

## The Japanese education system

The Japanese education system is basically comprised of 6 years of elementary school, 3 years at junior high school, 3 years at senior high school and 4 years at university (or 2 years at college).

In addition, kindergartens, compulsory education school and special-needs schools are available in Nishinomiya City.

Among these, elementary school, junior high school and compulsory education school are compulsory.

Entrance to high school and university is, in principle, decided by an admissions examination.

There are also colleges and schools for mainly junior and senior high school graduates that teach technical and occupational skills.

Also, special-needs schools for children who have disabilities and need support are available according to the different types of disabilities.

There are national schools installed by the state, public schools installed by prefectures, cities, wards, town and villages and private schools installed by school foundations.

The school year begins in April and continues until March the following year.

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