# GUIDANCE FOR THOSE THINKING ABOUT ENROLLING IN MINATO CITY MUNICIPAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

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### **INTRODUCTION**

This guidebook, "Guidance for Those Thinking about Enrolling in Minato City Municipal Junior High Schools" was created for children and their parents/guardians with foreign background. It is available in "Easy Japanese," English, Chinese, and Korean.

The guidebook provides pre-entrance information for elementary school as well as what children will do while attending school.

We hope that it helps children, their parents/guardians and others who support them to navigate and enjoy their junior high school life in Minato City.



※ The Japanese words often used at school are listed in the chapter <u>14 Commonly</u> <u>Used Words at School</u>. Please be familiar with those words.

### 1 THE JAPANESE EDUCATION SYSTEM

In Japan in general, the school year starts at the beginning of April and ends at the end of March. Children enter elementary school in the April following their sixth birthday and attend elementary school for six years. They go on to junior high school in the April following their 12th birthday and attend junior high school for the next three years. Those nine years are compulsory education.

Many students (who graduate from junior high school) continue their studies for another three years in senior high school. Then, after graduating from high school, they have the choice to continue their education at universities, junior colleges, vocational schools, and so on or to start their careers.

There are different types of academic institutions such as national, municipal (Minato City, Tokyo Metropolitan Government, and others), and private for them to choose from.

This guidebook is an introduction to Minato City municipal junior high school life.

In order to get in a senior high school or other academic institutions after graduation of junior high school, he/she has to pass the entrance examination. The student, his/her parents/guardians, and his/her teacher will discuss whethere or not to take it while the student is attending junior high school.

# Compulsory Education [nine years] 6 yrs. old (enrolls in April) 12 yrs. old (graduates in March and enrolls in April) \*12 yrs. old child as of April 1 Junior High School [three years] 15 yrs. old (graduates in March)

#### "Compulsory Education"

# 2 PRE-ENROLLMENT SCHEDULE

Detailed information will be given to parents/guardians when they go to the School Affairs Section counter to hand in the application form.

| End of          | Notification of Enrollment in Elementary School is sent by mail  |
|-----------------|--|
| September       | Minato City will send this letter to all parents/guardians who have registered as a Minato City resident and have children starting the first year in April of the following year.   |
| On              | •Enrollment Period starts  |
| October 1       | Parents/guardians submit their child's application at the School Affairs Section counter* in person by the deadline. Applications are not on a first-come, first-served basis.   |
| During          | •School Selection Form is sent by mail   |
| October         | A school selection form will be sent to the parents/guardians who have already submitted their child's application in person, at their registered residential address. (refer to <u>3 School Selection System and Pre-Enrollment Procedure</u> )   |
| Early           | Submission Period for School Selection Form starts   |
| November        | Parents/guardians fill out the School Selection Form and hand it in to the School Affairs<br>Section counter either by mail or in person before the deadline. Please be sure to meet the<br>deadline; otherwise, parents/guardians will not be able to choose a school.  |
| Late            | •Application Status is announced   |
| November        | The number of applicants to each school will be announced on the Minato City website. Call the School Affairs Section if you have any questions.   |
| Early           | •Lotteries for the Waitlist are held   |
| December        | If the number of applicants to a school exceeds the limit, Minato City will hold a lottery to decide the order of priority. This is not to determine whether or not your child can enter the school you requested. Minato City will send the result of the lottery to the parents/guardians applied.   |
| Mid-<br>January | •Attendance Notice and a Notice of the Entrance Briefing for the new first-year students are sent by mail  |
|                 | Once the school is finalized, Minato City will send parents/guardians an Attendance<br>Notification and a Notice of the Entrance Briefing for the new first-year students. However,<br>for the parents/guardians who submitted a school selection form and were placed on a<br>waitlist, please note that it is still possible for the school to change. If parents/guardians<br>would like to request a school that is different from the one written in the Notification due<br>to moving or other reasons, they will need to go to the School Affairs Section to complete<br>the procedure. |
| February to     | •Entrance Briefing for the new first graders are held at each school   |
| March           | Parents/guardians and incoming children are welcome to this informational meeting. The school will provide useful information on how to prepare for the school year. Don't miss this chance to learn more and ask questions!   |

• Please refer to "15 Inquiries (Consultation Service)" for contact information of the section(s) in charge.

# 3 SCHOOL SELECTION SYSTEM AND PRE-ENROLLMENT PROCEDURE

In principle, children in Minato City are required to attend a designated school depending on where they live. However, they can make a request for one of the adjacent schools by using the "school selection system" if they prefer.

#### Schools that parents/guardians can make a request for (School Selection System)

The designated school and adjacent schools

\*You can find the list of adjacent schools on the Minato City website or ask Minato City School Affairs Section\*

In the event you move to Minato City from another city after the school year has started, acceptance at the requested school and grade depends on vacancy at the time of your application.

#### Things to Consider when Selecting a School

Students are required to commute to school on foot, by train or by bus. They are prohibited to commute by bicycle or car. Children commute to school every day, so please take this into consideration when you select a school and check in advance how safe the route to the school is.

#### Pre-Enrollment Procedure when Moving to Minato City

- ① Register as a Minato City resident at the resident registration counter\* at Minato City Hall or one of the Regional City Offices\*.
- ② Fill out and submit the Application form for Foreign National Student Enrollment at the School Affairs Section counter.
- ③ Make an appointment with the school to meet the principal with your child.

%If you have already registered as a Minato City resident, follow the procedure from step (2).

- Please refer to <u>15 Inquiries (Consultation Service)</u> for contact information of the section(s) in charge.
- Please check out the website of Minato City when you need information of the resident registration counter of the Regional City Offices.
- Minato City website: https://www.city.minato.tokyo.jp/



## 4 A DAY IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Daily schedule will vary by school, so please carefully read any communications from the school.

| Time    | Activity   |
|---------|--|
| 8:10 -  | <ul> <li><u>Going to School</u></li> <li>Students go to school.</li> <li>Students will go to school on a fixed route (school route) every day.</li> <li>Parents/guardians must inform the school when their child is late or absent from school.</li> <li>Parents/guardians must accompany their child when going to school late.</li> </ul>                                   |
| 8:25    | <ul> <li>Homeroom (morning)</li> <li>Greeting and morning announcements</li> <li>Occasionally all the students gather at the schoolyard or the gym as morning assembly:</li> </ul>   |
| 8:45 -  | <ul> <li><u>Classes</u></li> <li>In the morning there are four <u>50-minute</u> classes.</li> <li>Students go to the bathroom during break times.</li> </ul>   |
| 12:35 - | Lunch time: Lunch is provided by the school.   |
| 13:05 - | Lunch Break  |
| 13:35 - | <ul> <li><u>Classes</u></li> <li>In the afternoon there are two <u>50-minute</u> classes.</li> <li>There are days with no afternoon classes.</li> </ul>  |
| 15:35   | <ul> <li>Homeroom (afternoon)         <ul> <li>Announcements mostly about the next day's schedule</li> </ul> </li> <li>Leaving School         <ul> <li>Students go home.</li> <li>Students sometimes clean the classrooms before going home.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Club Activities*         <ul> <li>Students who join a club will have club activities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

\* The Japanese words often used at school are listed in the chapter <u>14 Commonly Used Words at</u> <u>School</u>. Please be familiar with those words.

# 5 A YEAR IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The schedule will vary by school. Please carefully read your school's schedule or ask the homeroom teacher for more details.

| First Tern | n  |  |  |  |
|------------|--|--|--|--|
| April      | Opening ceremony*1   | An opening ceremony which is held on the first day of each term. All students and teachers participate.  |  |  |
|            | Entrance ceremony  | A welcome ceremony for the new first graders.<br>Parents/guardians are welcome to attend.  |  |  |
|            | Medical checkups   | A doctor comes to the school and conducts several types of<br>exams (physical, vision, etc.) to make sure that students are<br>healthy.  |  |  |
|            | Parents/guardians<br>meeting*2                                     | Parents/guardians gather at the school to exchange<br>information with their child's homeroom teacher. This is a<br>good opportunity for parents/guardians to socialize with<br>each other.  |  |  |
| May        | Sports day   | Students participate in various sports/activities and compete. Parents/guardians are welcome to attend and cheer for them.   |  |  |
|            | Open school day*3  | Parents/guardians are welcome to observe their child's classes and see how their child is doing at school.   |  |  |
| June       | Start of swimming instruction                                      | Swimming lessons start in physical education (PE) class.   |  |  |
|            | Overnight field trip*4<br>*The trip may be more<br>than one night. | Students cultivate a sense of autonomy through group<br>activities that are accompanied by overnight stays and<br>develop an attitude that voluntarily follows group discipline<br>and order.  |  |  |
|            | Periodic Testing (1)*5   | Tests that are periodically held throughout the school year.   |  |  |
| July       | Parents/guardians<br>meeting                                       | Same as *2   |  |  |
|            | Closing ceremony*6/<br>summer vacation                             | A closing ceremony which is held on the last day of each<br>term. All students and teachers participate. Summer<br>vacation starts the day after the ceremony and ends at the<br>end of August<br>Students have homework during summer vacation. |  |  |
| August     | School summer trip   | The students stay overnight together, learn how to work together, and enjoy group activities in natural surroundings.  |  |  |

| Second Ter | m   |   |  |  |
|------------|---|---|--|--|
| September  | Opening ceremony  | Same as *1  |  |  |
|            | Emergency pickup drill  | Pickup drill in the event of disasters or emergencies:<br>students wait for their parents/guardians at the school to<br>come to pick them up.   |  |  |
|            | End of swimming<br>instruction  | Swimming lessons end in PE class.   |  |  |
|            | Open school day   | Same as *3  |  |  |
|            | Periodic Testing (2)  | Same as *5  |  |  |
| October    | Overnight field trip<br>*The trip may be more<br>than one night.<br>(6th grade)           | Same as *4  |  |  |
| November   | School festival and presentation  | The students present what they've been learning.<br>Parents/guardians are welcome to attend.  |  |  |
|            | Periodic Testing (3)  | Same as *5  |  |  |
| December   | Parent/guardian-<br>teacher interview   | This is a one-on-one meeting: parents/ guardians discuss their child's studies, activities and behavior with the homeroom teacher.  |  |  |
|            | Parents/guardians<br>meeting  | Same as *2  |  |  |
|            | Closing ceremony/<br>winter vacation  | Same as *6<br>Winter vacation starts the day after the ceremony and<br>ends at the beginning of January   |  |  |
| Third Term |   |   |  |  |
| January    | Opening ceremony  | Same as *1  |  |  |
|            | Open school day   | Same as *3  |  |  |
| February   | High School Entrance<br>Exams for Junior High<br>School 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade<br>Students | Junior high school 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade students take entrance exams to enter high school.   |  |  |
|            | Periodic Testing (4)  | Same as *5  |  |  |
| March      | Graduation ceremony   | A ceremony to celebrate a student graduating from elementary school. The Parents/the guardians of the graduates are welcome to attend.  |  |  |
|            | End of school year<br>closing ceremony/<br>spring vacation                                | An end of school year closing ceremony which is held on<br>the last day of the third term. All students and teachers<br>participate. Spring vacation starts the day after the<br>ceremony and ends at the beginning of April. |  |  |

\*Parents/guardians dress formally (e.g. suits) when they attend an entrance or graduation ceremony. There is no dress code, but it may be helpful to ask other parents/guardians if you have any questions.

### 6 SUPPORT FOR LEARNING JAPANESE LANGUAGE

There are two ways to support child learning Japanese language: "<u>the Japanese language class</u>" and "<u>the Japanese language adaptation</u> guidance".

[Considerations when making your decision]

- 1. First consider enrolling in "the Japanese language class".
- 2. It may make sense to opt for "<u>the Japanese language adaptation guidance</u>" in the case that the Japanese language class is too far for your child to commute from his/her regular classes.
- 3. Your child can take only one of the two programs, "the Japanese language class" or "the Japanese language adaptation guidance"

If you have any questions, ask the School Affairs Section\*.

#### Japanese Language Classes

- While attending regular classes with other classmates, the children take the Japanese language classes separately to learn Japanese that will benefit them at school and in their daily life.
- These Japanese language classes are held only at Roppongi Junior High School. Students not enrolled in Roppongi Junior High School can also take the Japanese language classes by travelling between their regular schools and Roppongi Junior High School.
- Students can enroll in Roppongi Junior High School if they live within the school district. Other students can request these schools by using "School Selection System" if there is a vacancy. (Please refer to <u>3 School Selection System and Pre-enrollment procedure</u>.)
- Parents/guardians interested in enrolling their child in "the Japanese language classes" should contact their child's school.
- Please contact the Education Research and Training Center\* for the details of the Japanese language classes.



Example of weekday schedule when participating in the Japanese Language Classes from schools other than Roppongi Junior High School :



#### Japanese Language Adaptation Guidance

- The students who can't attend "the Japanese Language classes" because it is too far for them to commute can take "Japanese Language Adaptation Guidance" at the school they are enrolled in.
- This is a one-on-one lesson and the students learn Japanese with an experienced instructor for one or two hours a week, totally max. 48 hours per year.
- The instructor can understand the student's native language: English, Chinese, Tagalog, Korean, Nepali, Spanish, Vietnamese, Portuguese, Thai, Indonesian, Russian and Bengali are available.
- If parents/guardians are interested in "Japanese Language Adaptation Guidance", ask the homeroom teacher about it after enrollment.
- Please refer to <u>15 Inquiries (Consultation Service)</u> for contact information of the section(s) in charge.

# 7 WHAT PARENTS/GUARDIANS DO

#### Things to Do Before Enrolling/On Enrollment Day

- Walk from home to school with the child so that he/she can go to school by him/herself.
- Prepare school items for the child (ref: <u>8 Items Used at School (Given, Borrowed, and Purchased)</u>)
- Write the child's name on everything he/she brings to school.
- Purchase the standard school attire for your school.
- Fill in documents to be submitted to the school, and then submit them by the deadline(s).
- Go to the school's entrance ceremony. (ref: <u>5 A year in Elementary school</u>)
- Open a bank account at the bank designated by the school (ref: <u>9 School Expenses</u>)

#### Things to Do Every Day After Enrolling

- · Call the school when the child will be absent or late.
- Read the letters from the school.
- · Make sure the child has done his/her homework.
- Get the child ready for school on the next day.
- When the child brings home his/her indoor shoes, gym clothes, and white apron (clothes for lunch duty), wash them and have the child bring them back to school. (ref: <u>8 Items Used at</u> <u>School</u>)

#### Things to Do Multiple Times a Year (the school will provide information)

- There may be days when there is no school lunch. Please prepare lunch for the child to bring to school.
- Have the child bring a water bottle with him/her on hot summer days, etc. Water bottles may contain water or tea only. (No juice is allowed in the water bottle. Do not have the child bring a disposable plastic water bottle).
- Attend the parents/guardians meetings. These meetings have important messages from the child's teachers. (ref: <u>5 A Year in Elementary School</u>)
- Attend the parent/guardian-teacher interview and talk with the child's homeroom teacher about how the child is doing. (ref: <u>5 A Year in Elementary School</u>)
- Attend the open school and see how the child is doing at school. (ref: <u>5 A Year in Elementary</u> <u>School</u>)
- Attend school events such as sports day. (ref: <u>5 A Year in Elementary School</u>)

#### Other

• When parents/guardians go to the school, they must wear a name tag provided by the school.

#### Things to Keep in Mind/Be Careful Of

- · Children cannot bring money, sweets, toys, or games/video games, etc. to school.
- Children cannot bring a smartphone to school. (If it is absolutely necessary that the child bring a smartphone, then discuss it with his/her teacher.)

# 8 ITEMS USED AT SCHOOL (GIVEN, BORROWED, AND PURCHASED)

Items vary slightly depending on the school. Carefully read notices from your child's school. Talk with your child's teacher if something is unclear or confusing.

#### Items given by the school: All students use these items

Textbooks



Photos and illustrations in this chapter are all examples.

**Items handed out by the school, but you have to pay for them later**: You cannot choose and buy these items yourself

#### Workbooks



#### Items borrowed from the school:

(To be returned to the school when a student graduates or transfers)

#### GIGA device (iPad)

- % Is used for learning purposes
- $\divideontimes$  Is used in accordance with rules set by the school



#### Items designated by the school, which you will purchase at designated stores

Standard school attire / Indoor shoes / School bag / Gym clothes / Swimsuit / Lunch mat and bag to put lunch mat in (used for school lunch)



#### Items to purchase

Athletic shoes / Rags (towels used for cleaning) / Handkerchief and tissues / Masks / Raincoat / Umbrella



# 9 SCHOOL EXPENSES

There will be school expenses, for which you will be notified in detail before you have to pay. Sometimes the money will be withdrawn from your bank account, and in some cases your child will have to bring it in person to the school. <u>Before enrolling in a school, open a bank account at the bank designated by the school.</u> The money will be automatically deducted from your bank account on fixed dates, so ensure that you have enough money on your account on those dates.

| (1) School lunch fees  | Paid monthly. Approx. 6,000 JPY/month.  |
|--|---|
| (2) Teaching/learning materials fees<br>(instrument used in music class, sewing<br>set, paint set, etc.) | Paid monthly. Varies by school and grade. In some cases this money will be brought to the school in person. |
| (3) Out-of-school excursion fees<br>(field trips, etc.)  | Paid as needed. Check announcements from the school.  |
| (4) School trip reserve fund   | Funds that are saved for school trips   |

\*You will be notified by the school when money is required for special classes or events.

# 10 SCHOOL EXPENSES ASSISTANCE

There is a system to assist with the costs of school supplies and school lunches, etc. for parents/guardians who, due to financial reasons, find it difficult to pay the necessary fees for their child to attend school.

#### **Eligibility**

Households that are residents of Minato City and that are receiving public livelihood assistance or Childrearing Allowance or whose household income for the previous year falls within the standard amount set by the Minato City Board of Education\*.

\* If you would like to know whether you are eligible for school expenses assistance, then contact the School Administration Support Subsection\*, School Affairs Section, School Education Department, Secretariat of the Board of Education.

#### **Application Method**

Eligible households will receive a "Notice regarding school expenses assistance," an "Application form," and a "submission envelope" from the school that the child is attending. Fill out the application form and bring it to the School Affairs Section counter\*.

### 11 CHILDREN'S HEALTH/NURSE'S ROOM

- Medical checkups are held every year to check the children's health. The school will notify you if your child requires treatment, in which case you should take your child to a hospital.
- Ensure that your child "Goes to bed early, gets up early, and eats breakfast."
- There is a nurse's room in each school, and the school nurse monitors the children's health and physical condition. The school nurse does not treat illnesses, but if a child is injured or feels unwell then they can rest in the nurse's room.
- If a child is injured or becomes unwell at school, the school will contact the child's parents/guardians.
- If the school decides that it is better to take the child to a hospital, the child's parents/guardians will pick the child up from school.
- · If a child has an infectious disease then they cannot go to school.
- When many children are absent from school due to an infectious disease, the school may be closed ("school closure") or a class may be closed ("class closure").
- Please refer to <u>15 Inquiries (Consultation Service)</u> for contact information of the section(s) in charge

# 12 COMMUNICATION FROM THE SCHOOL

#### <Main Items that are Distributed>

| (1) School        | Is distributed on a regular basis.   |
|-------------------|--|
| Newsletters /     | The "School Newsletter" contains information from the school and future        |
| Grade Newsletters | plans.   |
|                   | The "Grade Newsletter" contains information about your child's grade and       |
|                   | future plans.  |
| (2) Annual event  | Contains the schedule for the school year. Is distributed in April, so make    |
| schedule          | sure to look at what is planned for the school year.                           |
| (3) Monthly event | Is distributed monthly. Contains the school's schedule for one month. Make     |
| schedule          | sure to look at the monthly schedule because it may contain information not    |
|                   | included in the annual event schedule.   |
| (4) Application   | Fill in whether or not your child will participate in out-of-school excursions |
| forms for         | or whether you will participate in parents/guardians meetings, etc., and       |
| participation in  | submit to the school. Some events are only for children, others only for       |
| school events     | parents/guardians and some for both. You or your child will not be able to     |
|                   | participate in an event if you forget to apply, so make sure to read and       |
|                   | submit application forms.  |

X In addition to the above, a variety of other information and notices will be distributed. Most of these will be in Japanese. If you cannot read them or do not understand them, then make sure to ask somebody who understands Japanese to read it to you. If you have any problems, please consult with your school's teachers.

#### <Communication from your child's school>

The school may contact parents/guardians through email, zoom, social media, or the "Manabi Pocket (app on your child's GIGA device)" portal. The school will provide you with instructions on how to register for and log into the Manabi Pocket web portal, so make sure to read the information, register, and then log in. If you don't understand how to use the Manabi Pocket web portal, then ask the school or someone who understands Japanese.



# 13 SCHOOL EMERGENCY CONTACT SYSTEM

There is an emergency email system that provides information from the school to parents/guardians in the event of a major disaster or if a suspicious person is found at the school or in an area where the children live. This information is sent in Japanese only.

Registration is optional, but many parents/guardians register to ensure that they receive information in the event of a disaster.

At the beginning of the school year (around April), the school will explain how to register (by distributing a notice that contains the explanation).

# 14 COMMONLY USED WORDS AT SCHOOL

#### <Classes/subjects>

| Japanese              | 読み方                | English          | Japanese   | 読み方              | English                       |  |  |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--|------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| ごくご<br>国語             | kokugo             | Japanese         | ahdi <<br>音楽   | ongaku           | Music                         |  |  |
| <sup>すうがく</sup><br>数学 | suugaku            | Math             |  | bijyutsu         | Arts and Crafts               |  |  |
| 理科                    | rika               | Science          | 保健体育   | hoken-<br>taiiku | Health and physical education |  |  |
| 社会                    | shakai             | Social Studies   | がていか   | kateika          | Home Economics                |  |  |
|                       | kokusai            | English          |  |                  |                               |  |  |
| Japanese              | 読み方                | English          |  | Detail           | S                             |  |  |
| 書与                    | shosha             | Writing          | Students write<br>brush.   | Japanese charad  | cters with a pencil or        |  |  |
| 道徳                    | doutoku            | Morals           | While talking with everyone, students consider good and bad and how to act.  |                  |                               |  |  |
| が記書ゆうかっとう<br>学級活動     | gakkyuu<br>katsudo | Class Activities | Everyone in the class discusses and engages in<br>activities conducted as a class under the rules adopted<br>by everyone in the class. |                  |                               |  |  |

#### **〈Teacher〉**

| Japanese               | 読み方                    | English        | Japanese | 読み方                 | English             |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>芜</b> 坒             | sensei                 | teacher        | 担任の発生    | tannin no<br>sensei | homeroom<br>teacher |
| <del>です。</del><br>教長先生 | kouchou- sensei        | principal      | 保健の発生    | hoken no<br>sensei  | school nurse        |
| 副校長先生                  | fuku-kouhou-<br>sensei | vice principal |          |                     |                     |

#### {Rooms/facilities}

| Japanese               | 読み方         | English      | Japanese | 読み方           | English         |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------|---------------|-----------------|
| <sup>きょうしつ</sup><br>教室 | kyoushitsu  | classroom    | できしゃ 校舎  | kousha        | school building |
|                        | koutei      | schoolyard   |          | shokuinshitsu | staff room      |
| たいいくかん<br>体育館          | taiikukan   | gym          | としょしつ    | toshoshitsu   | library         |
| トイレ                    | toire       | toilet       | 感下       | rouka         | hall            |
|                        | hokenshitsu | nurse's room |          |               |                 |

**(Events)** Names of the events introduced in the chapter **<u>5 A Year in Junior High School</u>**. Please take a look at the chapter for details.

| English                      | 読み方           | Japanese         | English                               | 読み方                   | Japanese               |
|------------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| opening ceremony             | shigyoushiki  |                  | summer vacation                       | natsuyasumi           | <sup>なつやす</sup><br>夏休み |
| entrance ceremony            | nyuugakushiki | にゅうがくしき 入学式      | school summer trip                    | kakigakuen            | か きがくえん<br>夏季学園        |
| medical checkups             | kenkoushindan | はんこうしんだん<br>健康診断 | emergency pickup<br>drill             | hikiwatashikun<br>ren | ひったくんれん引き渡し訓練          |
| parents/guardians<br>meeting | hogosyakai    |                  | school festival and<br>presentation   | gakugeihappy<br>oukai | がくげいはっぴょうかい<br>学芸発表会   |
| sports day                   | undoukai      | うんどうかい<br>運動会    | parent/guardian-<br>teacher interview | mendan                | 前談                     |
| open school                  | gakkoukoukai  | がっこうこうかい<br>学校公開 | winter vacation                       | fuyuyasumi            | 冬休み                    |
| overnight field<br>trip      | idoukyoshitsu | いどうきょうしつ<br>移動教室 | graduation ceremony                   | sotsugyoushiki        | や業式                    |
| periodic testing             | teiki tesuto  | ていきてすと<br>定期テスト  | end of school year<br>ceremony        | shuuryoushiki         | 修了式                    |
| closing ceremony             | shuugyoushiki | しゅうぎょうしき<br>終業式  | spring vacation                       | haruyasum <u>i</u>    | 春休み                    |

#### **School Activities**

It is useful to be familiar with those Japanese. Please check the chapters to confirm the usage. C\*: Chapter number in the guidebook

| 章 | English                       | 読み方          | Japanes<br>e             | 章  | English                    | 読み方               | Japanese                        |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|----|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
|   | parent/guardi<br>an           | hogosha      | <sup>ほごしゃ</sup><br>保護者   | 7  | Indoor shoes               | uwabaki           | <sup>うわば</sup><br>上履き           |
| 2 | attendance                    | shusseki     | 出席                       |    | gym clothes                | taisougi/taiikugi | たいそう ぎ<br>体操着・<br>たいいく ぎ<br>体育着 |
| 4 | go to school                  | toukou       | さままう 登校                  |    | white apron                | hakui             |                                 |
|   | fixed route<br>(school route) | tsuugakuro   | <sup>つラがく ろ</sup><br>通学路 |    | lunch to take to school    | obentou           | お弁当                             |
|   | going to<br>school late       | chikoku      | <sup>ちこく</sup><br>遅刻     |    | water bottle               | suitou            | 水筒                              |
|   | absent from<br>school         | kesseki      | 欠席                       | 8  | textbook                   | kyoukasho         | きょうかしょ教科書                       |
|   | homeroom<br>(morning)         | asa-no-kai   | 朝の会                      |    | swimsuit                   | mizugi            | <sup>みずぎ</sup><br>水着            |
|   | morning<br>assembly           | chourei      | 朝礼                       |    | rag                        | zoukin            | ぞうきん                            |
|   | class(es)                     | jyugyou      | じゅぎょう<br>授業              | 9  | out-of-school<br>excursion | kougaigakushuu    | こうがいがくしゅう 校外学習                  |
|   | lunch (time)                  | kyuusyoku    | きゅうしょく給食                 | 11 | school closure             | gakkouheisa       | がっこうへいさ                         |
|   | lunch break                   | hiruyasumi   | 国体み                      |    | class closure              | gakkkyuuheisa     | がっきゅうへいさ<br>学級閉鎖                |
|   | homeroom<br>(afternoon)       | Kaeri-no-kai | 帰りの会                     | 12 | school<br>newsletter       | gakkoudayori      | 学校だよ<br>り                       |
|   | event                         | gekou        | <sup>げこう</sup><br>下校     |    | grade<br>newsletter        | gakunendayori     | が542ん<br>学年だよ<br>り              |
|   | clean                         | souji        | そうじ<br>掃除                |    | Manabi Pocket              | Manabi pocket     | まなびポ<br>ケット                     |
|   | club activities               | bukatsudou   | <sup>ぶかつどう</sup><br>部活動  |    | leave school<br>early      | soutai            |                                 |
| 5 | event                         | gyouji       | ざょうじ<br>行事               |    | boys                       | danshi            |                                 |
| 7 | homework                      | shukudai     | る題                       |    | girls                      | jyoshi            | じょし<br>女子                       |

# 15 INQUIRIES (CONSULTATION SERVICE)

#### <Inquiries about the Guidebook and Schools>

- · Concerning studies and school life, first consult with your child's homeroom teacher.
- If it is difficult to consult with your child's homeroom teacher, then consult with the school counselor at the school. Ask teachers at the school about how to contact the school counselor.

#### [About the Guidebook]

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 [About Schools]
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Consultation Services for Foreign Residents
 Global Community Planning Subsection, Community Promotion Section (Minato City Hall 3F):
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[Available Languages via Interpretation Tablets]

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Vietnamese (Tiếng Việt)), Indonesian (Bahasa Indonesia), Hindi (िहंव्री French (Français)

- Interpretation tablets are available when visiting Minato City Hall, Regional City Offices, and Minato City municipal schools.
- If you want to use an interpretation tablet at your child's school, please consult with the school's teachers in advance.
- Minato International Association: <u>03-6440-0233</u>
   Available languages and hours : Easy Japanese and English Monday to Friday 9:00 to 17:00 Chinese Tuesday 9:30 to 16:30

#### < Consultations about Children>

#### • Minato City Education Center

Consultations regarding worries or concerns about your child.

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|---|--------------------------|---------------------|
| - | In-Person Consultations: | <u>03-5422-1545</u> |
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| - | Telephone Consultations: | <u>03-5422-1546</u> |
|   | Monday to Friday         | 9:00 to 19:00       |
|   | Saturday                 | 9:00 to 17:00       |
|   |                          |                     |

 Online Education Consultations (Apply via the two-dimensional code to the right):

Tuesday to Friday9:00 to 17:00



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