

Education

In Japanese education system, the elementary school is for six years, while junior high school and high school are for three years each, and university is for four years. The school year begins in April, and lasts until March of the following year. Education is compulsory through junior high school.

◆ Admission to elementary and junior high school

A child who turns six years old by April 1st is eligible to enter elementary school as a first grader for that year. Children of foreign nationality are welcome to be enrolled in, but not obligated to attend elementary and junior high school.

It is expected that children entering junior high school will have graduated from elementary school.

In the city's public schools, tuition and textbooks are provided free of charge. School lunch fees, school trip money, and school supply costs are the responsibility of the parents.

For admission into a private school, please inquire directly to the school. Please refer to Dazaifu City's major public facilities list on page 25 for more information on private schools.

School Education Section (City Hall)

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◆ After-school program

After-school childcare centers provide a safe and healthy environment for elementary school children who would otherwise be home alone after school.

- **Operating Hours:** From after school until 5:00 PM.
 - During spring, summer, autumn, and winter breaks, as well as school holidays: from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
 - Extended care is available until 7:00 PM upon request.
 - On Saturdays: from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with extended care available until 6:00 PM upon request.
- **Closed Days:** Sundays, public holidays, August 13-15, and December 29 to January 3.



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