



Education and Future Path in Japan



~ Aichi Prefecture Version ~

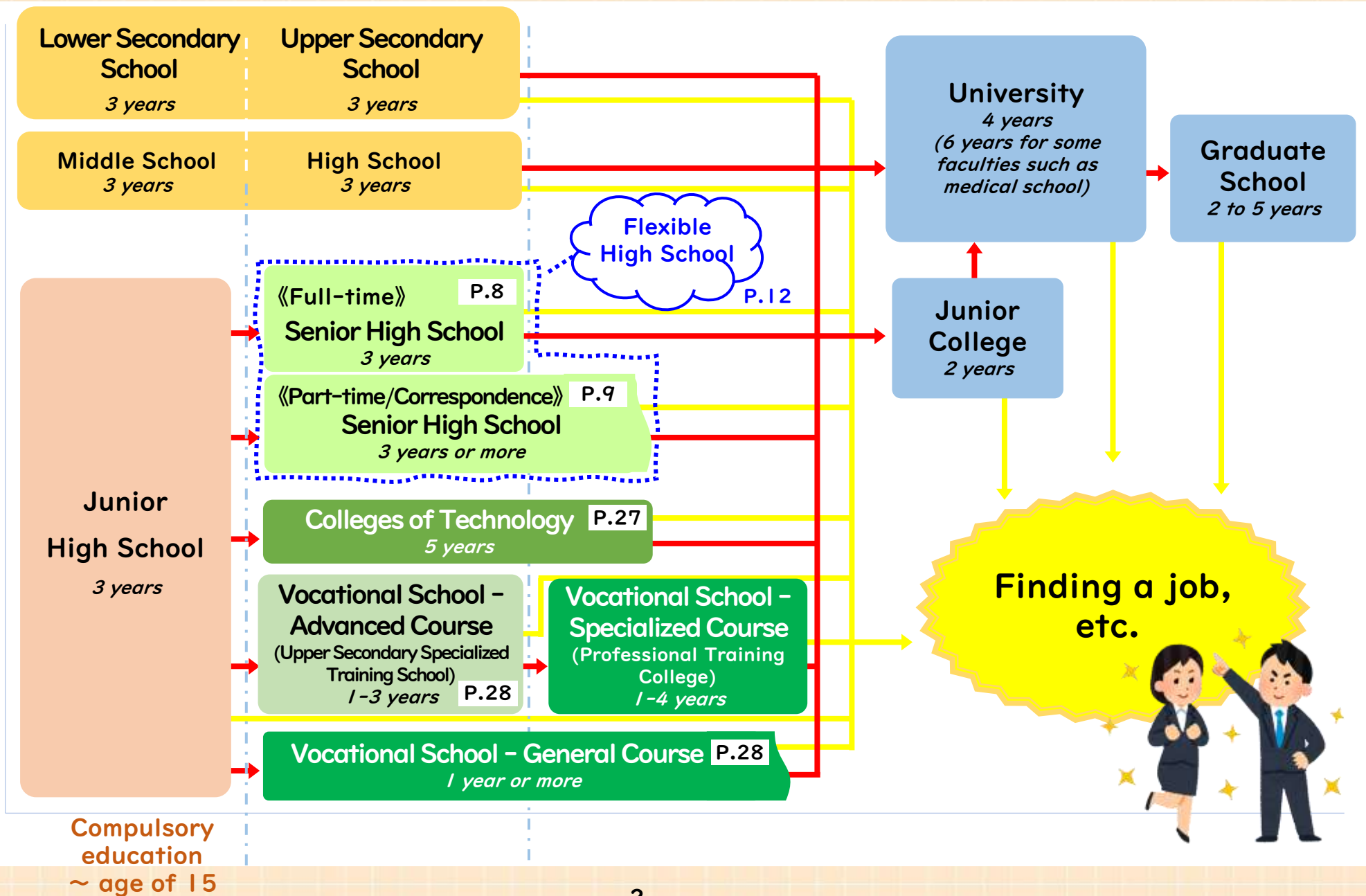
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I. Future career paths after graduating from Junior High Schools



2. Available career paths after graduating from Junior High Schools



① Finding a job



- Look for a job through job hunting.
- A written exam, an interview, etc., are required.

② Go onto higher levels of education



- Study in a high school or a vocational school.
- Some go to school while working.
- Some schools provide online courses.
- A written exam, an interview, etc., are required.

In Aichi Prefecture:

- * Among the junior high school graduates, 98.1% go to high school.
- * Among high school graduates, 64% go to university junior college or vocational school.

(School Basic Survey Report in FY 2024)



Reasons to go to a High School or a Vocational School

Number of students finding employment after graduating from junior high school
= 1 in 100 students

- ◆ Japanese companies mostly hire high school, university, or vocational training school graduates.
- ◆ Most Japanese value the importance of high education to develop knowledge and skills.
- ◆ Many jobs require high school education as qualification.

3. Academic Pathways after graduating from Junior High Schools



(1) Main schools and courses of higher education for Junior High School students in Aichi Prefecture

- ① Public high school
 - Full-time
- ② Public high school
 - Part-time
- ③ Public high school
 - Correspondence
- ⑤ National high school
 - Full-time
- ⑥ Private high school
 - Full-time/Correspondence
- ⑦ Vocational School

Students may switch back and forth between full-time, part-time, and correspondence courses.

- ④ Public high school
 - Flexible high school
 - Saya High School (Aisai City)
 - Taketoyo High School (Taketoyo Town)
 - Yutakano High School (Toyota City)
 - Mito Aoba High School (Toyokawa City)

4. About High School



(1) Differences between junior and senior high schools

- ◆ The major difference between junior and senior high school is that grade promotion or graduation is difficult in senior high school.
- ◆ Junior high school is mandatory education, and there is no dropping out. In high schools, bad grades and/or absentee leads to failure of grade promotion or graduation.
- ◆ Let's study seriously to take entrance exams.



(2) Types of High Schools 1

Public high school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ High schools run by prefectures or cities (Prefectural High School · Municipal High School)➤ Admission and tuition fees are lower than those of private schools
National high school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Government-run research schools affiliated with national universities➤ Admission and tuition fees are lower than those of private schools
Private high school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ High schools established by private school corporations➤ Distinctive education policy and curriculum➤ Admission fees, tuition, and other costs are higher than those of public and national high schools. (Subsidies are available)

(2) Types of High Schools ②

① Full-time

- ◆ Classes are held during the day on weekdays.
 - Go to school in the mornings and attend classes for 5-6 hours each day.
 - Entire class takes the same class at the same time.

Example : A day at a full-time high school

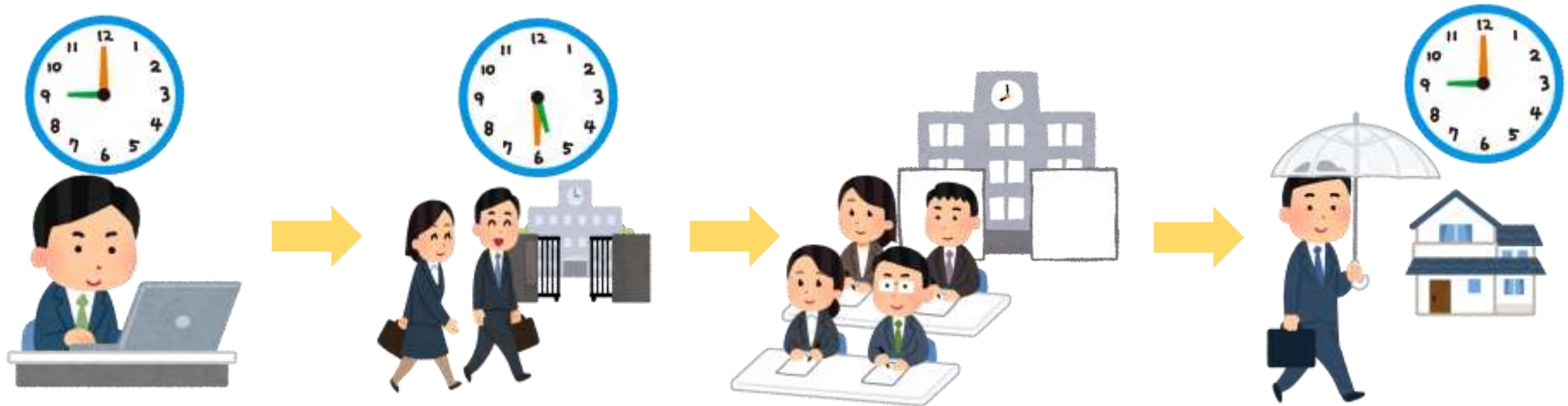


② Part-time

◆ Study while working

- Four hours of daily classes in the “daytime” or “evening”
- Take three or more years to graduate
(If you study hard, you may be able to graduate in three years.)

Example : A day at a part-time evening high school



※An example of time schedule

**Part-Time
Day
Course**

**Study during the same hours
as full-time school**

(Choice of one of two parts)

1st part : 9:00 ~ 13:00

2nd part : 10:50 ~ 15:20



**Part-Time
Evening
Course**

17:00 ~ 21:00

School meals provided

**(Some schools provide school meal
before the start of the day, while
others provide between classes,
and it varies!)**



- ✓ Possible to study while working.
- ✓ Day courses may be completed in 3 years.

③ Correspondence

- ◆ No need to commute to school every day!
- Study at home on your own.
- Go to school on scheduled days.
- Some schools provide online courses.
- Reports are required to be submitted.
- Take three or more years to graduate.
(If you study hard, you may be able to graduate in three years.)



④ Flexible High School

74 credits are required in order to graduate.

Students may switch back and forth between full-time, part-time, and correspondence courses.

Example :
3 years in a flexible high school

Full-time

Part-time

Correspondence

★First year : Enroll in a correspondence course

Period	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
1		C			
2		C			
3		C			
4		C			
5		C			
6		C			

★Second year : Take classes in correspondence and part-time courses

Period	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
1					
2		C			
3		C			P
4		C			P
5		C	P	P	
6		C	P	P	

★Third year : Take classes in correspondence, part-time, and full-time courses

Period	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
1					
2		C			
3	P	C	P		P
4	P	C	P		P
5		F	P	P	F
6	F		P	P	

Study at home on non-school days and times

(3) Courses of education in public high school

General curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Learn the subjects required to pursue higher education➤ General curriculum, Inquiry-based Future Study course, Inquiry-based Regional Study course, etc.
Specialty	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Learn practical skills and knowledge➤ Agriculture, industrial technology, commerce, social work, home economics (human life and culture), international relations, etc.
Comprehensive course	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Elective course for one's interest

(4) Tips for selecting a High School

- Decide based on what you want to study and what you like to do.
- Think about what you want to do after graduating from high school.
- Find out about tuition and other fees.
- Visit schools to get feels for the atmosphere.
- Consult with your parents and teachers.
- Ask seniors about their experiences and the school.
- Find out if the school is within commuting distance from home, etc.



(5) How to choose the High School most suitable for you

- There are two high schools affiliated with National universities in Aichi Prefecture.
 - ◆ Nagoya University School of Education, affiliated Upper and Lower Secondary Schools
<https://highschl.educa.nagoya-u.ac.jp/>
 - ◆ Senior High School affiliated to Aichi University of Education
<http://www.auehs.aichi-edu.ac.jp/>
- Information on Aichi Prefectural high schools can be found at 'Find my! School'.
 - Aichi Prefectural high school navigation Find my! School
<https://aichi-school-navi.aichi-c.ed.jp/>
- Information on Nagoya Municipal high schools can be found on the website below.
 - Website of Nagoya Municipal high schools
<https://www.nagoya-c.ed.jp/highschool/>
- Information on private high schools in Aichi Prefecture can be found on the website below.
 - Website of private high schools in Aichi Prefecture
<https://www.aichi-shigaku.gr.jp/contents/school.htm>





(6) Educational Expenses of a High School

Types of fee	Public			Private
	Full-time	Part-time	Correspondence	Full-time
Tuition	JPY 118,800/y	JPY 22,800~ 32,400 /y	JPY 336 per credit	approx. JPY 400,000 /y
Admission	JPY 5,650	JPY 2,100	JPY 500	approx. JPY 200,000
PTA membership, student council	approx. JPY 6,000 per month	Day Course: JPY 6,950 /y Evening Course: JPY 4,350 /y (include deposit)	approx. JPY 38,000 /p (School Levies, etc.)	approx. JPY 20,000 /y
School meal	JPY 0 (No school meal)	JPY 5,300 /m (evening course only)	JPY 0 (No school meal)	JPY 0 (No school meal)
Exam fees	JPY 2,200	JPY 950	JPY 0	approx. JPY 14,000

※Examination fee for fiscal year 2026(Reiwa 8) entrance examinations will be announced in November.

※Textbook fees, school trip fees, teaching material fees, uniform fees, and transportation fees will be charged additionally.

★Ref: Website of board of education in Aichi prefecture (As of September, 2024), etc

◆ Available Financial Aid

Apply at the enrolled high school

Subsidies and scholarships	Eligibility	Repayment obligation	Description
High school tuition support fund	National, Public, Private	Not required	Exempt from tuition ※The fund has an upper limit.
Admission Fee Subsidy	Private	Not required	Partial admission fees are subsidized
Tuition Fee Subsidy	Private	Not required	Partial tuition fees are subsidized
Scholarship Fund Loans	National, Public, Private	Required	JPY 11,000 to 35,000 /m
Scholarship for high school student	National, Public, Private	Not required	Financial aid for textbooks and etc. other than tuition



(7) Entrance exams for High Schools

◆ Types of Entrance Examinations for Public High Schools (Full-time)

Types	Characteristics	Applicable Schools
General Selection	Applicants may choose up to two preferred schools. The exam is given once. → refer to page 19	Conducted in all high schools and courses
Recommendation Selection	The selection is made by an overall assessment of a recommendation from the junior high school, an interview, etc. No academic achievement test is conducted.	Conducted in all high schools and courses
Special Selection	The selection focuses on willingness to learn and ability and achievement in areas related to the course.	Some schools have the selection
Selection for Foreign Students, etc.	The applicant or the guardian must be a foreign national and the period of stay in Japan after entry must be less than 6 years, etc. → refer to page 21	Some schools have the selection (12 schools have the selection in 2025)
Full-time Credit System Selection	Applies to students who have approximately 30 days or more of absences per year in either the second or third year or both in their respective grades of junior high schools.	Full-time and credit-based high schools have the selection (Including full-time flexible high schools)
Returned Overseas Students	Applies to students who have resided abroad with their guardians for 2 or more consecutive years and within 2 years of returning to Japan.	Some schools have the selection

◆ Public High Schools • General selection for Full-time courses

○ Students can apply to up to 2 schools.

○ Subjects for examination:

- 5 subjects including Japanese, Math, Social studies, Science, and English
- English test includes a listening comprehension test.
- Some high schools conduct interviews and some do not.



○ Date of the entrance exam:

Wednesday, February 25th, 2026

(The exam is given once even if applicants apply to 2 schools.)

◆ Public High Schools • Entrance exams for Part-time courses

Types	Characteristics	Contents of exams
Selection of entrants	Applicants may not apply to full-time courses.	An interview (some schools require a basic academic skills exam and an essay)
Second selection	Conducted when the number of applicants is not enough.	

◆ Public High Schools • Entrance exams for Correspondence courses

(Kyokuryo High School • Kariya Higashi High School)

Types	Characteristics	Contents of exams
First selection	Applicants may not apply to full-time or part-time courses.	Successful applicants are chosen by a school transcript* and a personal statement. If needed, an essay and an interview may be conducted.
Second selection	Applicants may apply to after receiving the results of full-time or part-time courses.	

*The contents of the documents submitted from the junior high school to the high school are “Report Card” and “Student Behavior and Activity” .

◆ Selective examination for foreign students, etc. at public high schools

Eligibility	Foreign national students who are the residents of Aichi Prefecture with their guardians and have transferred to Japanese elementary schools as fourth grades or above. (The period of stay in Japan after entry must be less than 6 years.)
Subjects for Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An academic test with Hiragana that includes Japanese, Mathematics and English• An interview
Date of the exam	Thursday, February 5th, 2026
Applicable Schools	Nagoya Minami High School, Komaki High School, Higashiura High School, Koromodai High School, Anjo Minami High School, Mito Aoba High School, Toyota High School of Technology, Toyokawa Toyota High School of Technology, Iwakura Sogo High School, Nakagawa Seiwa High School, Chiryu High School, Toyohashi Nishi High School

◆ Types of entrance exams for Flexible High Schools

Types	Contents of exams
Full-time Credit System (Special Selection)	Conduct an interview. Choose one from an essay, a basic academic skills exam, and a presentation.
Part-time Day Course	Conduct an interview. One or both of an essay and a basic academic skills exam.
Correspondence	One, two, all, or none of the following : an interview, an essay, and a basic academic skills exam.

- Changing courses and taking classes in different courses are not allowed in the middle of the school years (terms). Please choose courses carefully.



◆ Entrance exam schedule of Public High Schools (image)

Types	1/15	2/1	2/15	3/1	3/15	3/31
Full-time course General selection			←→ ★★		😊	
Selective examination for foreign students, etc.		←→ ★ 😊				
Part-time course Selection of entrants		←→ ★ 😊				
Correspondence course Selection of entrants First selection	←→ ★ 😊					
Correspondence course Selection of entrants Second selection					←→ ★ 😊	

 Application period
  Exam and interview
  Announcement of the successful applicants

◆ Types of entrance exams for National High Schools

● Nagoya University School of Education, affiliated Upper and Lower Secondary Schools (Academic year 2025)

Types	Characteristics	Contents of exams
General Selection	Conduct an academic achievement exam, an essay, and a group interview. Subjects that do not require exams are screened by a school transcript.	Japanese, English, Math, an essay, a group interview
Returned Overseas Students	Applies to students who have resided abroad for 2 years or more and within 2 years of returning to Japan. A school transcript, personal information, and a certificate of residence abroad are required.	Japanese, English, Math, an essay, an individual interview
Special Recommendation Selection	Applies to students with outstanding grades and personalities. A school transcript, a recommendation from the principal of the junior high school, and a personal statement are required.	A document screening (a school transcript, a recommendation from the principal of the junior high school, and a personal statement) and an individual interview

● Senior High School affiliated to Aichi University of Education (Academic year 2025)

Types	Characteristics	Contents of exams
General Selection	No interview is conducted.	Japanese, Math, English, Science, Social studies
Returned Overseas Students	Applies to students who have resided abroad for 2 years or more and within 2 years of returning to Japan. A school transcript is required.	Japanese, Math, English, Science, Social studies, an individual interview
Recommendation Selection	Applies to students with outstanding personalities and academic abilities or students with outstanding abilities, aptitudes, and achievements in athletics, culture, special activities, etc.	An essay, an individual interview

◆ Types of entrance exams for Private High Schools



Types	Characteristics	Contents of exams
General Selection	Applicants may apply to up to 3 schools with different exam dates. Applicants may apply to both private and public high schools.	Achievement exams (3 or 5 subjects, etc) Some schools conduct a practical skills exam.
Recommendation Selection	A recommendation from the principal of the junior high school is required. Applicants must enroll if accepted.	An interview, an essay, etc. Basic academic skills exams (3 subjects of English, Math, Japanese, etc.)
Special Selection	A self-recommendation type that does not require a recommendation from the principal of the junior high school. A school transcript is required. Applicants must enroll if accepted.	An interview, an essay, etc. Basic academic skills exams (3 subjects of English, Math, Japanese, etc.)

*Contents of exams vary depending on schools

5. National Institute of Technology



◆ What is National Institute of Technology?

The school is a combination of a high school and a college, aiming to train engineers with practical knowledge. 5-year course.

Actively conduct classes, experiments, and practical training in specialized subjects from the first year.

● National institute of technology in Aichi Prefecture

➤ National Institute of Technology, Toyota College

<https://www.toyota-ct.ac.jp/>

It has departments of Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Information and Computer Engineering, Civil Engineering, and Architecture.



◆ Types of entrance exams for National Institute of Technology, Toyota College

Types	Characteristics	Contents of exams
Achievement exam selection	Applicants may apply to up to the third department of their choice.	5 subjects including Japanese, Social studies, Math, Science, and English
Recommendation Selection	Conducted only in the department of the first choice. A school transcript and a recommendation from the principal of the junior high school are required.	An interview

- Applicants must enroll if accepted.
- Applicants may take public high school entrance exams if not accepted.

6. Vocational Schools and Colleges of Technology



<Vocational Schools>

Purpose

- Develop skills and knowledge required for careers and daily life

School Subjects

- Household Management, Social Work, Fashion, Industrial Technology, Hair Stylists, Nutritionist, Commerce, Computer Design, etc.

Feature ①

- Obtain certifications and/or licenses (Caregiver, Hazardous Materials Officer, Electrician, Chef License)

Feature ②

- Some schools offer high school diplomas.

Let's check out Vocational Schools!

◆ Website introducing vocational schools in Aichi Prefecture.

<https://www.askr.or.jp/search/>



- Vocational schools in Aichi Prefecture can be searched by the fields of studies and the names of schools.
- Schools that offer trial enrollment are listed.
- Admission requirements (contents of exams, exam dates, etc.) can be found.



〈Colleges of Technology〉



- Provides vocational training for technical workers
- Schools for students who want to pursue career in architecture, landscaping and electrical field
- Exam Subjects: Japanese, Math, Interview
- How to Apply : Submit documents to the public employment security office (Hello Work)
- Note : Graduating from colleges of technology does not mean to gain academic background as it is different from regular high schools and universities.

7. Guideline for choosing the future course



【1st year in junior high school】

◆ **Occupational interview:**
Learn about occupation

**Learn about the meaning of work
from people around you.**

⇒ **Learn about different careers.**



【2nd year in junior high school】

◆ Work experience activity

Work experience at local companies, hospitals and welfare facilities. Learn enjoyment by interacting with other people while working.

⇒ Find a hint
for your future course.



【3rd year in junior high school】

- ◆ Work experience activities on school trip :
Visit Tokyo, the capital of Japan
and see different professions and
interview people who work there.
- ◆ Future course after graduation :
Think about the future and way
of living in order to decide
your future course.

⇒ Aim for self-actualization



8. What do you need for your future education?



① Dream, Goal!

Why and what do you want to learn.
What do you want to do in your future in Japan.
Find something you want to do.

② Japanese language & academic skills!

Make efforts to use Japanese!
Do your best in class.

③ Ability to adjust to school life

- Be punctual.
- Greet others in a pleasant manner.
- Dress and use language appropriate to the occasion.
- Follow the rules.

Daily school life is also VERY important!

“submissions” and “class attitude” will be evaluated.



9. For your future



- ◆ Learn when you can, and learn well!
- ◆ Consult with your school teachers.
- ◆ When deciding on a career path, consult with your family.
- ◆ Go to school tours.
(trial enrollment, etc.)
- ◆ Never give up!

Let me repeat them because they are very important.



Will support your dream!
Smile and move forward!

Hang in there!



Additional information 1

Aichi Prefectural Night Junior High Schools



- Go to school from around 17:00 to 21:00
- 4 classes a day (one class : 40 minutes)
- Graduate in 3 years
(Possible to shorten or extend up to 6 years)

Example : A day at a Prefectural night junior high school



Additional information 2

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

International educational program offered by International Baccalaureate Organization.

Upon completion of the course and passing the examination, students may obtain the International Baccalaureate Diploma.

It is an internationally recognized university entrance qualification.

Few schools offer Japanese high school diplomas.³

- Classes are normally taught in English.
- Some schools have admission periods in September.
- It has required and elective courses.



Schools offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program in Aichi Prefecture

< Schools offering high school diplomas >

- “*Kokusai Koto Gakko*”

NUCB International College (NIC)

<https://ic.nucba.ac.jp/jp/>



- “*Nagoya Kokusai Koto Gakko*”

NUCB International Senior High School

<https://www.nihs.ed.jp/>



※NUCB:Nagoya University of Commerce and Business

< International Schools >

- *Enishi* International School

<https://enishi.ac.jp/JP/>



- *Nagoya* International School

<https://www.nis.ac.jp/japanese/welcome>

