



# Kindergarten

**Location** See childcare facility maps by ward on p. 33 and onward.

Kindergartens are designed to facilitate the healthy growth and development of preschool children. By playing with playground equipment and various natural elements such as sand, water, plants, and insects, and interacting with teachers and friends, children naturally get themselves ready for elementary school. Kindergartens also support parents in various ways, for example, by offering safe play spaces for prekindergarten children, opportunities for meeting other parents, and advice on parenting issues.

○ There are 20 municipal kindergartens in Nagoya City. ○

## How to enroll

Application guidelines for municipal kindergarten enrollment are issued in early September and application forms are made available at each kindergarten. Please submit your application to your preferred kindergarten between early October and mid-October. Detailed information will be announced in the *Koho Nagoya* community newsletter and on the Nagoya City official website.

Enrollment in the middle of a fiscal year is also acceptable if there is a vacancy. Please inquire at kindergartens individually.



Nagoya City  
official website

## Age of admission and education hours

Children may be admitted to kindergarten from the age of three (the youngest class). (Daisan Kindergarten also accepts children in the middle of a fiscal year after they turn three [*man-sansajji*].) In principle, regular kindergarten hours are between 8:45 a.m. and 2 p.m., which may be adjusted depending the children's age and season (e.g., in case of enrollment in the middle of a fiscal year, during early days of enrollment, and on special event days).

## Tuition and other expenses

Admission and tuition fees are free. However, you are required to pay actual expenses incurred of approximately 3,000 yen per month, such as expenses for excursions and teaching materials. For details, please inquire at the kindergarten.

## Extended childcare service

Each kindergarten provides extended childcare as follows for enrolled children who wish to use the service. For details, please inquire at the kindergarten.

| Type  | Daiichi Kindergarten, Daisan Kindergarten                    | Municipal kindergartens other than those listed on the left (18 facilities) |
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| Early morning extended childcare            | From 7:30 a.m. until the start of regular kindergarten hours | N/A   |
| Regular extended childcare hours            | From the end of regular kindergarten hours until 6:30 p.m.   | From the end of regular kindergarten hours until 5 p.m.                     |
| Childcare hours during long closure periods | 7:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.  | 9 a.m.–5 p.m.   |

\*If you have applied for and received "Approval on the necessity for childcare (New Type 2 certification)," you become eligible for free extended childcare service up to a maximum of 11,300 yen per month, depending on the number of days used. (Snack and material fees are not covered by this program.)

**Inquiries** You can access each kindergarten's website through the Nagoya Municipal Kindergartens website (external link).



○ There are 120 private kindergartens in Nagoya City. ○

## How to enroll

Application forms are made available and accepted at each kindergarten. After submitting your application form, you must pay the admission fee, examination fee, and any other required fees. For more information, please contact the kindergarten directly.

## Age of admission and education hours

Children may be admitted to kindergarten from the age of three (the youngest class). Some kindergartens accept children in the middle of a fiscal year after they turn three (*man-sansajji*). Class hours vary by kindergarten.

## Tuition and other expenses

**Inquiries** Each kindergarten / Early Childhood Education and Care Planning Division, Child and Youth Affairs Bureau ☎052-971-1101

In addition to the tuition fee, you must pay expenses for teaching materials, PTA membership, lunch, and the kindergarten bus, depending on the kindergarten.

Under the free preschool education and childcare program launched in October 2019, tuition fees are waived up to a maximum of 25,700 yen per month. For details of the free preschool education and childcare program, please inquire at the contact point listed above.

## Extended childcare service

Some kindergartens offer extended childcare service before or after regular kindergarten hours, taking advantage of each kindergarten's unique features. For more information, please contact the kindergarten directly.

**Inquiries** You can access each kindergarten's website through the Nagoya City Private Kindergarten Association website.

