



Kindergartens

A place for children to learn by playing

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.

For the locations of kindergartens, please refer to p.33.

Municipal kindergartens

There are 20 municipal kindergartens in Nagoya City.

How to enroll

Application guidelines for municipal kindergarten enrollment are issued around early September and application forms are made available at each kindergarten. Please submit an application form to the kindergarten of your choice during the period from early to mid-October. Detailed information will be given in the Nagoya News magazine and on the official website of the Nagoya Municipal Government. Enrollment in the middle of a fiscal year is also acceptable if there is a vacancy. Please inquire at kindergartens individually.

Age for admission and kindergarten hours

Children may be admitted to kindergarten from the age of three (youngest class). (Daisan Kindergarten also accepts children in the middle of a fiscal year after they turn three.) In principle, regular kindergarten hours are between 8:45 and 14:00, which may be adjusted depending on 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 fees and other expenses

You do not need to pay kindergarten admission and tuition fees. However, you are required to pay actual educational expenses of approx. 3,000 yen per month, such as expenses for excursions and teaching materials. The amount varies among kindergartens, so please inquire at your kindergarten.

Extended childcare service

You can use extended childcare service at the kindergarten your child attends as shown below. For details, please inquire at the kindergarten.

Type	Daiichi Kindergarten, Daisan Kindergarten	Other municipal kindergartens (18 kindergartens)
Childcare before kindergarten hours	7:30 – start of the regular kindergarten hours	N/A
Childcare after kindergarten hours	End of the regular kindergarten hours – 18:30	From the end of the regular kindergarten hours to 17:00
Childcare during long vacations	7:30 – 18:30	9:00 – 17:00

*If you have obtained the category 2 approval on the necessity of childcare, you are exempt from the extended childcare fee up to 11,300 yen per month, depending on the number of days of service. (Expenses for snacks and teaching materials should be paid individually.)

Inquiry

Links to the municipal kindergartens are given on the “スクールリンク (School Link)” section on the official website of the Nagoya City Education Center.

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Private kindergartens

There are 126 private kindergartens in Nagoya City.

How to enroll

Application forms are made available and accepted at each kindergarten. After submitting an application form, you must pay admission, examination or other fees. For details, please inquire at the kindergarten.

Age for admission and kindergarten hours

Children may be admitted to kindergarten from the age of three years old. Some kindergartens accept children in the middle of a fiscal year after they turn three.

Kindergarten hours vary from kindergarten to kindergarten.

Tuition and other fees and the free preschool education and childcare program

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

Under the free preschool education and childcare program launched in October 2019, you are exempt from tuition fees up to 25,700 yen per month. For details about the free preschool education and childcare program, please inquire at the kindergarten or the Educational Affairs Division of the Nagoya City Board of Education (☎ 972-3219).

Extended childcare service

Some kindergartens offer extended childcare service before or after regular kindergarten hours according to their individual strengths. For details, please inquire at the kindergarten.

Inquiry

Links to the private kindergartens are given on the official website of the Private Kindergarten Association of Nagoya City.

