

Both elementary school and junior high school are compulsory education but in case of public junior high school, it costs as below.

"Investigation of children's studying fee in 2012" by Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

Education expense	131,534 yen
School lunch fee	36,114 yen
Fee for cram school, enrichment lessons and others	282,692 yen
Total	450,340 yen

Elementary school and junior high school are both compulsory education but it costs much in junior high school. Let's see how much it costs in school life in case of public junior high school. Average of total annual fee and the breakdown is as shown in the table. What is "Education expense" and "School lunch fee" which you have to pay in school life?

[Education expense] 131,534 yen

Though schooling fee is free in compulsory education, you have to pay for school excursion, PTA fee and buy school supplies necessary to attend class. When attending junior high school, you have to wear a uniform, which differs greatly from attending elementary school. Before entering junior high school, you have to buy a uniform and a gym suit (for winter and summer seasons respectively), shoes for gymnasium, outdoor and indoor, and a designated school bag. In junior high school, students will attend club activities. Though it differs in amount of money according to each club, you have to pay some when they attend a club. When they attend a sports club, you have to buy a uniform for games, workout outfits, shoes, equipment, bags and traveling expense in case of away games. In case of a club such as a brass band club, may be you have to pay for maintenance of an instrument.

[School lunch fee] 36,114 yen

It is said that school lunch in Japan is one of the best thing in the world. In fact, contents of school lunch is very well made. Exclusive staff persons pay attention to nutrition care and the menu is very balanced using various materials such as rice, meat, fish and vegetables. By using local materials, students can learn about their local conditions.

Parents should pay only food cost. Recently, some parents refuse to pay the school lunch fee which is a big problem. However the school lunch is supplied at only 250 to 300 yen per one lunch with good nutrition balance. Student's daily school lunch consists of the school lunch fee paid by parents to buy materials. Please understand this and do not forget to pay the school lunch fee.

If it is difficult to pay such fees due to personal reasons, you can receive aid money for school supplies, school excursion, medical expense and school lunch fee, and others. Consult with the school office if necessary.

In some cases, recycled school uniform is sold at school planned by PTA. As names are stitched on gym suits, it may be difficult to use recycled one but you can use recycled school uniform if it fits well. Be sure to check letters from your children's school to know such information. If it is difficult to read those letters, consult FICEC anytime.

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We need supporters

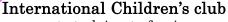


To open good future of multi-culture

FICEC has established a new system called a supporter. The supporter is who understands the activity of FICEC and who can support it by donation.

Supporters can select how to use your donated money.

Please read following activity list and select which activity to support.



We support studying to foreign children on every Saturday (every Saturday and one or two week days during long vacation).

As learners increased and the current place where is rent free is too narrow, we are planning to increase a room for studying. For that, we need the room charge.

Annual amount demanded: 270000 yen (Rental fee, educational material, books)

Issuing multiple language information

Information useful for everyday life is issued in 7 languages every month. You can see it at your local municipal office, community halls and police stations for free. We are planning to send it also to kindergarten and nursery schools.



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Annual amount demanded: 500000 yen (Translation fee, transportation, printing cost)

Japanese language class Japanese language class opens every Thursday for foreign residents for better life in Japan.



Annual amount demanded: 200000 yen (Books, copy, training volunteers)

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Creation of website

Number of annual access of FICEC website is 370000.

FICEC website will be renewed in 2014 so that to be more convenient for foreigners.

Annual amount demanded: 100000 yen

(Translation fee, system design, design fee)

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Administrative cost of FICEC

We are renting one room in Ureshino Machizukuri Hall from Fujimino-shi for the multi-cultural activity for foreign residents.

Annual amount demanded: 2850000 yen

(Rental rate, maintenance and management fee to operate shelters and others)

Donation: 1000 yen or more

Contribution subtraction is

- available in case of more than 2000 yen of annual contribution.
- Enter followings on the payment slip at a post office:
 - Number of the activity you want to support
 - Address ●Name ●Phone number
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