Enrollment Information

Enrollment for the start of the school year in April opens all at once in a single application period, beginning around November of the previous year.
Mid-year enrollment is possible at any time if space is available.

Who may enroll ···Three-, four-, and five-year-old children whose parent(s)/guardian(s) reside in Minato City.

Costs ···Kindergarten tuition is free. However, there are other costs, such as school uniforms.

For details, please see here

※ All kindergartens provide free boxed-lunch meal service.

※ All kindergartens offer short-term childcare services during long school breaks. Please check the QR code for details on hours and other information.

Information on enrollment for the FY2027 school year is scheduled to be announced in early November.

In addition to regular childcare hours, we offer the “Childcare Support Program” (extended care for children already enrolled at that kindergarten) and “Short-term Childcare Services During Summer, Winter, and Spring Breaks,” as shown in the table below (hours vary by kindergarten).

Kindergartens	Regular period	Summer and other long breaks (※1)
Akabane, Sanko, Konan, Nanzan, Seinan, Nijinohashi	Before school: 8:00–9:00 a.m. (※2) After school: 2:00–6:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Shibaura, Takanawa, Shirokanedai, Azabu, Nakanocho	After school: 2:00–5:00 p.m. ※No before-school care offered	9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

※1 Short-term childcare during the summer break is not offered for approximately two weeks during the Obon period.
Please note that due to facility construction work or other reasons, children may be asked to use a different Minato City kindergarten.
※2 Before-school care is, in principle, limited to children of dual-income households and others who have been certified as requiring childcare.

Other related information

Minato City Kindergarten introduction video

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About Minato City Kindergartens

- Through play and shared activities, we foster a desire to learn and build a strong foundation for learning.
- Through communal life with friends, we nurture consideration for others and a sense of social norms.
- Through instruction tailored to each child, we help each child develop their own individuality.





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Toward realizing "the qualities and abilities we hope children develop by the end of early childhood," we place great importance on rich experiences and rich learning.

A healthy mind and body



Through play and activities, we nurture a healthy mind and body.

Independence



We help children acquire the skills needed for daily life.

Sociability



We nurture the joy children find in connecting with friends and people in the local community.

The emerging sense of morality and social norms



We help children understand the need to follow rules.

Involvement in social life



We develop the ability to interact with a variety of people.

The development of thinking skills



We broaden children's interests and curiosity, and nurture intellectual curiosity.

Connection with nature and respect for life



We value the joy and affection that comes from contact with nature nearby.

Interest in and awareness of numbers, shapes, signs, and letters



We help children learn about numbers and letters through daily life and play.

Communication through language



We help children enjoy expressing themselves in words and listening to others.

Rich sensitivity and expression



We nurture rich sensitivity and cultivate creativity.

A Day at Kindergarten (example)

Around 9:00 a.m. Arrival at school ▶ Playtime ▶ Class-wide activities ▶ Around 12:00 p.m. Lunch ▶ Around 2:00 p.m. Dismissal

Children who wish may use the Childcare Support Program after dismissal.
*Childcare hours vary by kindergarten; please check the QR code for details.
*Some kindergartens also offer before-school care. Please see "Enrollment Information" on the back cover for details.

For details, please see here



Key Areas of Focus

●Exchange and cooperation with Minato City elementary and junior high schools

We actively carry out exchange activities such as shared use of facilities like pools and school grounds, joint teacher training sessions, school lunch experiences, school tours, and other school events.

●Support for child-rearing families

We offer the Childcare Support Program (extended childcare), free boxed-lunch meals, gatherings for children not yet enrolled in kindergarten, open access to the schoolyard, lectures for parents, parent-teacher association meetings, individual parent-teacher conferences, and more — working to support families and strengthen ties with the local community.

Additionally, starting in FY2026, Minato City is independently offering its own "Open-Nursery Attendance Program for All Children" at two kindergartens for two-year-olds not currently enrolled in an early childhood education or care facility (born between April 2, 2023 and April 1, 2024).

●Cooperation with related organizations

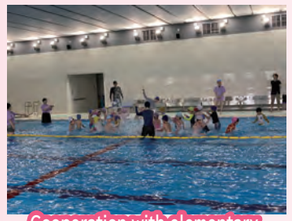
We work in cooperation with kindergarten counselors (clinical psychologists), special-needs support advisors, the Minato City Child Development Support Center, the Minato City Family Support Center, and other organizations.

●Initiatives supporting international understanding education for elementary school and beyond

Native English-speaking teachers are dispatched to every kindergarten three days a week, engaging in English-language play with children and conducting class-wide English activities.

●Improving the quality of education and teachers' expertise through various training and in-house research

Our teachers are early childhood education specialists who hold teaching licenses. Through in-house research at each kindergarten and training sessions with teachers from within and outside the city, they continue to develop their professional expertise.



Cooperation with elementary and junior high schools



Support for child-rearing families



Initiatives supporting international understanding education for elementary school and beyond

List of Minato City Kindergartens



Akabane Kindergarten	1-4-52, Mita	03(3452)0246
Shibaura Kindergarten	4-8-18, Shibaura	03(3452)0574
Takanawa Kindergarten	2-12-31, Takanawa	03(3447)3356
Shirokanedai Kindergarten	3-7-1, Shirokanedai	03(3443)5666
Sanko Kindergarten	3-13-8, Shirokane	03(3444)4233
Konan Kindergarten	4-3-27, Konan	03(3471)7347
Azabu Kindergarten	1-5-15, Azabudai	03(3583)1858
Nanzan Kindergarten	3-8-15, Motoazabu	03(3408)4785
Nakanocho Kindergarten	9-2-26, Akasaka	03(3405)7619
Seinan Kindergarten	4-18-17, Minamiaoyama	03(3402)0758
Nijinohashi Kindergarten	1-1-5, Daiba	03(5500)2577

