

Why can't I get into high school?

Children who came to Japan at age 15 or older have no place to study publicly

While many foreign countries have a course-based system (students cannot advance unless they understand their assignments), Japanese elementary and junior high schools have a school-age-based system (children of the same age study together), so children who come to Japan at the age of 15 or older cannot transfer to junior high school.

Children of foreign origin aged 15 or older who have completed basic education in their home countries and come to Japan expecting to receive higher education have no official place to study and are left scrambling to find a place to study and information.

The reason for this is that there are differences in the content of classes with schools in their home countries, and the entrance examinations for high school are given in Japanese and must be answered in Japanese, which is a great disadvantage for children with foreign origin and blocks their paths.

Parents and children of foreign origin do not understand that Japanese elementary and junior high schools can be transferred regardless of academic ability, but the hurdle for high school entrance exams is high.



Every year, large numbers of children over 15 years old visit FICEC in search of a place to learn.

In the 10 years since 2013, there have been 22 children aged 15 and older who studied at FICEC. (7 from the Philippines, 6 from Nepal, 4 from China, 2 from Myanmar, and 1 each from Pakistan, Mexico, and Bangladesh).

Most of them are children who were called to live in Japan by their parents who came to Japan for work or marriage.

Elementary and junior high school students who come to Japan at the age of 15 or younger can be transferred to local elementary and

junior high schools and take high school entrance exams. However, the reality is that children who came to Japan at the age of 15 or older cannot take entrance exams.

If you are 15 years of age or older and have not completed 9 years of education (elementary or junior high school) in your home country

They cannot transfer to public junior high schools in Japan.

Although it is possible to enroll in an **evening junior high school**, there is only one such school in Saitama Prefecture, with a large number of applicants, and the time of admission is limited to April.

If you are 15 years of age or older and have completed 9 years of education in their home country

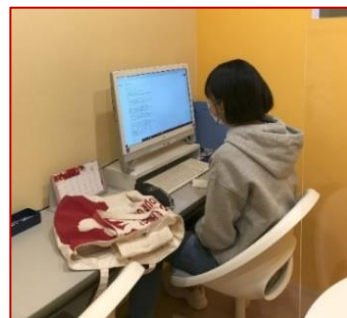
There is no official place to study.

Even if you are qualified to take the high school entrance exam, it is difficult to take the exam in Japanese, so you should:

- study at **free study support classes** and **Japanese language classes**
- study at a **fee-based multicultural free school**, etc. [There are no free schools in Saitama Prefecture, and students must attend facilities in Tokyo or Chiba Prefecture].

We need to create a system where all children who come to Japan with hope can work toward their goal of going on to high school or college.

Specifically, free Japanese language classes for children of foreign origin who wish to enter higher education and study subjects necessary for entrance examinations are also needed. Also, **public places of learning** are needed. In addition, for children of foreign nationality who have no one to talk to or friends to talk to, the high school entrance examination is a lonely struggle. Children with foreign origin need a place where they can share the difficulties of the examinations. FICEC is committed to supporting the learning and making friends of children with foreign roots who wish to enter high school.





I have Permanent Resident status and gave birth to a child in my country. Can my child be admitted to Japan as a Spouse or Child of a Permanent Resident?

The status of Spouse or Child of Permanent Resident applies only to children who were born in Japan and continue to reside in Japan. In this case, your child would apply for Long Term Resident status.

I would like to apply for naturalization. Please let me know what documents are required and how to proceed.

In order to apply for permission for naturalization, the applicant must meet the requirements set forth by law. In addition, even if you apply for naturalization, it is not always granted. Apply at the Legal Affairs Bureau that has jurisdiction over your address. If the applicant is 15 years of age or older, he/she must apply in person. If the applicant is under 15 years of age, a legal representative such as a person with parental authority or a guardian must apply by himself/herself. The application must be made in writing at the Legal Affairs Bureau or District Legal Affairs Bureau.

No fee is charged. Since the required documents differ for each individual, please consult with the Legal Affairs Bureau or District Legal Affairs Bureau.

Ministry of Justice Website: [URL:http://www.moj.go.jp/](http://www.moj.go.jp/)

Ministry of Justice Nationality Q&A : [URL:http://www.moj.go.jp/MINJI/minji78.html#a08](http://www.moj.go.jp/MINJI/minji78.html#a08)

Let's go to the summer festival!

FICEC will also participate. Please come and visit the site

Fujimino-shi Tanabata Festival

8/5(Sat.) & 8/6(Sun.)

- Location : Fukuoka Chuo Park
- Pinball game (with fun prizes)
- Cold drinks
- Exhibition of ethnic costumes



Kamifukuoka Nishi Community Center Festival

9/10 (Sun.)

- Location : Kamifukuoka -nishi Community Center
- Pinball game (with fun prizes)
- Bazaar



Café FICEC

Only English café

July 23 (Sun.)

- Venue: Coop Plaza Fujimi
- This is a gathering to enjoy conversation in English only. Café FICEC in July will be held at the Coop Mirai Plaza Festival.
- Application: 049-256-4290



11/3 Holiday, 4(Sat), 5(Sun)

Exhibition of the history of support for foreign residents as seen through the Information Fujimino

It has been 25 years since the first issue of Information Fujimino was published. All manuscripts, covers, and the history of FICEC will be exhibited. More information will be provided in the September issue.

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