

Okayama Municipal School Life

※ In case of Compulsory Education School, the former curriculum means elementary school and the latter curriculum means junior high school.

1 For School Enrollment

1 About School Enrollment

- The children who are eligible to enroll in elementary school in April must have turned 6 years old.
 - The children who are eligible to enroll in junior high school in April must have turned 12 years old.
 - The elementary and junior high school they enroll in are allocated depending on the area they live.
 - They attend elementary school for **6 years** and junior high school for **3 years**.
- ※ In Japan, the children who are born from April 2 to April 1 of next year are in the same school year.

2 Procedures of Enrollment

- The notification letter of the procedures is sent to the guardians (parents) in July of the prior year of enrollment.
- They are allowed to enroll in or change elementary and junior high schools in their area in the middle of school year.
- The guardians need to go through procedures in School Enrollment Division, Board of Education.

※Procedures/Contact : School Enrollment Division
TEL 086-803-1587



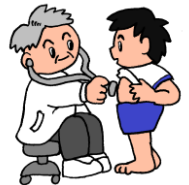
- If you are concern about learning due to the disability or illness, please consult with Education Support Division, Board of Education.

※Contact : Education Support Division TEL 086-803-1592

3 Health Checkup at Enrollment (Held in around October to November for the children who are going to enroll in elementary school.)

- The invitation of medical checkup at enrollment is sent to the guardians who completed the procedures 2 above.

※ Contact : Health and Physical Education Division TEL:086-803-1594



4 Notification Letter of Enrollment

- “The notification letter of enrollment” is sent to the guardians who completed the procedures 2 above at the end of January before enrollment.
- “The notification letter of enrollment” includes the school name they enroll in and the date and time of the entrance ceremony.
- “The notification letter of enrollment” should be submitted to school they enroll in on the day designated by school.

※ Contact : School Enrollment Division TEL 086-803-1587

5 Orientation for New Students/Sale of Goods (January-March)

They are held in school the children enroll in.

※ Contact : School they enroll in

2 The Elementary School Life (Typical Example)

Before class	School Arrival  They pass the school-specified way to go to school. Please make sure to contact school if you are absent or late for school due to illness, injury or for family reasons.	Morning Study  They spend time reading books and practicing Kanji and calculation.	Morning Assembly  They monitor their own health, sing songs and listen to their teachers.
In the morning	Morning Classes  They take 45 minute classes. They have 4 classes in the morning.	Break  They have break between classes. They go to the restroom or prepare for the next class.	Committee Activity The 5th and 6th grades work for school mates and discuss in the 6th period on the specified day of week, in the morning or during a break.
At lunch time	School Lunch  They have the same meals together in the classroom. Lunch duty is on a rotating basis. If you have something you can not eat for any reason such as food allergy, please consult with school in advance.	Lunch Break  They play in the schoolyard or read books in the classroom or library.	Cleaning  They share in cleanup.
In the afternoon	Afternoon Classes  They have 1 or 2 classes in the afternoon.	Afternoon Meeting  They reflect on the day and check for what to do on the next day.	School Dismissal  They go back home.

3 The Junior High School Life (Typical Example)

Before class	School Arrival  They arrive at school in time. Please make sure to contact school if you are absent or late for school due to illness, injury or for family reasons.	Morning Study  They spend time reading books and practicing Kanji and calculation.	Morning Assembly  They monitor their own health and listen to their teachers.
In the morning	Morning Classes  They take 50-minute classes. They have 4 classes in the morning.	Break  They have break between classes. They go to the restroom, prepare for the next class or move to the special purpose classroom.	
At lunch time/ In the afternoon	School Lunch  They have the same meals together in the classroom. Lunch duty is on a rotating basis. If you have something you can not eat due to the food allergy, please consult with school in advance.		Afternoon Classes  They have 1 or 2 classes in the afternoon.
	Cleaning  They share the places and roles for cleanup.	Afternoon Meeting  They check their belongings and homework of each subject and listen to the teacher.	Club Activities/ School Dismissal  They participate in club activities. Some students who do not belong to the club go back home. They go back home.

4 The Studies in Elementary School (Subjects)

Japanese Language



They learn how to speak, listen to, write and read in Japanese.

Social Studies



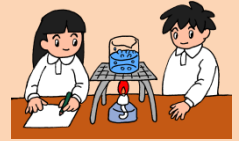
They learn about various areas and the geographic environment in Japan, Japanese history, politics, culture and the connection with the World. (The 3rd to the 6th grade)

Mathematics



They learn numbers, calculation and diagram.

Science



They learn about creatures around them, substances, energy, and the Earth and Space. (The 3rd to the 6th grade)

Living Environment Studies



They learn about their surrounding nature and their own growth. (The 1st and the 2nd grade)

Music



They sing songs, play the instruments and appreciate music.

Arts and Crafts



They draw pictures hand-craft something and appreciate art.

Home Economics



They learn about home living such as clothing, food and living. (The 5th and the 6th grade)

Physical Education



They do track and field, play with ball sports and learn how to keep themselves healthy.

Foreign Language Activities



They get familiar with English sounds and expressions by speaking and listening in English. (The 3rd and the 4th grade)

Foreign Language



They learn how to speak, listen to, read and write in English. (The 5th and the 6th grade)

Ethics



They think about themselves and the relationships with others, nature and society.

The Period of Integrated Studies

They set a theme, collect information, arrange and express their thoughts. The program varies by schools. (The 3rd to the 6th grade)

Special Activities



They discuss the challenges of class and school and participate in school events such as sports festivals.

5 The Studies in Junior High School (Subjects)

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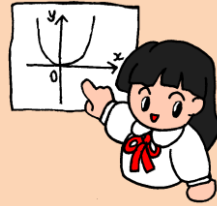
They learn how to speak, listen to, write and read in Japanese.

Social Studies



They learn about the industries in various areas and the geographic environment in Japan and the world, Japanese history politics, economy and the connection with the world.

Mathematics



They learn numbers, calculation, diagram and how to utilize data.

Science



They learn about their surrounding creatures, substances and energy, and the Earth and Space.

Music



They sing songs, play the instruments and appreciate music.

Art



They draw pictures hand-craft and appreciate world-famous masterpieces and their friends' art.

Health and Physical Education



They do track and field, play ball and learn how to keep themselves healthy.

Technical Arts and Home Economics



They learn about the materials, their processing and the technology of information. They also learn about the challenges of home living.

Foreign Language



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Ethics



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The Period of Integrated Studies



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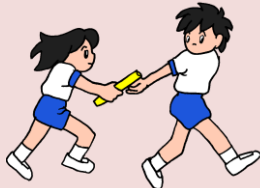
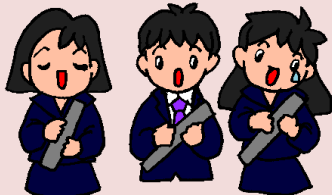


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6 The Yearly Event of Elementary School (Typical Example)

April	Spring Break (around March 25–April 6) Opening Ceremony for the 1st term (around April 7) Entrance Ceremony  • Body Measurement • Internal Medicine Check-up • Ear, Nose and Throat Check-up • Eye Check-up • Dental Check-up, etc.  Home Visit and Individual Consultation 
May	Social Trip, etc.
June	 Sports Festival 【May–October】  Overnight Field Trip to the mountains (the 4th grade) 【May–October】 
July	Closing Ceremony for the 1st term (around July 19)
August	Summer Vacation (around July 20–August 28) Opening Ceremony for the 2nd term (around August 29)
September	Field Trip/Social Trip etc.
October	School Trip (the 6th grade)
November	School Recital/School Play  Overnight Field Trip to the seaside areas (the 5th grade) 【May–October】 
December	Closing Ceremony for the 2nd term (around December 24) Winter Vacation (around December 25–January 5)
January	Opening Ceremony for the 3rd term (around January 6)
February	
March	Graduation Ceremony /Closing Ceremony (around March 25)  Individual Consultation 【Once or twice a year】  Class Observation Day (Class Discussion) 【A few times a year】 

7 The Yearly Event of Junior High School (Typical Example)

April	Spring Break (around March 25–April 6) Opening Ceremony for the 1st term (around April 7) Entrance Ceremony  • Body Measurement • Internal Medicine Check-up • Ear, Nose and Throat Check-up • Eye Check-up • Dental Check-up, etc.  Home Visit and Individual Consultation 
May	School Trip (the 3rd grade)  Overnight Camp/Field Trip (the 1st and the 2nd grade)   Sports Festival 【May–September】 
June	Midterm Examination for the 1st term
July	Final Examination for the 1st term Closing Ceremony for the 1st term (around July 19)
August	Summer Vacation (around July 20–August 24) Opening Ceremony for the 2nd term (around August 25)
September	Cultural Festival  Class Observation Day (Class Discussion) 【A few times a year】 
October	Midterm Examination for the 2nd term Parent–Teacher–Student Conference 
November	Final Examination for the 2nd term
December	Closing Ceremony for the 2nd term (around December 24) Winter Vacation (around December 25–January 5)
January	Opening Ceremony for the 3rd term (around January 6)
February	Year-end Examination
March	Graduation Ceremony/Closing Ceremony (around March 25)  Job Shadowing 【May–February】 

8 The General Information of Events

○ Class Observation Day

The guardians go to school to observe how their children take classes, and then they get to know how they study and behave at school.



○ Class Discussion

The guardians go to school and talk to the class teacher about the issues that are relevant to the whole class.

It is mainly conducted after Class Observation.



○ Personal Interview (Parent-Teacher-Student Conference)

The guardians go to school and individually discuss how the students behave at school and home with their class teacher. In junior high school, they also discuss the students' paths after graduation.



○ Home Visit

The class teacher makes a home visit to talk about how the children behave at school and listen to how they behave at home.

Some schools conduct Individual Consultation instead of Home Visit.



9 About Payment Collection

○ School Lunch Fees (The School Lunch Fees the children have)

They are collected divided by ten terms a year. It costs 6,000 to 7,000 yen per term.



※The elementary school lunch fees for FY 2026 will be waived and will not be collected.

○ Payment Collection for school year (Study materials fees for children)

- The amount paid is different between elementary and junior high school. (※)
- It also depends on the school. (To buy the study materials necessary)
- It also depends on the month.

※It costs about 1,000 to 2,000 yen on average a month in elementary school.

It costs about 1,500 to 2,500 yen on average a month in junior high school.

Contact for
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