

Guidebook to Application for Senior High Schools 【2027】

For those with native languages other than Japanese

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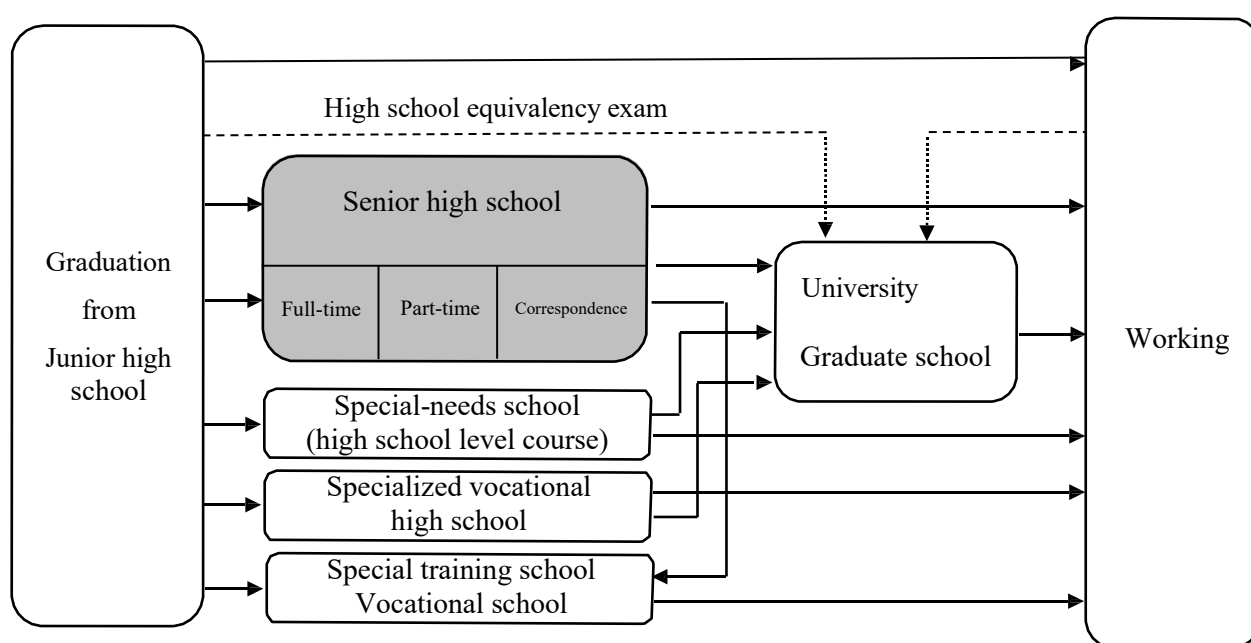
◇Outline of Public Senior High School

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 will also help them succeed later 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 2027 school year

There are 55 schools that are open to all applicants for the school year beginning in April 2027. There are full-time, part-time, and correspondence courses being offered to all applicants. Each of these courses are scheduled at different times of the day and have different methods of learning.

Course	Schools that offer General Education Course	Schools that offer Vocational Course									Schools that offer Comprehensive for Integrated Courses
		Agriculture	Industry	Commercial	Fisheries	Home economics	Nursing	Information	Welfare	Others	
Full-time	30	5	8	7	1	6	1	1	3	8	7
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 in the evening as well as during the day. 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.

Most of these schools offer the general department. Some schools offer a vocational-education department, such as the mechanical, traffic engineering, architecture, 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.

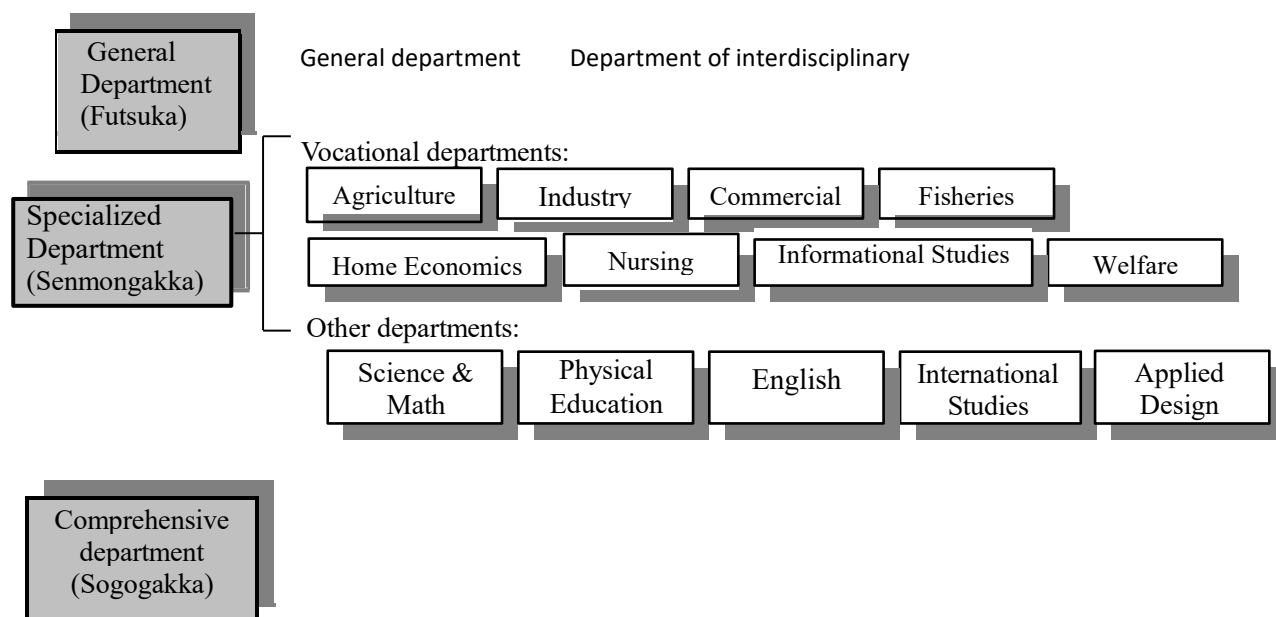
The schools that offer part-time and full-time courses include Mie Yume Gakuen High School (the first public part-time high school in the nation to set up a comprehensive department), Hokusei High School and Ise Manabi High School. (Both Hokusei and Ise Manabi High Schools allow students to attend both 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. These students are usually required to attend school 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

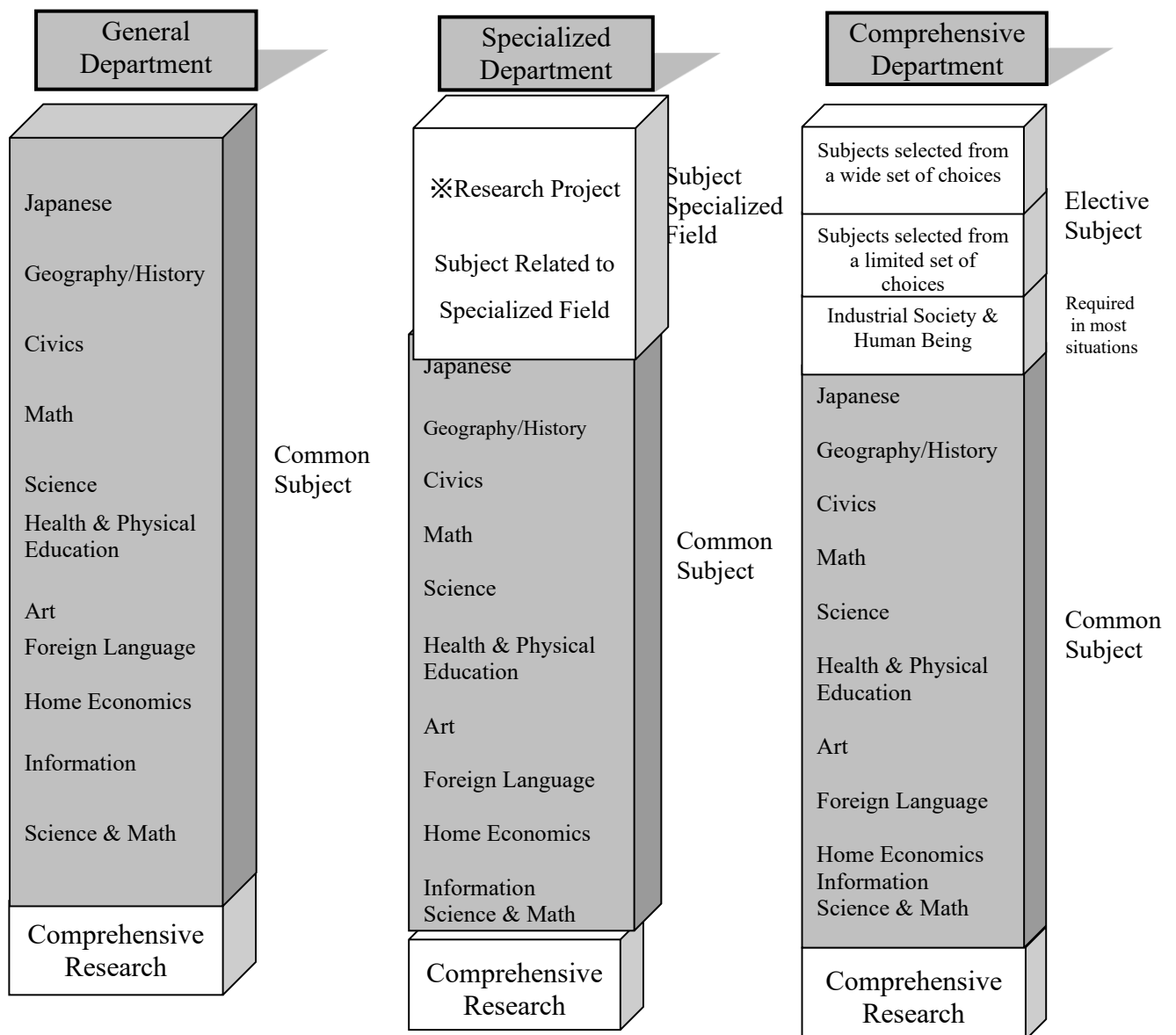


◎Features of each department

General Department	The defining feature of this department is that students acquire a broader range of education built onto the foundation of their previous education that was completed in junior high school.
Department of Interdisciplinary	This department is focused mainly on the latest features and learning practices that are based on some academic fields and new academic areas regarding contemporary issues.
Agricultural Department	This department is designed to educate and train students capable of working in agriculture, forestry, environment, food, and related industries. 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	To provide a foundation in the skills and knowledge of commerce, students who have chosen 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 train students capable of working in fisheries-related industry such as personnel on a ship or fishing engineers. Students in this course can gain specialized knowledge and skills on fishing, fishing ships, the farming and processing of marine products, and ocean sports and diving.
Home Economics Department	This department educates students on the foundations of homemaking. Students are taught specialized knowledge and skills on areas such as food, clothing, childcare, and welfare in order to be active in lifestyle-related industries.
Nursing Department	This department equips students with specialized knowledge and skills for nursing. It prepares students capable of working 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.

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 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 to go to a university or junior college abroad.
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 to help them choose their future path.

The figure below shows the subjects taken in each department.



※Research Project: This subject aims to develop problem-solving skills and self-directed/creative learning attitudes by setting a learning task for deepening and integrating the specialized knowledge /techniques through the problem-solving learning.

◎ Starting from the school year 2022, students are asked to purchase a computer device for learning purpose. By utilizing the device during classes, “individual optimization learning” based on each student’s characteristics and level of attainment is effectively implemented, 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 each student’s school so that students can study at home using the device.

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

(1) Fees (for students of the 2026 school year):

① Outline of senior high school fees

Everyone enrolling in a public senior high school after April 2014 must pay their fees in principle. If you receive the high school tuition support fund or New High School Tuition Support Fund, you do not need to pay your fees. To receive the support fund or New High School Tuition Support Fund, you are required to apply for it and meet the specific requirements. The high school tuition support fund or New High School Tuition Support Fund will not be necessary to be paid back.

In the case of students who are studying again at a senior high school, such as a student who has left school before or one who does not meet the specific requirements for the high school tuition support fund or New High School Tuition Support Fund but have difficulties in paying fees due to economic reasons, etc., it may be possible to receive other support.

※ The any requirements for nationality / a status of residence, etc. will apply to the high school tuition support fund or New High School Tuition Support Fund.

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 2026 school year

This system provides financial support for educational expenses other than tuition fees. It offers a “High School Student Scholarship Benefit” to low and middle-income households with high school students (or equivalent) attending upper secondary schools.

Eligible recipients are guardians of high school students (or equivalent) who either:

- belong to a household receiving public assistance (livelihood protection), or

- have all guardians confirmed to have the total resident tax income levy of less than 182,500 yen.

Upon application, the benefit amount is determined and granted based on each household's situation and family composition.

◎ **Benefits (Annual amount)**

Household Status		Public	Private
Household receiving occupational assistance (Full/Part-time/Correspondence Course)		¥ 32,300	¥ 52,600
Tax exempted household from resident tax income levy ※Excluding families under occupational assistance Expanded Portion	Full-time /Part-time Course	¥ 143,700	¥ 152,000
	Correspondence Course	¥ 50,500	¥ 52,100
	Household with the total resident tax income levy of less than 105,500 yen Full-time /Part-time Course	¥ 47,900	¥ 50,670
	Correspondence Course	¥ 16,830	¥ 17,370
	Household with the total resident tax income levy of 105,500 yen or more and less than 182,500 yen Full-time /Part-time Course	¥ 35,930	¥ 38,000
	Correspondence Course	¥ 12,630	¥ 13,030

※Regarding the expanded portion, any foreign students who are not expected to establish a permanent residence in Japan may not be eligible (ex. the Status of Residence for Student).

※Contact the individual schools for information on Advanced Course.

(3) Loans and scholarships for the 2026 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 at senior high schools, etc. (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

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 may be incurred.
- 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. The principle of these payments shall be automatically withdrawn from a specified bank account monthly.
- 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.

About the Implementation of the Selection of Applicants for Public Senior High Schools in Mie Prefecture (2027)

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 (2027).”

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: (Tue) February 2 and (Wed) February 3, 2027

4) Notification of informal admission decision: (Friday) February 12, 2027

(Announcement of formal admission decision: (Tue) March 16

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: (Tue) February 2 and (Wed) February 3, 2027

4) Notification of informal admission decision: (Fri) February 12, 2027

(Announcement of formal admission decision: (Tue) March 16)

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: (Tue) March 9, 2027

4) Announcement of Successful applicants: (Tue) March 16, 2027

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 19 and (Tue) March 23, 2027

3) Announcement of successful applicants: (Thu) March 25, 2027

(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: (Mon) March 29, 2027

3) Announcement of successful applicants: (Wed) March 31, 2027

(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:

2) Number of special admission quota students:

3) Content of the exam:

4) Method of selecting successful applicants:

Regarding the above “1” – “4,” please confirm in the “Implementation Guideline for the Selection of Applicants for Public Senior High Schools in Mie Prefecture (for the 2027 school year).”

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 2027 school year),” which will be released early in October 2026.

**Schedule for the Selection of Applicants for Public Senior High Schools in Mie Prefecture
(for the 2027 school year)**

Date	Full-time schools / Part-time schools	Correspondence schools
Jan. 22nd (Fri) -26th (Tue)	Application documents period for the first selection and special selection.	Application documents period for the first selection and special selection.
Feb. 2nd (Tue) Feb. 3rd (Wed)	Exam for the first and special selections (Date differs depending on school.)	Exam for the first selection (2nd (Tue) – 3rd (Wed))
Feb. 9th (Tue)	Makeup exams for the first and special selections	Makeup exam for the first selection
Feb. 12th (Fri)	Notification of informal admission decisions for the first and special selections	Notification of informal admission decisions for the first selection
Feb. 22nd (Mon) -Feb. 24th (Wed) -Feb. 25th (Thu)	Application documents period for the second selection (Part-time schools: until Feb. 24th (Wed)) (Full-time schools: until Feb. 25th (Thu))	Application documents period for the second selection. (Feb. 22nd (Mon) – Feb. 24th (Wed))
Mar. 2nd (Tue) Mar. 3rd (Wed) Mar. 4th (Thu)	Accepting documents period for application changes (Part-time schools: until 3rd (Wed)) (Full-time schools: until 4th (Thu))	Accepting documents period for application changes (until 3rd (Wed))
Mar. 9th (Tue)	Exam for the second selection	Exam for the second selection
Mar. 16th (Tue)	Announcement of successful applicants Official announcement of the re- application	Notification of successful applicants
Mar. 17th (Wed), 18th (Thu)	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. 19th (Fri), 23rd (Tue)	Makeup exam for second selection / Exam for re-application	Re-application for second selection.
Mar. 25th (Thu)	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 (Thu) – Mar. 26th (Fri))
Mar. 25th (Thu) -Mar. 26th (Fri)	Accepting period for the additional application documents (Only for part-time night schools)	
Mar. 29th (Mon)	Additional exam (Only for part-time night schools)	Exam for the re-admission
Mar. 31st (Wed)	Announcement of successful applicants for the additional exam (Only for part-time night schools)	Notification of successful applicants for re-admission

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)

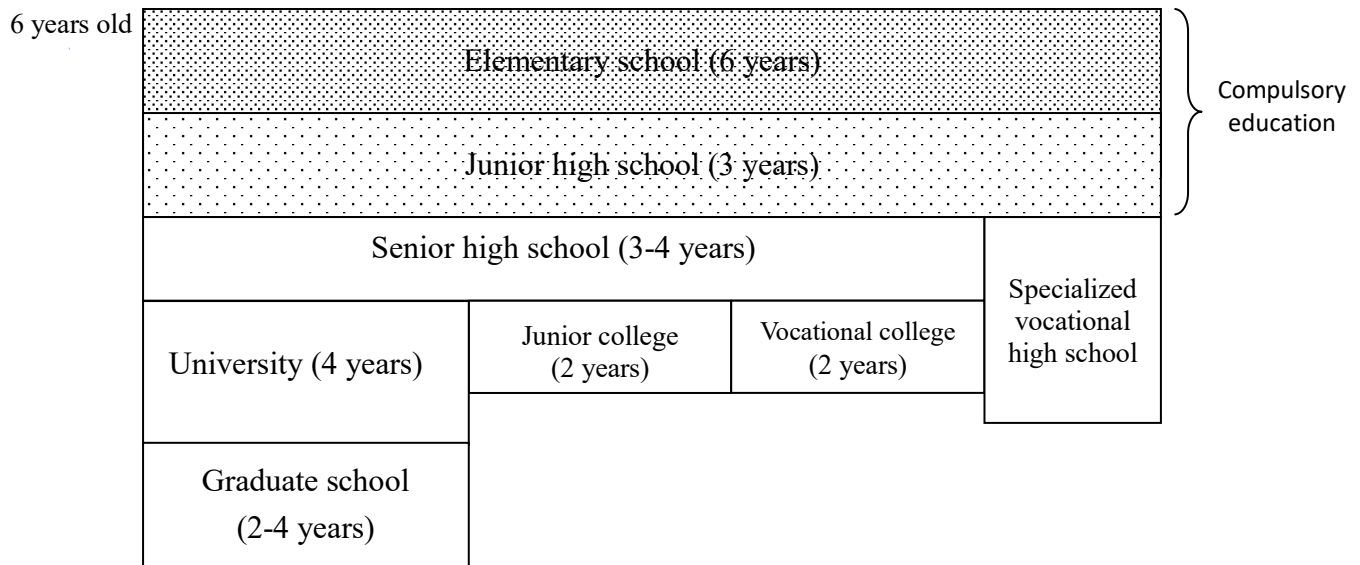
The accepting period for the physical submission of application documents differs from the submission period for the admission application on the website. Therefore, confirm this information in the “system manual for application on the website.”

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 to senior high school. Elementary school education and junior high school education are both compulsory.



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	
	A “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 ¥ 50,000.

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, ¥13,000, or ¥18,000 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/Scholarship	Amounts/Repayment methods	Conditions for applicants	Inquiry
National education loans	- Up to ¥3.5 million per student. Limited use. Repayment shall be made within 20 years. Please contact us regarding interest rates. “A child with single mother,” “single father,” “families with annual income not more than ¥2 million (earnings ¥1.32 million),” “families of children orphaned by traffic accidents,” or “household with three or more children with annual income not more than ¥5 million (earnings ¥3.56 million)” shall have repayments due within 20 years. Please contact us regarding interest rates.	- Limited to those with a certain income level. - Please make use of the compensation fund and other available resources. - If the student is not a citizen of Japan, these loans will only be accessible to those who have registered as foreigners who have been recorded in the basic register as set forth in the Basic Resident Registration Law - 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 (weekly 9:00-17:00) or call Education Loan Centre 0570-008656 (weekly 9:00-19:00; Except weekends, national holidays, and the year-end/New Year holidays.) http://www.jfc.go.jp/

Welfare loan for life and education	《Educational Support Allowance》 - 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. 《School Preparation Allowance》 - Up to ¥500,000 for the cost required at the time of enrollment. - The amount of loan per month may be increased up to 1.5 times depending on the condition. Repayment shall be made within 10 years starting from 6 months after graduation. No interest will be charged.	- Eligible to citizens of Japan or to those who acquire permanent, special permanent, or long-term residency status. - An application and the screening by the social welfare council at your local area 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.
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. - May be applied to child with single mother or an orphan child. (For low-income households, 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

Loans for Traffic Accident Orphans	• Choice from ¥20,000, ¥30,000, ¥40,000 per month (even ¥10,000 yen may be provided.) • Choice from ¥200,000, ¥400,000, or ¥600,000 for a lump sum to be paid upon school entry • Repayment shall be made within 20 years (No interest shall be charged).	To be eligible for this loan, you must: • Be a senior high school student whose parent died in an accident or is not able to work due to a serious handicap caused by an accident. • Any persons having Japanese nationality or permanent residents of Japan • International students who have foreign nationality may not receive this loan.	Public Interest Incorporated Foundation for Traffic-Accident Orphans Scholarship Division: 03-3556-0773 Toll-Free 0120-521286 http://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 a parent died of a disease, a disaster (except for traffic accidents), suicide, etc., or is not able to work due to a 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. 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 can 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 at least 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 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.