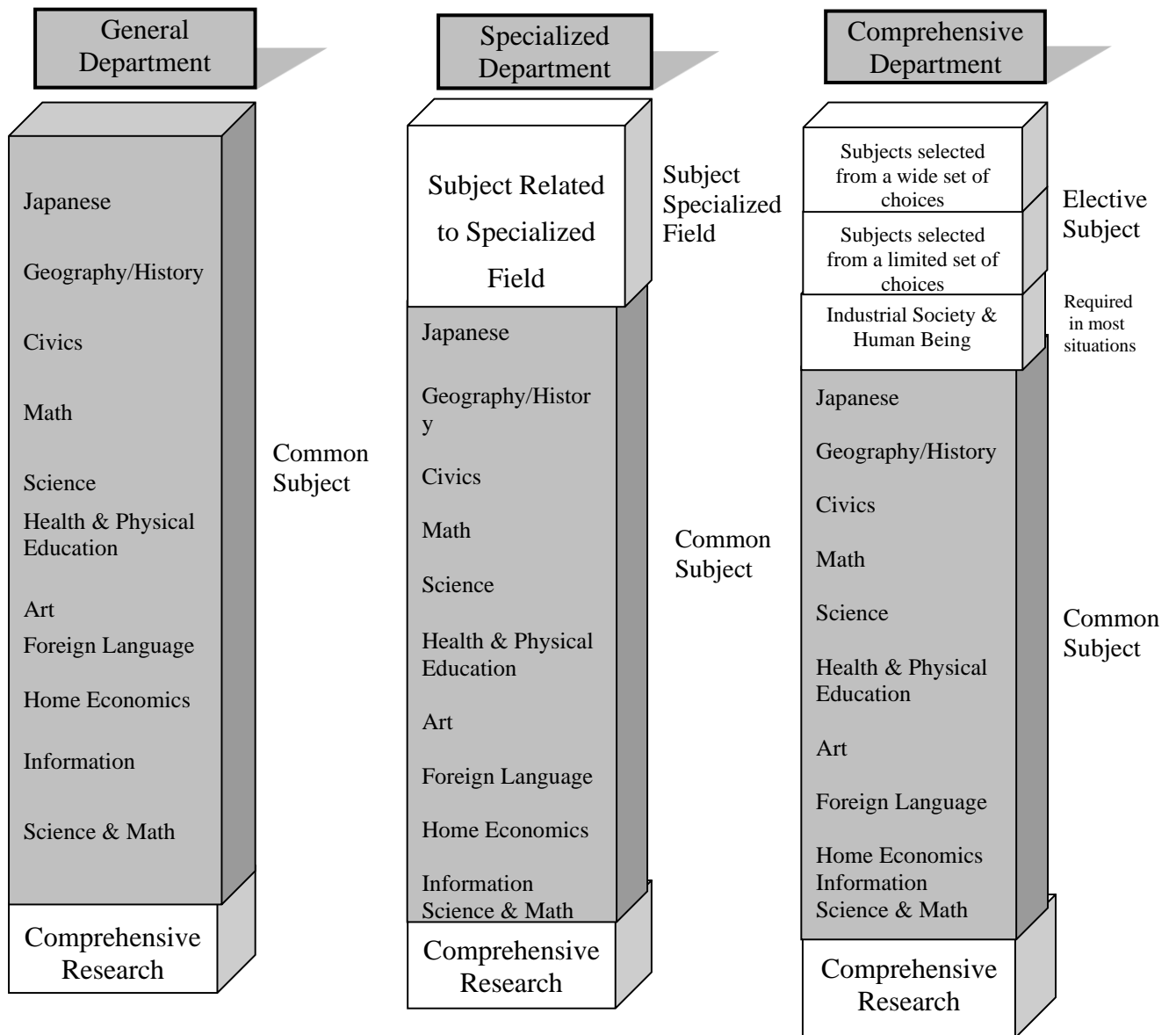


◎Features of each department

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| General department | The feature of the department is that the students acquire a broader range of education on a foundation of their previous education completed in junior high school. |
| Department of interdisciplinary | This department is focused mainly on latest features / attractive learning based on some academic fields and new academic areas regarding contemporary issues. |
| Agricultural department | This department is designed to educate and train students who want to become farmers or agricultural engineers. It is for those students who wish to work within the agricultural industry in a specialized or skilled capacity. |
| Industrial department | This department is designed to develop a student's specialized skills and knowledge in technical engineering, such as with the FA system and CAD/CAM systems and computing. |
| Commercial department | A foundation in the skills and knowledge of commerce, students on this course study marketing, information management and corporate finance while deepening their understanding of business and improving their practical skills. |
| Fisheries department | This department is focused on developing a highly skilled workforce in the fishing-related industries, such as with fishing engineers or a ship's personnel. Students in this course can gain specialized knowledge and skills on fishing, fishing ships, farming and processing of marine products and ocean sports. |
| Home economics department | This department educates students on basic level homemaking. Students are taught specialized knowledge and skills on areas such as food, clothing, childcare, and welfare, which are all necessary to gain competence in this field. |
| Nursing department | This department equips students with specialized knowledge and skills for nursing. It prepares students to work successfully in medical environments, such as a hospital. |
| Information department | This department focuses on creating greater access to human resources, such as the sharing of helpful information to better support and assist the community. Students can gain the knowledge and skills to creatively and effectively develop, maintain, and manage network systems and multimedia. |
| Welfare department | This department is designed to develop successful and effective welfare field personnel. Students can gain specialized knowledge and skills on welfare, such as the welfare system and basic nursing care. |

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|-------------------------------|--|
| Science & Math department | This department is designed to equip students with the skills to scientifically explore problems through the profound study of science and math. |
| Physical education department | This department is designed for students who are interested in athletics and physical education. Students gain specialized knowledge and skills in these fields through learning methods to improve athletic skills and abilities, as well as to promote and develop the future of sports. |
| English department | In this department, students specialize in English study in order to improve their English listening, reading, speaking, and writing abilities, as well as to deepen their understanding of other cultures. |
| International department | This department is aimed at improving English abilities through using ICT, classes taught with an ALT (Assistant Language Teacher), and long / short-term foreign exchange programs in order to go to a university or a junior college. |
| Applied design department | This department educates students on the basic knowledge and skills of art, design and computing. Students can also gain specialized skills on design, computer graphics, among others. |
| Comprehensive department | In this department students take class subjects of their choice depending on their academic interests and goals. Students learn about various academic and career options in order to help them choose their future path. |

The figure below shows the subjects taken in each department.



© Starting from the school year 2022, students are asked to purchase a computer device for learning purpose. Utilizing the device during classes, “individual optimization learning” based on each student’s characteristic and level of attainment is effectively proceeded, as well as “cooperative learning” which aims to build a consensus by sharing various opinions and perspectives. As for home learning, study materials and videos are provided online from school so that students can study at home using the device.

3. Fees, benefits and scholarships of public senior high schools

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(1) Fees (for students of the 2024 school year):

① Outline of senior high school fees

Everyone enrolling in a public senior high school after April 2014 have to pay their fees in principle. If you receive the high school tuition support fund, you do not need to pay your fees. In order to receive the support fund, you are required to apply for it and meet the specific requirements. It will not be necessary to be paid back.

In case of studying again at a senior high school, even though having left school before, or if you do not meet the specific requirements but have difficulties in paying fees due to economic reasons, etc., it may be possible to receive any other support.

② Amount of fees, etc.

| | Full- time | Part- time | Correspondence Course | Advanced Course |
|--|----------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Fees | ¥ 118,000/year | ¥ 32,400/year | ¥ 324 per credit | ¥ 118,000/year |
| Charge for the Selection of Applicants | ¥ 2,200 | ¥ 950 | | ¥ 2,200 |
| Entrance Fees | ¥ 5,650 | ¥ 2,100 | | ¥ 5,650 |

※ Charge for the Selection of Applicants and Entrance Fees mean the costs required for senior high school entrance examination.

※ In case of a former graduate, non-certified graduation or an auditing student, different amount of costs will be required.

(2) Scholarship Benefits for Senior High School Students available to applicants for the 2024 school year

For the purpose of supporting required educational expenses other than fees, “Scholarship Benefits for Senior High School Students” are provided to low-income household with high school students, etc.

The eligible persons are senior high school students’ guardians, etc., not subject to prefectural and municipal taxation per income levy according to high school enrollment support fund, and those guardians who receive livelihood assistance (occupational assistance). The applicants for the scholarship benefits will receive the amount of benefits depending on the situation and the number of family members of each household/family.

◎ **Benefits (Annual amount)**

| Household Status | | | | Public | Private |
|--|-----------------------------|--|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Household receiving occupational assistance (Full/Part-time/Correspondence Course) | | | | ¥ 32,300 | ¥ 52,600 |
| Prefectural and municipal tax or tax exempted household ※excluding family under occupational assistance | Full-time /Part-time Course | With dependent siblings from age 15 to 23 or with siblings in senior high school | No | ¥ 122,100 | ¥ 142,600 |
| | | | Yes | ¥ 143,700 | ¥ 152,000 |
| | Correspondence Course | | ¥ 50,500 | ¥ 52,100 | |
| | Advanced Course | | ¥50,500 | ¥52,100 | |

(3) Loans and scholarships for the 2024 school year

“The Educational Scholarship for Senior High School Course Study in Mie Prefecture” is funded by the Mie Prefecture Board of Education.

● **Financial aid program for senior high school students**

This program provides interest-free loans to those who cannot otherwise afford to continue their enrollment as students of senior high schools, etc. (senior or specialized vocational high schools), despite their desire to learn and progress.

○ Types and amounts of scholarships:

◎ Education Costs Scholarship ··· Monthly Amount (however, the amount will be transferred by electronic transfer at several points throughout the year)

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| National/Public schools | ¥ 8,000, ¥ 13,000, ¥ 18,000, or ¥ 23,000 |
| Private schools | ¥ 20,000, ¥ 25,000, ¥ 30,000, or ¥ 35,000 |

(choose one)

◎ Scholarships covering start-up costs · Only available upon school entry

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| National/Public schools | At school entry | ¥ 40,000 or ¥ 80,000 |
| Private schools | At school entry | ¥ 50,000 or ¥ 100,000 |

(choose one)

○ Repayment:

- Interest-free. However, if the scholarship is not repaid by the deadline, penalties for the deadline may occur.

- ・ Repayments shall be made within 12 years (15 years in case the total amount is over ¥1,200,000, and 18 years in case the total amount is over ¥1,850,000) starting from 6 months after the date of graduation.

And in principle these payments shall be automatically withdrawn from a specified bank account on a monthly basis.

- ・ It is also possible to make advance or lump-sum repayments.
- ・ When repayments become difficult due to reasons such as going to college, disease, disaster, job loss, under maternity or childcare leave, you can apply for an extension of the repayment period.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">About the Implementation of the Selection of Applicants for Public Senior High Schools in Mie Prefecture (2025)</p> |
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1. Application requirements

For more details, please refer to the “Implementation Guideline for the Selection of Applicants for Public Senior High Schools in Mie Prefecture (2025).”

2. Types of selections of applicants

(1) The first selection: Applicants can apply to the school, department, or course that they wish to enter.

1) Content of the exam:

The exam includes one or more of the following: an interview, “a self-expression task,” a short essay or a long essay, a skill test, or a basic achievement test consisting of one or two subjects. It is up to each school to determine how they wish to conduct the exam.

2) Method of selecting successful applicants:

Applicants are selected based on application documents such as a “dossier” containing their junior high school grades and a “statement of self-recommendation” in addition to the results of the exam stated in 1).

3) Date of the exam: (Mon) February 3 and (Tue) February 4, 2025

4) Notification of informal admission decision: (Thu) February 13, 2025

(Announcement of formal admission decision: (Mon) March 17

5) Other:

- Those who receive a notification of an informal admission decision on the first selection cannot apply to the second selection.

(2) Special selection: This is the selection for those who dropped out of senior high school or were not able to enter senior high school on graduation from junior high for any reason whatsoever.

1) Content of the exam:

The exam includes one or more of the following: an interview, “a self-expression task” or an essay. It is up to each school to determine how they wish to conduct the exam.

2) Method of selecting successful applicants:

Applicants are selected based on a “dossier” containing their junior high school grades and a “statement of reasons” in addition to the results of the exam stated in 1).

3) Date of the exam: (Mon) February 3 and (Tue) February 4, 2025

4) Notification of informal admission decision: (Thu) February 13, 2025

(Announcement of formal admission decision: (Mon) March 17)

5) Other:

- Those who apply to the special selection cannot apply to the first selection.
- Those who receive a notification of an informal admission decision on the special selection cannot apply to the second selection.

(3) Second selection

1) Content of the exam:

• Achievement test:

- ⌈ The test for full-time schools includes five subjects: Japanese, Math, Social Studies, English and Science.
- ⌋ The test for some part-time schools includes fewer subjects.

• Some schools may conduct the achievement test including an interview, “a self-expression task,” a short or long essay, or a skill test.

2) Method of selecting successful applicants:

Applicants are selected based on a “dossier” containing grades from junior high, etc., in addition to the results of the exam stated in 1).

3) Date of the exam: (Mon) March 10, 2025

4) Announcement of Successful applicants: (Mon) March 17, 2025

5) Other:

An application change in a school, department or course can be accepted during the acceptance period of application changes, but only once.

(4) Re-application: If after the first and second selections there are still places available at the school, the school will accept re-applications.

1) At most schools, the content of the exam and method of selecting successful applicants are the same as those of the second selection.

2) Date of the exam: (Fri) March 21, 2025

3) Announcement of successful applicants: (Tue) March 25, 2025

(5) Additional application: Part-time night schools accept additional applications if after the second application there are still places available at the school.

1) The content of the exam and method of selecting successful applicants are the same as those of the re-application for most high schools.

2) Date of the exam: (Thu) March 27, 2025

3) Announcement of successful applicants: (Fri) March 28, 2025

(6) Selection of applicants for the special admission quota for foreign students, etc.

1) Schools, departments and courses which conduct selection of applicants for the special admission quota:

Please confirm in the “Implementation Guideline for the Selection of Applicants for Public Senior High Schools in Mie Prefecture (for the 2025 school year).”

2) Number of special admission quota students:

Please see the “Implementation Guideline for the Selection of Applicants for Public Senior High Schools in Mie Prefecture (for the 2025 school year).”

3) Content of the exam:

Please see the “Implementation Guideline for the Selection of Applicants for Public Senior High Schools in Mie Prefecture (for the 2025 school year).”

4) Method of selecting successful applicants:

Applicants are selected based on the results of the exam stated in (3) and a “dossier” containing a list of their grades from junior high.

5) Other requirements:

Applicants are required to submit a document certifying their nationality and the period of stay in Japan within 6 years, and an application form.

3. Other

• At the discretion of the school principal, foreign students who apply for part-time night schools can have the entrance exam in the form of essay or interview on the second selection, the re-application or an additional application.

• Please make sure to confirm the content of this section by referring to the “Implementation Guideline for the Selection of Applicants for Public Senior High Schools in Mie Prefecture (for the 2025 school year),” which will be released early in October 2024.

**Schedule for the Selection of Applicants for Public Senior High Schools in Mie Prefecture
(for the 2025 school year)**

| Date | Full-time schools / Part-time schools | Correspondence schools |
|---|--|--|
| Jan. 23rd (Thu) -27th (Mon) | Application documents period for the first selection and special | Application documents period for the first selection |
| Feb. 3rd (Mon) Feb. 4th (Tue) | Exam for the first and special selections (Date differs depending on school.) | Exam for the first selection (3rd (Mon)) |
| Feb. 10th (Mon) | Makeup exams for the first and special selections | Makeup exam for the first selection |
| Feb. 13th (Thu) | Notification of informal admission decisions for the first and special selections | Notification of informal admission decisions for the first selection |
| Feb. 21st (Fri) -Feb. 25th (Tue) -Feb. 26th (Wed) | Application documents period for the second selection (Part-time schools: until Feb. 25th (Tue) (Full-time schools: until Feb. 26th (Wed)) | Application documents period for the second selection (Feb. 21st (Fri) – Feb. 25th (Tue)) |
| Mar. 3rd (Mon) Mar. 4th (Tue) Mar. 5th (Wed) | Accepting documents period for application changes (Part-time schools: until 4th (Tue)) (Full-time schools: until 5th (Wed)) | Accepting documents period for application changes (until 4th (Tue)) |
| Mar. 10th (Mon) | Exam for the second selection | Exam for the second selection |
| Mar. 17th (Mon) | Announcement of successful applicants Official announcement of the re- application | Notification of successful applicants |
| Mar. 18th (Tue), 19th (Wed) | Accepting documents period for the makeup exams for second selection and re-application | Accepting period for application documents of re-application for second selection. |
| Mar. 21st (Fri) | Makeup exam for second selection / Exam for re-application | Re-application for second selection. |
| Mar. 25th (Tue) | Announcement of successful applicants of the makeup exam for second selection and the exam for re-application Official announcement of the additional application | Accepting period for the re-application documents (Mar. 25th (Tue) – Mar. 31st (Mon)) |
| Mar. 25th (Tue) -Mar. 26th (Wed) | Accepting period for the additional application documents (Only for part-time night schools) | |
| Mar. 27th (Thu) | Additional exam (Only for part-time night schools) | |
| Mar. 28th (Fri) | Announcement of successful applicants for the additional exam (Only for part-time night schools) | |
| April. 2nd (Wed) | | Exam for the re-application |
| April. 10th (Thu) | | Notification of successful applicants for the exam of the re-application |

Note: “Special selection” stated in the table above is the selection conducted by the following six high schools:

- Akebono Gakuen High School (full-time)
- Yokkaichi Industrial High School (part-time)
- Hokusei High School (part-time)
- Iino High School (part-time)
- Mie Yume Gakuen High School (part-time)
- Ise Manabi High School (part-time)

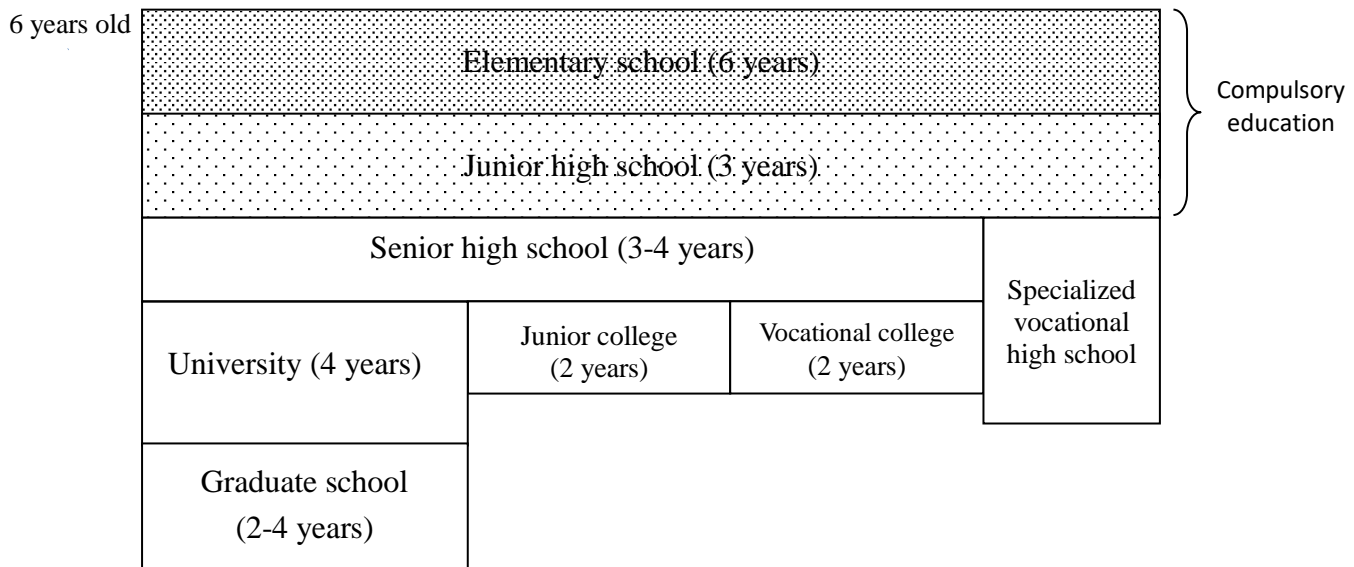
The accepting period for application documents differs from the entering period for admission application on the website. Therefore, confirm the “system manual for application on the website.”

B. Q&A (Questions and Answers)

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Q1. What is the education system in Japan?

A1. The chart below shows Japan’s education system. In Japan, more than 95% of junior high graduates continue on to senior high school. Elementary school education and junior high school education are both compulsories.



Q2. What are the merits of graduating from high school?

A2. Senior high school graduates are eligible to apply to universities, junior colleges or vocational colleges. Senior high school graduates have an advantage over junior high graduates in getting a job, as some companies do not employ those without a senior high school diploma.

Q3. Who can go to senior high school?

A3. Anyone who is over the age of 15 and graduated from junior high either in Japan or in a foreign country is qualified to go to senior high school. Also, there are cases where students who did not graduate from junior high were allowed to take the senior high school entrance exam after their special circumstances were taken into consideration. As all high school applicants are required to take this exam, please ask your teachers for more details such as the testing period, subjects covered, required procedures and special measures, etc.

Q4. What types of senior high schools are there?

A4. There are four types of high schools. Examples of each are listed as follows. For more details, refer to the pamphlet “Gakko Annai”, which is available at every school.

[Example of Typical High School]

| | Full-Time | Day Part-time | Night Part-Time | Correspondence ☆1 |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| School days/hours | Everyday ☆2 8:30a.m.- 3:30p.m. | Everyday ☆2 Classes that are from 8:30a.m-4:30p.m. can be chosen. | Everyday ☆2 5: 30p.m.-9:30p.m. | Two sessions per month at the actual school. |
| Daily schedule | Six 50 minute classes | Eight 45 minute classes. (Four in the morning and the afternoon) | Four 45 minute classes | Six hours (4 in the morning / 2 in the afternoon) |
| Years required to graduate | 3 years | 3—4 years | 3—4 years | 3—4 years |
| Departments Available ☆3 | General, Industrial, Commercial, etc. ☆4 | General, Information-Business, Comprehensive | General, System-engineering, Manufacturing- Engineering | General |
| Other | | | School meals are provided | |
| | “Credit-system high school”, where students choose their own classes and make their own schedule, is also available. | | | |

Each school will be slightly different. For more information, please check with the school directly.

- ☆ 1. This type of school is designed for students who cannot go to school every day. Students are required to attend sessions at the actual school and send in their assignments and reports in by mail.
- ☆ 2. “Everyday” means all days except the following days:
Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, spring holidays, summer holidays, winter holidays and other school holidays.
- ☆ 3. Department available means the classes are divided according to the focus in the studies.
- ☆ 4. All day schools have a variety of departments available to choose either from the above or from including fisheries, agriculture, home economics, science/mathematics, welfare and comprehensive. Some schools also offer specialized courses within their general department offerings.

Q5. Please explain school uniforms.

A5. In many schools, uniform is required as part of the school rules. However, high schools that offer part-time and correspondence courses rarely require them. Uniforms can be bought right before school begins. They usually cost about ¥ 40,000.

Q6. How much are school fees (required educational expenses)?

A6. In addition to the designated school fees, some expenses (“school expenses”) are required at senior high schools. School expenses include instruction and learning material fees, annual fees and PTA membership fees. The amount of school fees differs depending on each school. For further information, please ask each school’s teacher.

Q7. What is the scholarship?

A7. This program is to lend school expenses to students having financial difficulties. Mie Prefectural Board of Education offers the scholarship program to provide interest-free loans, which students will repay it separately after graduating schools. For public senior high schools, you can choose the amount of loans (8,000 yen, 13,000 yen or 18,000 yen per month).

This application is possible in times of the 3rd grade of a junior high school. For further information, please ask each school.

Other forms of financial aid available to students are listed below.

| Loan | Amounts/Repayment methods | Conditions for applicants | Inquiry |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| National education loans | Up to ¥3.5 million per student. Limited use. Repayment shall be made within 18 years at 2.40% annual interest rate (as of June 3, 2024). “A child with single mother,” “single father,” “families with annual income not more than ¥2 million (earnings ¥1.32 million),” or “household with three or more children with annual income not more than ¥5 million (earnings ¥3.56 million)” shall have repayments due within 18 years at 2.00% annual interest rate (as of June 3, 2024). | Registered as Foreigners that have been recorded in the basic register set forth in the Basic Resident Registration Law Limited to those with a certain income level. Need a guarantee charge or cosigner. In case interpreter is needed, a written pledge or oath from the interpreter is required. | Japan Finance Corporation Tsu Branch National Consumer Tel: 0570-057829 or call Education Loan Centre 0570-008656 (weekly 9:00-21:00; Saturday 9:00-17:00) http://www.jfc.go.jp/ |
| Welfare loan for life and education | Up to ¥35,000/month — senior high school students. Up to ¥35,000/month — specialized vocational high school students. (*) (*) Up to 35,000 yen within three years of beginning. After that, it is up to 60,000 yen. Up to ¥500,000 for the cost of preparation for school education. Repayment shall be made within 10 years starting from 6 months after graduation. No interest charged. The amount of loan per month may be increased up to 1.5 times depending on the condition. | Eligible to those acquire permanent, special permanent or long-term residency status. An application screening by social workers in the community or the social welfare council is required. Limited to those with a certain income level. No cosigner required. | Mie Prefectural Social Welfare Council: 059-226-1118 or your local social welfare council office. |

| Loan/Scholarship | Amounts/Repayment methods | Conditions for applicants | Inquiry |
|--|--|--|---|
| Welfare loan for child with single mother or single father (☆) | <<Scholastic funds>> ★National, Public high schools ¥27,000/month for attending school from home. ¥34,500/month for boarding students. ★Private schools ¥45,000/month for attending school from home. ¥52,500/month for boarding students. <<The funds for school preparation>> ★National, Public high schools Up to ¥150,000 for attending school from home. ¥160,000 for boarding students. ★Private schools Up to ¥ 410,000 for attending school from home. Up to 420,000 for boarding students. Repayment shall be made within 6 months and 10 years from graduation. (No interest charged.) | Foreign residents who have lived in their current residence for 6 months or longer and are likely to acquire a permanent residency status. Maybe applied to child with single mother or an orphan child. (For low income household, a guarantor might be needed) | Mie Prefectural Government, Department of Families Welfare / Facilities Maintenance, Families Welfare Group: 059-224-2271 http://www.pref.mie.lg.jp/D1KODOMO/000117889.htm Mie Prefectural Government Heath/Welfare Office Municipal Heath/Welfare Offices |
| Loan for Traffic-Accident Orphans | Choice from ¥20,000, ¥30,000 or ¥40,000/month (even 10,000 yen will be provided). Choice from ¥200,000, ¥400,000 or ¥600,000 for a lump sum at school entry. Repayment shall be made within 20 years. (No interest charged.) | Eligibility for Loan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior high school students whose parent died in a accident, or is not able to work due to a serious handicap caused by a accident. • Any persons having Japanese nationality or permanent residents (excluding international students having foreign nationality) | Public interest incorporated Foundation for Traffic-Accident Orphans, Scholarship Division: 03-3556-0773 Toll-free 0120-521286 https://www.kotsuiji.com |
| Ashinaga Loan | 30,000 yen (for benefits). | Permanent residency status and resident status is required. Except for foreign students. Senior high school students from families that need financial aid because parent died of a disease, a disaster (except for a traffic accident on the road), suicide, etc., or is not able to work due to serious handicap. | Ashinaga Financial aid Society 03-3221-0888 Free dial:0120-77-8565 http://www.ashinaga.org |

(☆) This financial aid may be reduced in case of receiving any other financial aid.

Q8. What are the differences between junior high and senior high schools?

A8. Advancing through the grades and graduating are more difficult at the high school level.

Students who are frequently absent or have low grades sometimes find themselves unable to proceed to the next grade or graduate. If you have any difficulties with studying, it is important that you ask your teachers for help.

Q9. What should I do to prepare for entering senior high school?

A9. Please follow the advice below.

1. Study hard.

This is a given. In order to pass the entrance exam, you need to study. One of the best things you can do is to regularly review and study at home and school every day. You can also try some practice high school exams. It will also be beneficial to ask your teachers for advice on how to study effectively. Some volunteer groups also help students to study.

2. Consult with your teachers.

Junior high school students are able to consult with their homeroom teachers.

Make sure that you state your preferences at the beginning of any consultations.

3. Choose the schools you want to go to early on.

Try to decide which schools you want to go to six months before the entrance exams are set to begin.

4. Visit the high schools.

You are advised to visit as many schools as you can in order to help you decide which one you want to go to. Many senior high schools set days aside for tours and offer a chance to experience life at their school for a day.

Q10. What do senior high school students do in addition to going to classes?

A10. Throughout the school year, high school students participate in fun events such as sports days, cultural festivals, and school trips. After school, they can stay and participate in club activities. There are a variety of clubs which are engaging in sports, music, art and other activities.