

For Junior High School Students and Guardians
whose native tongue is not Japanese

Multilingual Guidance For Life after Graduation



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Preface

Let's think about your future. What do you need to do now, to make your dream come true?

The path that will lead you toward your dream is called '**Shinro**' in Japanese.

Let's explore together what 'Shinro' is about.

What is your dream for the future? What kind of career do you want to pursue? 'Shinro' is the path that will lead you toward your dream. In order to make your dream come true, you need to know how the education system after junior high school graduation and the employment system work. You need to have important information about the high school entrance examination and its system, how to study for the exam, how schools differ, how much money you need, and so on. This manual is a collection of the information you will need. We hope that it helps as you consider your important 'Shinro', the path that will lead you toward your future dream.

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1. Thinking about your ‘Shinro Path’ after Junior high school graduation

■Further Education and Work Career

In Japan, approximately 98% of children decide to continue school life in high school or vocational/ technical school after graduating junior high school. As Japanese society becomes more complex, work and life demands us more specialized knowledge and skills. In order to realize their dreams, a majority of junior high school students choose to attain greater knowledge and a higher level of technical skills by continuing their education in high school or vocational/ technology school. Of course, some students choose to begin a work career after graduating from junior high school while others decide to combine both work and studies.

■What should I do when I don’t know what choice to make?

You have many people around you who are willing to help you. Try talking to friends and family members, getting advice from your homeroom teacher or ‘Shinro’ advisor. There are also a number of support groups that can help in this process. Don’t worry about it alone. Don’t hesitate to ask for advice. Get others’ opinions. Gather as much information as you can. Take the time to think carefully about your future.

■A Note to Guardians

Japan’s education system and social setup may be quite different from your own country’s. Your child’s Shinro Path is an important choice which may alter his or her future. Try to obtain as much information about this process as possible and consider together with your child which Shinro Path is best for him or her. There are Support Groups that will help you in your native language. A list is provided on page 22 for reference. Feel free to contact them.

High school systems and their entrance examinations are complex and vary from year to year. Your child’s school should be able to provide you with updated information.

2. Deciding your ‘Shinro Path’ and how to achieve it

■Thinking about your ‘Shinro Path’

During your three years of junior high school, you have learned about different Shinro Paths through activities like ‘Job and High School Research’ and ‘Job and High School Challenge Experience’. Use these experiences to help you decide and achieve your future goals.

■What to expect during the year ahead (may vary by school and area)

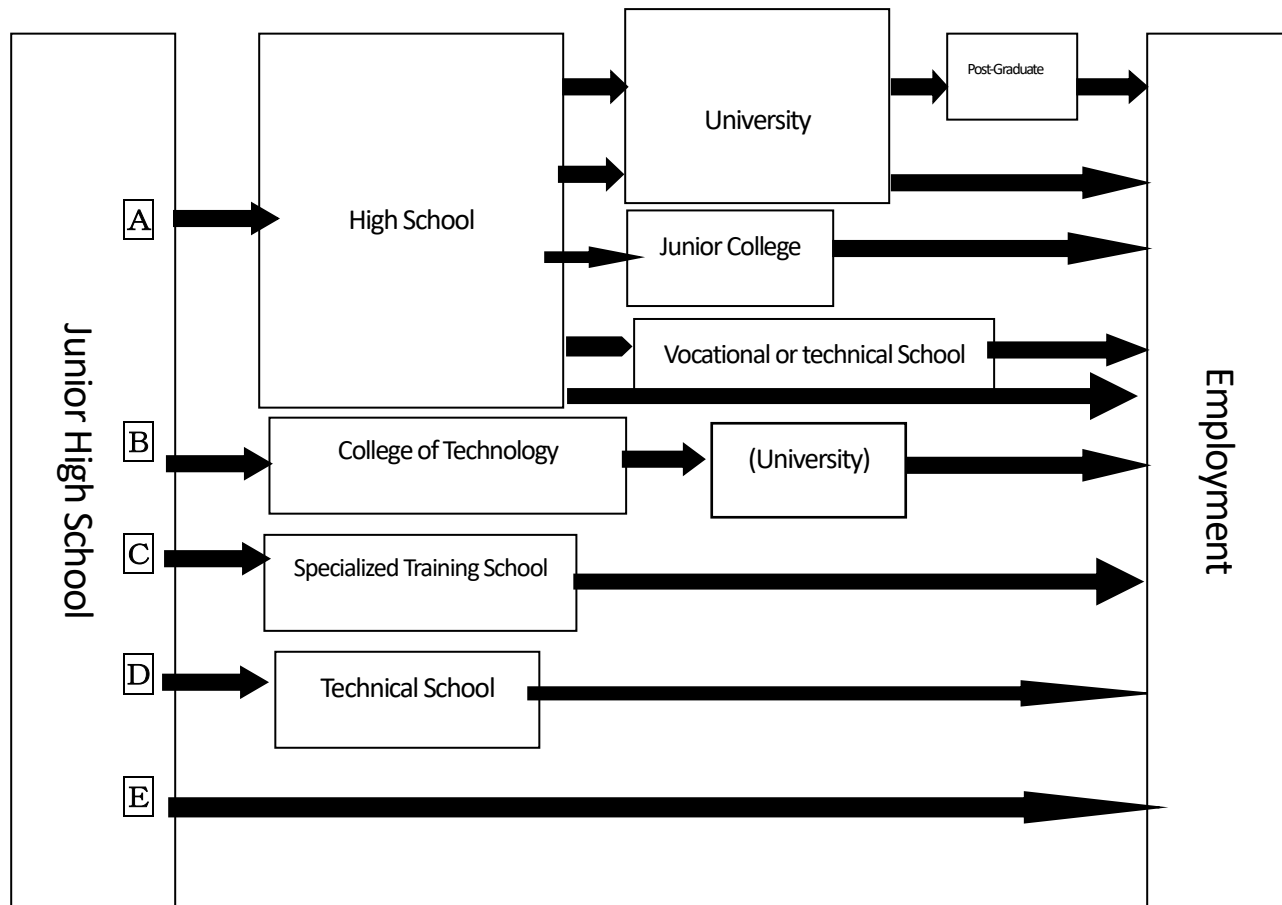
The final year of Junior High School passes very quickly. You must determine a planned approach to achieve the Shinro Path of your choice. You will make your final decision in December, whether to pursue further education or a work career. If you decide to continue on to high school, you must decide what school is best suited to your goal. Get advice from your teachers and family and think carefully as you make your choice. The schedule below will give you an idea of what to expect in the upcoming year.

		At your Junior High School	At High Schools
April – June		Shinro Orientation Meeting for Guardians, Shinro Path Guidance	High School Orientation
July		Shinro Survey, Student/ Guardian/ Teacher Conference	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; height: 100px; margin-left: 10px;"></div> <div style="margin-left: 5px;">↓</div> </div> <div style="flex: 1;"> High School Open Campus, Free Participation in Club Activities </div> </div>
August			
September – October		Shinro Orientation Meeting for Guardians, Shinro Path Counseling	
November		Shinro Path Counseling, Shinro Survey	
December		Shinro Path Counseling Final Shinro Decision	
January	early	(Student of Special Circumstances Notification accepted) Preparing Entrance Examination Application	
February	early	Preparing Entrance Examination Application	Private School Entrance Examinations (Shiga/Nara),
	mid	Preparing Entrance Examination Application	Private School Entrance Examinations (Kyoto/Osaka/Hyogo) 1 st Selection Process for Public Schools (Special Enrollment Selection)
March	early		2 nd Selection Process for Public Schools
	mid		3 rd Selection Process for Public Schools Application for Public Correspondence Program

3. Shinro Path Choices

■Various Shinro Paths

There are a number of Shinro Paths to choose from. Choosing to continue studies in high school is called 'Shingaku' and choosing to start work is called 'Shushoku'. After graduating from junior high school, there are different 'Shingaku' schools to choose from as well.



■To continue your education

Anyone who is 15 or older, and has graduated from a junior high school in Japan or another country is qualified to take the entrance examination for high school. If you are accepted, you may begin your studies at high school. However, those who graduated school in a foreign country must have completed the material covered in at least 9 years of studies.

A High School (Koto-gakko) (generally 3 years)

- There are three categories: 'Full-time', 'Part-time', and 'Correspondence Programs'. (Refer to 4 (2), page 7)
- High school offers programs such as General Studies, Vocational Studies (e.g. industry etc.)
- High school graduates qualify to apply to university, junior college, vocational school, technical school etc.

B College of Technology (Koto Senmon-gakko) (5 years)

- Although this is a high school graduation is equivalent to a junior college degree. Examples of Vocational High Schools are Maizuru National College of Technology, Nara National College of Technology, and Toba National College of Maritime Technology.
- Graduates qualify to begin a work career or apply to transfer as a junior (3rd year student) to a 4 year university program.

C Specialized Training School (Koto Senshu-gakko) (3 years)

- Courses are designed for the purpose of learning skills and earning certification in fields such as business, food preparation, informatics etc.
- Some schools work in cooperation with correspondence school programs so that students earn a high school diploma in 3 years.

D Technical School (Kakushu-gakko) (6 months - 1 year)

- Students train for a specific skill.
- Graduates do not earn a high school diploma.

E Employment (Shushoku), Helping at home (Kaji-tetsudai)

- Work referrals are through the Hello Work Public Employment Agency or personal contact. It is also possible to work and study part-time or continue education through a correspondence school program.

4. High School Choices

■What kind of high schools are there?

There are three main differences between high schools.

- (1) Who it was established by
- (2) When and how classes are held
- (3) What the students study

(1) Public High Schools / Private High Schools

The distinguishing difference is who it established by.

	Public High Schools	Private High Schools
Established by	Kyoto Prefecture or Kyoto City	Educational Foundation
Student Body	Co-educational	Co-educational, Boys' Schools and Girls' Schools
School District	Applicants may apply only within their School District (General Studies)	You can apply to any school of your choice.
Test Schedule and Content	The same for all schools (with a few exceptions)	Varies by school (The first day of the test in Kyoto/Osaka/Hyogo area is conducted on the same day.)
Test fee	(Full-time) ¥2,200 (Part-time) ¥900	¥15,000 - ¥20,000
Registration fee	(Full-time) ¥5,650 (Part-time) ¥980	¥50,000 - ¥150,000
Tuition	(Full-time) ¥118,800 (per year) (Part-time) ¥15,000 (per year)	(Full-time)¥366,000 - ¥850,000/year (with government subsidy/community aid)
Additional expenses	Varies by school	Facilities: ¥50,000 - ¥100,000 educational enrichment: ¥80,000 - ¥130,000

Note:

- In addition to the schools listed above, there are National public schools (e.g. Senior High School attached to Kyoto University of Education).
- The test fee and other amounts are those for **FY2023**
- In addition to tuition, high schools require students to pay for textbooks, uniforms, study trips, etc.
- Some payment will be required (for registration, uniform, etc.) before enrollment between February and March. Approximately 500,000 yen for private schools and 200,000 yen for public schools will be necessary.
- After enrollment, request for tuition exemption, reduction or application for scholarship may be made for those in need of financial aid. (Refer to pg.18 onwards)

(2) About schools with different class hours and study systems

When and how classes are held varies by school. There are three main categories: 'Full-time', 'Part-time' and 'Correspondence programs'

	Full-time	Part-time	Correspondence
Attendance Days School Hours	Monday - Friday 8:30 -16:00	Monday - Friday 17:30(16:20) - 21:30 (part-time night classes)	Approx.20 days/yr. (classroom lectures)
Class Hours	6 classes/day each 50 mins long	4 classes/day each 45 mins long	classroom lectures (schooling)
Years to Graduate	3 years	4 years (*)	3 years or more
Subjects provided	General Studies Vocational Studies (industries, agriculture, etc.), Integrated courses	General Studies, Vocational studies (Industry, Business etc.)	General Studies
Notes	Some schools have classes on Saturdays and/or after16:00	Some part-time schools have classes during daytime.	Credits are earned through written reports and test results in addition to schooling.

(*) 3-year graduation programs are also available in some part-time high schools.

(3) About High Schools which offer alternative subject curriculum

High schools offer either General Studies or Vocational Studies.

Example given below is for public schools:

General Studies	Centered on General Studies * Vocational courses are available in the General Studies Program, but the types of courses vary depending on schools (Athletic course, English course, etc.)
Vocational Studies	General Studies with emphasis on Vocational Studies. Business Studies, Industrial Studies, Marine Product Studies, Agriculture Studies, Information Processing, Specialized Education Studies (Art, Music and Welfare etc.)

Life and system in high school

Unlike elementary and junior school education which is compulsory, the education from high school onwards is not compulsory in Japan. There are some difference between life and system in high school and those in junior high school.

(1) Each high school has different characteristics

All public elementary schools and junior high schools teach the same curriculum in Japan. However, each high school puts emphasis on different subjects. Even in a high school, different curriculums are applied to different departments and even different courses of studies or elective subjects can be chosen in a department. You should take into account such factors carefully to select a school. Check the type of high school by seeking advice from your junior high school teacher and going to high school orientations or open days.

(2) Credits and Grade Retention

At high school, you cannot earn credits (Tan-i* in Japanese) on subjects without regular study and good scores at periodic exams. Many absences from the lessons affects credits. (Being late three times is counted as one absence in public high schools in Kyoto.)

If you cannot earn enough credits as stated by each school, you cannot go up to the next grade: it is called “Genkyu-ryuchi” (grade retention), or “Ryunen”. In that case, you have to repeat another year. Considering this, you should select a high school or course which is suitable for your ability and consists of the subjects that you wish to study, not just focusing on passing the entrance exam. Consult and discuss thoroughly with your junior high school teacher.

* Tan-i: the unit counts how many lessons are carried out a week. For example, if five English lessons are carried out a week, it will be counted as 5 tan-i (credits). Grade 2 or above is deemed as being credited, and grade 1 is deemed as being failed (no credit).

(3) Expulsion

If you break the school rules (depending on the case), you may be suspended. If you repeat illegal acts (depending on the case) or grade retentions, you may be expelled. School rules vary from school to school. For instance, some schools regulate colors and lengths of clothes and hair style, whereas others do not regulate it at all. School traditions and environment called “Kofu” vary from school to school, too. Make sure that you visit open days and school orientations to take a look at the school environment.

(4) Tuition fees/ fees for text books

Attending public elementary schools and junior high schools is free, but tuition fees need to be paid to attend high school, even though they are public schools. You also need to buy text books. (Text books may be provided for free at part-time high schools, depending on the conditions.)

Note: Refer to pg. 18 onwards for financial aid.

(5) No school meals

Unlike public elementary and junior high schools, no school meals are provided at high schools. Therefore, you will have to take lunch with you every day. Some schools have canteens and others don't. Please check beforehand.

(Note: some part-time night-time high school provide school meals.)

(6) Longer commuting time

Basically, you can commute on foot to public junior high schools as they are located in your local area; however, commuting time to high schools may be longer, as you can choose a high school from a wide selection. If you commute to school by bus or train, you will also need a transportation fee. Check in advance how to commute and how long it takes by going to school orientations and open days.

5. Public High School Entrance Examination Systems

1. Special Enrollment Selection

There are public high schools that provide special entrance examinations for ‘Returnee Students from Overseas Residency’, ‘Descendants of Japanese Orphans in China’, ‘Long-term Absentees’, ‘Adult Students’, ‘Kyoto Prefectural Seimei High School Special Student Selection’, ‘**Kyoto Prefectural Seishin High School Special Student Selection**’ and ‘Kyoto Municipal Kyoto Sowa High School Special Student Selection’. Exams are held at the same time as the 1st Selection Process noted on page 13. Detailed information is available at your child’s junior high school.

Note that if you are accepted to any of the above programs, you are not eligible to take the entrance examination at any other public high school. If you are not accepted, you may try again in the 2nd Selection Process.

A. Special Enrollment Selection for Returnee Students from Overseas Residency

Provider School	Full time: Toba High School General Studies, Nishi Maizuru High School General Studies Sagano High School General Studies Kyoto Cosmos Department
Target Students	Those returning after Feb.1 of 6 th Grade, having resided with guardian overseas for at least one year
Method of Selection	Academic Evaluation (Japanese, Math, English), Interview and School Transcript
Number of Students Sought	Up to 5 students per school

B. Special Enrollment Selection for Descendants of Japanese Orphan in China

Provider Schools	Full time: Toba High School General Studies, Nishi Maizuru High School General Studies Part time: Toba High School General Studies, Higashi Maizuru High School Ukishima Campus General Studies
Target Students	Descendants of Japanese Orphan in China who entered Japanese elementary school from 4 th grade or later.
Method of Selection	Academic Evaluation (Japanese, Math, English), Interview and School Transcript
Number of Students Sought	Up to 5 students per school

C. Special Enrollment Selection for Adult Students

Provider Schools	Part time: Suzaku High School General Studies (credit system), Toba High School General Studies (credit system), Momoyama High School General Studies, Business Studies (credit system)
Target Students	20 years or older, A person who has never graduated from high school

Method of Selection	Interview and Essay (No Academic Evaluation)
Number of Students Sought	3 – 9 students per school (varies by school)

D. Special Enrollment Selection for Long-term Absentee

Provider Schools	Full time: Suzaku High School General Studies, Otokuni High School General Studies, Joyo High School General Studies, Nishi Maizuru High School General Studies
Target Students	Student absent over 30 school days of any year of junior high school
Method of Selection	Academic Evaluation (Japanese, Math, English), Interview, Essay and School Transcript
Number of Students Sought	5 – 10 students per school (varies by school)

E. Kyoto Prefectural Seimei High School Special Student Selection

Curriculum	General education curriculum (Two-section daytime system (Part-time system with credits))
Target Students	Students qualified to be applicants to public high schools in Kyoto Prefecture Students who understand the ideal student sought by the high school principle and who intend to study at Semei High School
Method of Selection	Process A: Scholarly ability (Japanese, mathematics and English), interview, essay and report Process B: Interview and essay
Number of Students Sought	Process A: Around 40% of the number of students to be admitted Process B: Around 60% of the number of students to be admitted

F. Kyoto Prefectural Seishin High School Special Student Selection

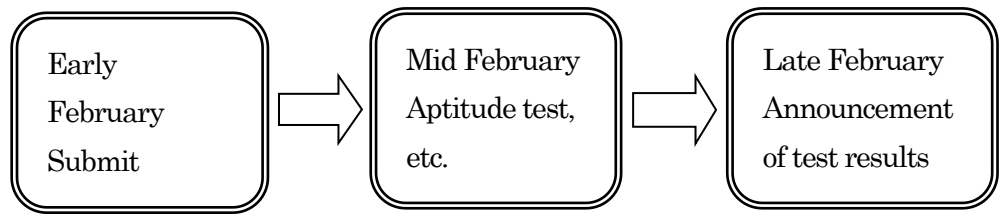
Curriculum	Comprehensive education curriculum (daytime system (Part-time system with credits))
Target Students	Students qualified to be applicants to public high schools in Kyoto Prefecture Students who understand the ideal student sought by the high school principle and who intend to study at Seishin High School
Method of Selection	Process A: Scholarly ability (Japanese, mathematics and English), interview and report Process B: Scholarly ability (Japanese, mathematics and English), interview and essay
Number of Students Sought	Process A: Around 50% of the number of students to be admitted Process B: Around 50% of the number of students to be admitted

G. Kyoto Municipal Kyoto Sowa High School Special Student Selection (planned)

Curriculum	General education curriculum (Four-section daytime/night-time system (Part-time system with credits))
Target Students	Students qualified to be applicants to public high schools in Kyoto Prefecture Students who are required to relearn due to truancy or special educational needs caused by behavioral or cognitive characteristic (Documents from the principal of your child's junior high school are required)
Method of Selection	The following two evaluations will be conducted: Evaluation A (Scholarly ability): Japanese, mathematics and English Evaluation B (Individual interview): 1. Reason for applying 2. Efforts you made before the entrance exam (study/activity)
Number of Students Sought	80 students

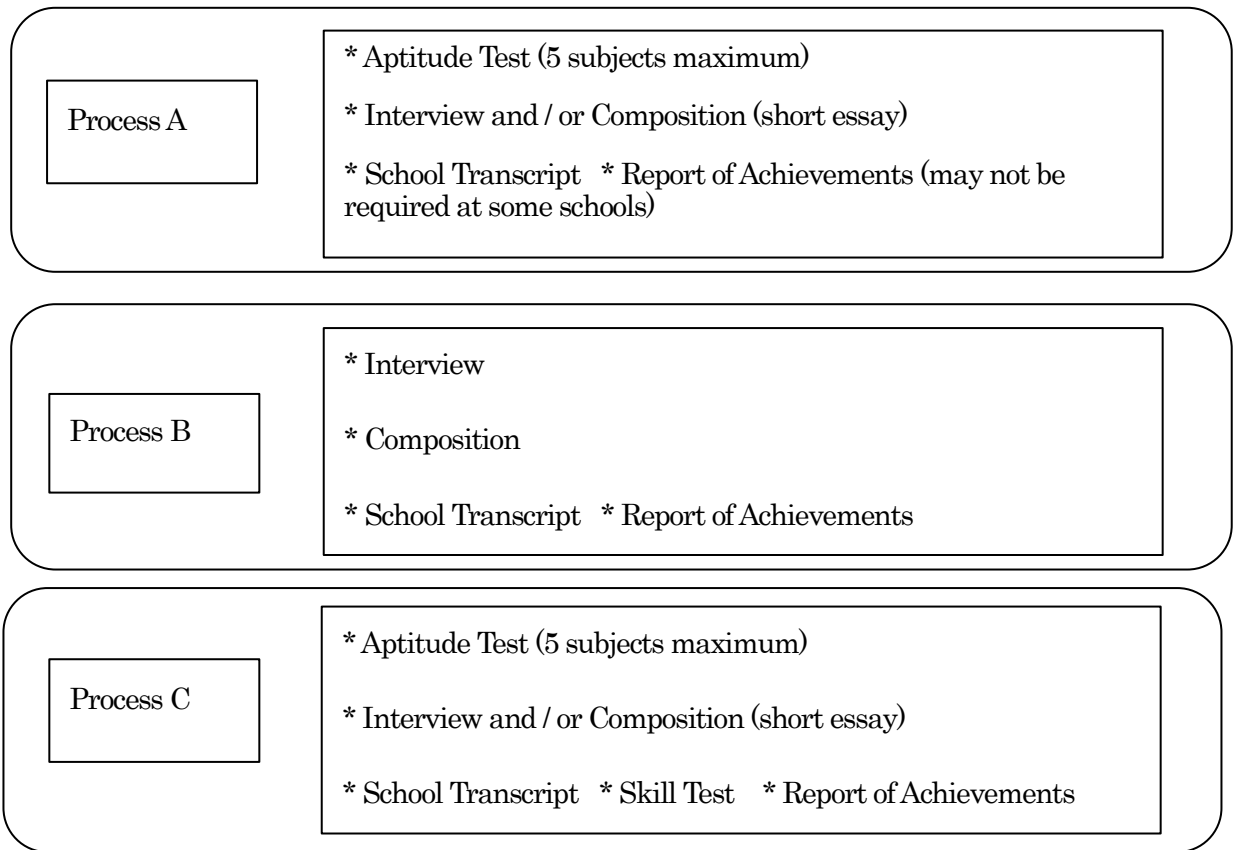
2. 1st Selection

Process (Full-time, part-time for agriculture and home economics studies)



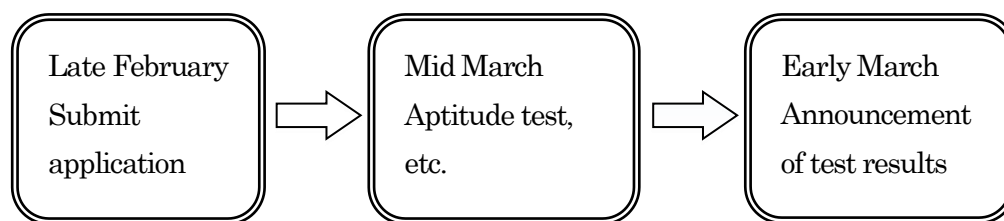
* You can only take an exam for one course at one high school.

* There are three different types of selection processes, A, B and C as explained below. As the process is different depending on high schools, please ask teachers at your junior high school about the selection methods of the high school that you wish to apply to.



3. 2nd Selection

Process (Full-time, part-time)



- * Selection for both General Studies and Vocational Studies will be done by the same method.
- * Students may apply for two high schools and set priorities in their 1st choice schools.
- * Students may apply one more high school as their 2nd choice. However, you will be screened only after successful applicants for the high school as their 1st choice have been decided and as long as the number of successful applicants does not reach its capacity.
- * The selection of entrants will be made by combining school transcript and common aptitude test grades, as shown below.

i. School Transcript

Performances in each subject are graded on a scale of 1 – 5, with 5 being the highest. Final school year grades are calculated as follows:

A Group	5 Academic Subjects (Japanese, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, English) 1-5 Grade × 1 point × 3 school years
B Group	4 Performance Subjects (Music, Art, Physical Education, Industrial Arts and Home Economics) 1-5 Grade × 2 points × 3 school years

(Example) If a student got scale '5' for all subjects for 3 years, he/she gets '195 points'.

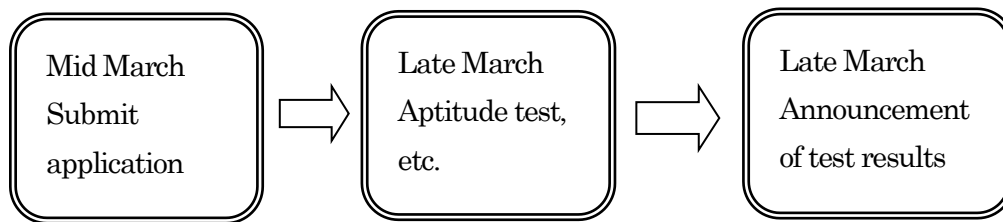
	A Group					B Group				
Subject	Japanese	Social Studies	Math	Science	English	Music	Art	PE	IA and HE	Subtotal
1 st year	5	5	5	5	5	5×2	5×2	5×2	5×2	65
2 nd year	5	5	5	5	5	5×2	5×2	5×2	5×2	65
3 rd year	5	5	5	5	5	5×2	5×2	5×2	5×2	65
Total	15	15	15	15	15	30	30	30	30	195

ii. Academic Evaluation

On the day of the Entrance Examination you will be tested on 5 Subject materials (Japanese, Social Studies, Math, Science and English). Each test is a possible 40 points and is calculated as follows: 40 points × 5 subjects = 200 total points. The test content for the 2nd Selection is the same at all public high schools and all courses.

4. 3rd Selection

Process (Full-time, part-time)



* Academic evaluations may be held at high schools with considerable vacancies after the 1st and 2nd Selections. Whether additional academic evaluations will be conducted or not will be notified at the same time of the 2nd Selection test results announcement.

* The selection of entrants will be made by combining school transcript, common aptitude test grades (Japanese, Math, and English) and interviews.

‘Special measures for foreign students taking academic achievement tests of entrance examinations for public high schools in Kyoto Prefecture’

In fiscal year **2025** entrance examinations for public high schools in Kyoto Prefecture, students who qualify under category (1) **and** (2) may take the academic achievement test under special measures:

- (1) Students who arrived in Japan on or after February 1st, **2022**
- (2) Students whose term of residence in foreign countries have continued for a year or more

* An offer from the principal of junior high school where the student is currently attending is necessary.

Special Measures Contents:

- i. Hiragana is typed over kanji in the academic achievement test
- ii. An extension of up to 10 minutes will be added to the test time for each subject

* The academic achievement test will be held in a different examination room.

Please ask your junior high school after September for more information about the special measures.

6. Private High Schools

■ Entrance Examination

There are generally three categories of entrance examinations at Private High Schools:

1. for students who have applied through Recommendation
2. for students who have applied to a Single School
3. for students who have applied to Multiple Schools

1. Students with Recommendation

Target Students	Students of superior academic record and character, recommended by the Principal of their Junior High School. Students who have made the school their first-choice school, and commits if accepted.
Qualifications	Students that meet the standards set by a particular school
If Accepted	Student is committed to enroll

2. Single School Applicants

Target Students	Students who have chosen only one school, and commits if accepted.
Qualifications	Students that meet the academic standards set by a particular school
If Accepted	Is committed to enroll
Note	Applicant receives priority status above those applying to multiple schools.

3. Multiple School Applicants (Open Entrance Examination)

Target Students	Students whose first choice is other school
Qualifications	No specific standard
If accepted	Are not committed to attend
Note	Students that have listed a public school as their first choice are allowed to delay registration payment at the private school until announcement of acceptance/non-acceptance has been made.

■ Private School Entrance Selection

Selection is based on the Entrance Examination results, school transcript and interview. The function and content of the examination varies by school. Some private high schools place emphasis on the final year of the student's school transcript, while others look at the overall three year record.

7. Alternative Shinro Path Choices

■Specialized Training Schools and Technical Schools

Specialized Training Schools and Technical Schools are designed for students to learn a particular skill and earn credentials. Some fields of study available are information processing, business/office skills, culture trades, food preparation, apparel, construction, hair and cosmetics industry. Tuition fees are comparable to private high schools. It is important to check out the schools thoroughly before applying.

■Work Career Choices

There are hardly any job opportunities for junior high school graduates in today's society. The lack of available jobs is partially due to the lagging economy, but also a result of lack of perseverance on the part of the young work force. When considering a work career, think carefully about your commitment, responsibility and the challenges of employment.

Once you decide to pursue a work career, commonly your school will refer you to the Hello Work Public Employment Office to direct you to possible employment. Some students find positions through personal contacts. However, it is generally better to get referrals through the Hello Work Office to avoid misunderstandings regarding wages, hours and other work conditions.

■Combining Work and School Careers

It is also possible to continue your education while working, through part-time high schools or correspondence school programs. The necessary expenses are lower than that of full-time high schools. Some night school programs provide meal service. Graduation from part-time high schools or correspondence school programs earns you the same accreditation as a full-time school. Because this qualifies you to apply to university or other higher-education institutes, many students take advantage of this program. Those over 20 years old are not required to take an entrance examination. Refer to 5(1)C (pg.10) for details.

8. Financial Aid Overview

The Financial Aid System is designed to support those families in financial difficulty by providing necessary funds to continue your education. The three basic categories are: **Scholarship**, which need not be repaid; **Reduction and Exemption**, which need be partially repaid; **Loan**, which is repaid after graduation. Content and recipient qualifications are clearly defined. Detailed information is available at your child's junior high school or any high school.

According to Japanese government policy, public high school tuition is free of charge for households with less than approximately 9,100,000 yen in yearly income. Private high school tuition may or may not be supplemented, depending on the household income of the student. Tuition supplement varies between approximately ¥120,000 and ¥390,000 a year. Kyoto Prefecture has established, with the cooperation of private high schools, Kyoto Prefecture Anshin Learning Support Service, which allows **lower income households to be exempt from tuition obligation**. Details are available at the private high school the student applies to.

However, the student is obliged to pay for all additional **non-tuition, such as registration fees, study trips, outings, study materials etc.** Some schools require payment in advance, due in February or March.

There is a system called the 'Tsunagi Fund' that makes it possible to receive a loan until expenses are covered through such an assistance system. A separate application is required for this.

■ Financial Aid

(Updated information is available at your child's junior high school)

Kyoto Prefecture Anshin Learning Support Service (Kyoto-fu Anshin Shugyo Shien Seido)		Reduction and Exemption
Target Student	High school students residing in Kyoto Prefecture Currently attending a private high school located in Kyoto Prefecture.	
Scholarship Amount	•Up to ¥980,000 for households receiving social welfare aid. •Up to ¥650,000 for households with estimated annual income of less than ¥5,900,000 •Up to ¥264,000 for households with estimate annual income between ¥5,900,000 and ¥7,300,000 per year •Up to ¥198,800 for households with estimate annual income between ¥7,300,000 and ¥9,100,000 per year	
Contact	Private high school currently enrolled at	

Financial Support to Attend School under Social Welfare Law (Seikatsu-hogo-ho niyoru Koko Syugaku Fujo)		Scholarship
Qualifications	Family member of household currently receiving social welfare aid in Kyoto Prefecture/ Kyoto City.	
Scholarship Amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ¥5,300/month for school supplies, etc. • up to ¥30,000 for entrance examination fee • up to ¥87,900 for uniform, bag, shoes, etc. • up to ¥2,330/month for class activity fund, Student Council dues • actual cost for transportation fees for commuting • actual cost (up to ¥84,600) for extracurricular/club activities • actual cost for learning materials (textbooks, supplemental readers, etc.) 	
Contact	City Welfare Office	

Kyoto Prefecture Learning Support Service for High School Students (Kyoto-fu Kokosei tou Shugaku Shien Jigyo)		Loan
Qualifications	Academically motivated high school student suffering from family economic burden	
Loan Amount	<p>(1) Study Loan for High School Level Student up to ¥18,000 /month to National and Public High School student, up to ¥30,000/month to Private High School student estimated income of 4-member household of under ¥4,720,000</p> <p>(2) School Supply Loan for High School Level Student (given to 1st year student only): fixed loan of ¥50,000 to National and Public High School student, ¥250,000 to Private School student. In order to be eligible to receive loan, you need to receive a loan (1) and annual household income should not exceed ¥1,500,000.</p> <p>※Students with foreign nationality are not eligible.</p>	
Contact	The junior high school you are enrolled at or High School Education Division, Department of Guidance, Kyoto Prefectural Board of Education	

Kyoto City High School Financial Aid Service (Kyoto-shi Koko Shingaku/Shuugaku Shienkin Shikyu Jigyo)		Scholarship
Qualifications	Must be a family member of household <u>residing in Kyoto City</u> , which is currently receiving social welfare aid or is of non-tax paying status	
Scholarship Amount	<p>* Funds for enrollment preparation (given to 1st year students only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For students of households currently receiving social welfare aid ¥110,000: enrolled in full-time Private High School ¥69,000: enrolled in Part-time High School • For students of households of non-tax paying status ¥63,000: enrolled in National Public High School ¥178,000: enrolled in full-time Private School ¥137,000: enrolled in part-time high school ¥45,000: enrolled in Correspondence School Program <p>* Scholarships (funds for school supplies, etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For students of households of non-tax paying status (except households receiving livelihood protection payments) ¥144,000/year: enrolled in any high school program 	
Contact	Kyoto City Children and Family Support Division Branch Office (Scholarship clerk)	

Kyoto Prefecture High School Student Scholarship Program (Kokosei Kyufu-gata Syogaku-kin Sikyu Jigyo)		Scholarship
Qualifications	Must be a family member of household residing in Kyoto Prefecture, <u>not within Kyoto City</u> , which is currently receiving social welfare aid or is of non-tax paying status (e.g. Single-parent household)	
Scholarship Amount	<p>For students of households currently receiving social welfare aid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Funds for enrollment preparation (given to 1st grade students only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ¥110,000 enrolled in full-time Private High School ¥69,000 enrolled in Part-time High School · Scholarship (for students attending high school outside Kyoto Prefecture or school for foreigners) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to ¥19,000/month enrolled in full-time Private High School or school for foreigners <p>For students of households of non-municipal-tax paying status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Funds for enrollment preparation (given to 1st grade students only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ¥63,000 enrolled in National and Public High School ¥178,000 enrolled in full-time Private School ¥137,000 enrolled in part-time high school ¥45,000 enrolled in Correspondence School Program · Support Fund (for school supplies) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to ¥60,000/year enrolled in any High School program · Scholarships (for students attending private high school outside Kyoto Prefecture or school for foreigners) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to ¥33,000/month enrolled in full-time Private High School or school for foreigners up to ¥24,000/month enrolled in part-time private high school up to ¥16,000/month enrolled in special support high school vocational non-degree graduate program (4th & 5th year students only) up to ¥14,000/month enrolled in special support high school (other than a non-degree graduate program) 	
Note	Scholarship benefits are adjusted for recipients of other financial aid funds	
Contact	Kyoto Prefecture Health Department	

In addition, other limited financial aid/school expense funds are available in limited amounts. For single-parent households, public transportation school commuting expenses, children of accident victims etc. For further information, refer to the homepage for Kyoto Prefecture/City Board of Education, under High School Financial Aid Services. The homepages are below;

The Kyoto Prefectural Board of Education URL
<https://www.kyoto-be.ne.jp/gakkyou/cms/?p=4092>
 Japanese, English, Chinese and Korean are available.

Kyoto City Board of Education URL
<http://www.city.kyoto.lg.jp/kyoiku/>
 Only Japanese is available.

9. A Note to Guardians of Shinro Path Students

The time is approaching for your child to make a final decision about a Shinro Path. As the guardian, consider the following:

1. Talk with your child about his or her future. After talking over your household circumstances, listen carefully to your child and respect their wishes. Encourage him/her to think through his/her choice and give stern direction when necessary.
2. Help your child choose a high school (or alternative) that is suited to his or her goals and ability. Avoid choosing a school that does not offer a challenge.
3. Provide a home environment that supports positive study habits. Your child will not be able to keep up with study demands by attending school classes alone. Please make your child understand that high school requires a high level of commitment to studies.
4. Entrance examinations are held in very cold winter season. Be sure to lead a regular life style in order to prevent a cold.
5. All Shinro Path application forms must be submitted on time. Delay can result in application denial. If you don't know how to complete the application forms, please consult with your school teachers
6. All formal documents and applications for high school will pass through your child's junior high school. Do not be confused by hearsay or inaccurate information. If you have questions, contact your child's school.
7. Support and encourage your child as he or she faces the challenges that bring him/her closer to realizing his/her Shinro Path goal.

Reference Material 1 Where to go for Advice, Guidance or Further Information

Kyoto City International Foundation	
Telephone number	(1) 075-752-1166 interpreting service advise for government offices (2) 075-752-3511 business, employment advise
Activities	(1) Government Interpreting Advice (closed winter holidays) - Telephone Interpreting Services for foreign residents and Kyoto City government offices - Interpreting Services for foreign residents in dealing with government services and/or paper work. (by telephone or in person) English - Tues. and Thurs. 9:00 to 17:00 Chinese - Wed. and Fri. 9:00 to 17:00 (2) Personal Counseling and Information Services. 9:00 to 21:00 (closed Mondays and winter holidays)

Fushimi Youth Action Center	
Telephone number	075-611-4910
Activities	- Support for non-native youth residing in Kyoto (social gathering etc.) - Japanese language classes: Sat. 10:00 to 11:30

Kyoto Prefecture International Center	
Contact Number	075-681-4800
Details	<p>① Multilingual Consultation for Daily Living(23Languages) 10:00am~5:00pm(except Tuesdays・Holidays・New Year Holiday Season)</p> <p>② Expert Consultation(Please make a reservation) ・ Visa Consultation : Every : Every 4th Sunday of the month 1:00pm~4:00pm ・Legal Advice: The date and time will be negotiated and decided. (30 minutes per person)</p> <p>③ Japanese Lesson ④ Lifestyle information provided by SNS (facebook/LINE/twitter)</p>

Kyoto YWCAAPT (Asian People Together)	
Telephone number	075-431-0351
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Telephone Counseling: 075-451-6522 Mon. 13:00 to 16:00 Thurs. 15:00 to 18:00 - Children's activities and study support

Center for Multicultural Society Kyoto	
Telephone number	075-746-2374
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medical interpretation - Translation, Guest Lecturer Services

Kyoto Nihongo Rings (Japanese Language Classroom Network in Kyoto Pref.)	
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information on Japanese language classrooms in Kyoto Prefecture is available at the above website in multiple languages.

Reference Material 2 Shinro Path Terminology

- **Shinro Path Orientation Meeting (Shinro Setsumeikai)**

At this Orientation Meeting, teachers at the junior high school will explain to both guardians and students what is meant by Shinro Path, the process, and what to be expected. This meeting is generally held for each school year separately.

- **Three Person Conference (Sansha Kondan) and Shinro Path Guidance (Shinro Sodan)**

The Three Person Conference between homeroom teacher, student and guardian is to discuss the student's school and personal concerns and Shinro Path options.

- **Application Form (Gansho)**

This is the form the student will use to apply for the test to enter the school of his or her choice. All information (name, address, date of birth etc.) must be filled in accurately according to the student's official Residency Registration or Alien Registration. The application may be rejected for any discrepancy; however, students using a Japanese name at school may apply by that name. The homeroom teacher should be informed of any preference. Submitting this application form to the high school is called 'Shutsugan'. At this time, you will need to pay an entrance examination fee (Jukenryo).

- **School District (Tsugaku-ken) of Public High Schools**

The range of student's choice of public high schools is determined by the guardian's address. This is referred to as the student's School District. Kyoto Prefecture is divided into five school districts. It is important to know in which school district the student/guardian resides.

- **School Transcript (Hokokusho)**

This is an official school record of the student's grades and extracurricular activities during junior high school. This information and the results from the student's entrance examination are of equal importance in determining acceptance into high school.

- **Individual Selection Process (Tandoku Senbatsu)**

All students accepted are selected from applicants to that specific school. The limit number of students accepted varies by school.

Closing

The 'Multilingual Guidance For Life after Graduation' has initiated by 'Tokimeki, the Kyoto Network for Newcomer and Returnee Students/Children'. This project has been sponsored by the Kyoto City board of Education since fiscal year 2012.

It was made possible through the efforts of the teachers of the 'Kyoto City Junior High School Research and Advisory Committee', and the cooperation of many others. This guidance was created by the cooperation of many people to support students who have foreign roots. We hope that we can help each and every child to pursue their dreams for the future and go on to realize their Shinro paths.

Kyoto Network for Newcomer & Returnee Students/Children 'TOKIMEKI'

'Tokimeki' was founded in Kyoto, in 2003, and is a support group for people of various international backgrounds. Some members have returned to Japan after having accompanied guardians on overseas business stays. Some have come to Japan for the first time. Some are children of international marriages. Tokimeki is a network of people with common concerns and practical goals, made up of schools, teachers, government organizations, auxiliary organizations, NPO, NGO and individual volunteers.

Participating Organizations:

- Momoyama Junior High School Attached to Kyoto University of Education
- Kyoto City Fushimi Youth Action Center of the Kyoto City Youth Service Foundation
- Kyoto YWCAAPT
- Kyoto City International Foundation