



Nursery Schools / Kindergartens

Nursery School

Child-care Facilities Support Subsection, Nursery School Section ☎ 3578-2445



Nursery schools are operated based on the principle of protecting the best interests of children and ensuring that children grow up healthy, both emotionally and physically.

Nursery schools feature integrated childcare and education to provide the most appropriate lifestyle environment for infants.

You may use the following facilities if you are unable to take care of your child at home due to work, illness, etc.

Available Facilities

Type		Description
Facility	Licensed Nursery Schools	These facilities fulfill the establishment criteria set by the national government (size of facility, number of childcare providers, lunch service, disaster prevention management, hygiene management, etc.) and have been certified by the Mayor of Minato City. These facilities provide integrated childcare and education for children 0-5 years old.
	Licensed Children's Gardens	Facilities that provide integrated education and childcare for children who have not yet enrolled in elementary school. They allow you to keep your child enrolled in the same institution even if your work circumstances change. ※ Currently, licensed children's gardens (based on a nursery school model) run by Minato City that accept children with No. 1 Certification are not kindergartens certified under the School Education Act.
	Minato City Nursing Facilities	Unlicensed childcare facilities established by Minato City. Since these facilities are run only by the City, they are unlicensed. However, they use the same enrollment standards/guidelines, application methods, charge the same amount, and provide the same kinds of care as licensed nursery schools. ※ A reduction of capacity is under examination in consideration of childcare demand around the region.
Local Childcare Services	Small-Scale Childcare Services Employer-Provided Childcare Services Household Childcare Services	Provides childcare for guardians who are unable to take care of their child at home due to work, etc., while the child is 0-2 years old. ※ Currently, as of April 2025, Minato City does not offer employer-provided childcare services and household childcare services.
	Home Visit Childcare Services	Provides one-on-one childcare at home for children who fulfill the following criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home-Visit Childcare Services for Children on Waiting Lists Children 0-2 years old who require childcare and whose guardians have applied for admission but were unable to enroll in a licensed nursery school, licensed children's garden, Minato City nursing facility, or small-scale childcare services. • Visit-Based Childcare for Children with Disabilities Children 1-5 years old who require nursery school services as well as medical care due to disabilities, illness, etc., and for whom group childcare would be extremely difficult. ※ Contact the relevant City Office for details.

※ Please refer to the QR code on page 19 in the "List of Licensed Nursery Schools, etc., in Minato City" for information on locations, maximum capacity, and closed days, etc. of the facilities.

※ If your child has been enrolled in a facility that only goes up to classes for 2-year-olds, such as small-scale childcare services, and you wish to enroll your child in a class for 3-year-olds at a licensed nursery school, licensed children's garden, or Minato City nursing facility, the City will work to ensure that your child is enrolled in a class for 3-year-olds at another nursery school.

Procedures for Enrolling at a Nursery School

Q Health and Welfare Subsection, Residents Support Section, Regional City Office



Application forms for enrolling at nursery school are available on the Minato City official website or at the Health and Welfare Subsection in the Residents Support Section of the Regional City Office, which is where enrollment applications are accepted. Please submit all required forms (in person, by postal mail, online) by the deadline for your desired enrollment date. Please see the Minato City website for information on openings at nursery schools. For parents who wish to enroll their children at nursery school from April, please apply during the period listed in the Koho Minato and other publications. Nursery school fees vary depending on resident tax. (For details, please refer to the "Guide to Nursery School Enrollment" which is distributed at the Health and Welfare Subsection in the Residents Support Section of the Regional City Office, and at the Nursery School Section.)

You can also download an application form and the Guide to Nursery School Enrollment document from the Nursery Schools page of the Minato City official website (QR code to the right).

Procedures for Enrolling at Shibaura Island Children's Garden (Kodomo-en)

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For children with No. 2 Certification (childcare certification for children aged 3 and older) and No. 3 Certification (childcare certification for children under 3 years of age), enrollment is determined based on criteria established by Minato City in order of households with a high need for childcare services, while considering usage adjustment (adjustment meetings) in the same way as for licensed nursery schools. The application method is the same as the application method for licensed nursery schools.

Method for determining enrollment in classes for 4- and 5-year-olds with No. 1 Certification (Education standard time certification)

Regarding the method used to determine April enrollment in classes for 4-year-olds, if the maximum capacity established for each certification category is exceeded, enrollment is decided via a random draw. After April, for classes for 4- and 5-year-olds, enrollment is decided on a first come, first served basis whenever calls for applications are made.

Note that simultaneous application (application for enrollment in the same month) for No. 2 Certification requiring childcare and No. 1 Certification not requiring childcare is not possible at Shibaura Island Children's Garden.

For details, please contact the Child-care Facilities Support Subsection, Nursery School Section.

List of Licensed Nursery Schools, etc., in Minato City



Please scan the QR Code above for a list of licensed nursery schools in Minato City.

Home-Visit Childcare Services

Name of Nursery School	Age of Eligibility	Where Care Is Provided	Hours		Extended Hours Age of Eligibility
			Regular Hours	Extended Hours	
Annie - Visit-Based Childcare for Children with Disabilities	Generally children 1-5 years old	Child's home	Maximum of 8 hours 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM		
Poppins Nanny Service (Visit-Based Childcare Service for Children Who Have Been Unable to Enroll in Nursery School)	57 days old - 2 years old	Child's home	7:15 AM - 6:15 PM	Until 8:15 PM	57 days old
Alpha Nanny (Visit-Based Childcare Service for Children Who Have Been Unable to Enroll in Nursery School)	57 days old - 2 years old	Child's home	7:15 AM - 6:15 PM	Until 8:15 PM	57 days old

Home-Visit Childcare Services (Children Requiring Medical Care)

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Childcare providers offer attentive, one-on-one care at the homes of children who require medical care, as well as medical care due to disabilities, illness, etc.

Eligibility: Children who are 1 year old, up to their enrollment in elementary school, who require childcare as well as medical care due to disabilities, illness, etc., and for whom group childcare would be extremely difficult (consultation required for 0-year-olds)

Available Medical Care: Suction of mucus, tube feeding (oral feeding, nasal feeding, gastric fistula, intestinal fistula)

※ For details, please refer to the "Guide to Nursery School Enrollment," which

is distributed at the Health and Welfare Subsection in the Residents Support Section of the Regional City Office.



Moto-azabu Nursery School (Children Requiring Medical Care /Children with Disabilities)

Q Support for Children with Disabilities Subsection, Child Policy Section ☎ 3578-2444



There is a special class offered for children with disabilities or children who require day-to-day medical care* and for whom group childcare is possible.

The class is staffed at all times with a nursery teacher and a regular nurse, and there is a pick-up and drop-off service available (vehicles for people with disabilities) for children who may find it difficult to get to school.

*Medical care refers to medical assistance with day-to-day activities that is necessary in the individual's everyday life.

Moto-azabu Nursery School (Public)

Address: 2-14-12 Moto-azabu

Operator: Designated administrator

Capacity: 20

※ For details, please refer to the Guide to Nursery School Enrollment and the Guidance on Enrolling at Moto-azabu Nursery School (Children Requiring Medical Care / Children with Disabilities), which are distributed at the Health and Welfare Subsection in the Residents Support Section of the Regional City Office.



Certified Nursery Facilities in Minato City

These are childcare facilities that were established based on a policy created to respond to the diversifying childcare needs in the Tokyo metropolitan area. These facilities fulfill the standards set by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government with regard to facility equipment, size, number of staff, etc., and are subsidized by the City.

Contracts are established directly between the user and the facility. Please contact the facilities directly for details.

Unlicensed Childcare Facilities

Q Child Policy Promotion Subsection, Child Policy Section ☎ 3578-2680



“Unlicensed childcare facilities” refers to all childcare facilities that provide care but have not been officially licensed. There are several types of unlicensed childcare facility, and the way they operate, their equipment, etc., varies by facility. Contracts are established directly between the user and the facility. Please check the Minato City official website or contact the facilities directly for details.

Subsidies and Allowances for the Use of Certified Nursery Facilities and Unlicensed Childcare Facilities

Q Child-care Facilities Support Subsection, Nursery School Section ☎ 3578-2428 (Unlicensed)・2429 (Licensed)



For to guardians whose child is enrolled in a certified nursery school or an unlicensed childcare facility (excluding Minato City Nursing Facilities and Minato Childcare Support) that have obtained a “Certificate of Proof that the Unlicensed Childcare Facility Meets Guidance and Supervision Standards” from the prefecture or municipality, during either the certification period for Education and Childcare Benefits (Category 2 or 3) or Facility Usage Benefits for Childcare (Category 2 or 3), there is a partial subsidy program offered to cover part of the childcare fees for certified nursery schools or unlicensed childcare facilities.

See the Minato City official website for details.

Minato Childcare Support Program

Q Facility Management Subsection, General Administration Section, Regional City Office (see back cover)

Q Child and Family Service Subsection, Children and Families Support Center

☎ 5962-7201



This program provides childcare for a maximum of 8 hours per day and 160 hours per month (as a general rule) for families that reside in the City and who are unable to care for children due to part-time employment, employment with short working hours, etc.

- Age of Eligibility** 4 months old - before enrollment in elementary school
- Regular Use** Households with a child that requires childcare for one or more days a week. Service is provided on set days of the week, during set times.
- Irregular Use** Households with a child that requires childcare at irregular intervals. Requires an application for each instance of childcare.
- How to Use** Call the facility you would like to use to make a reservation, then submit the necessary documents (application form and documents that show the reason(s) why you require childcare, such as work). Lunch is not served. Children must bring their own meals. (Snacks will be provided) Contact the facilities directly for details.
※There is a fee exemption policy for this program. Contact the Children and Families Support Center or check the Minato City official website for details.

For Expectant Mothers

After Your Baby is Born

Nursery Schools and Kindergartens

When You Want Temporary Care for Your Child

Community Childcare Support

One Your Child is Enrolled in School

Consultation Services & Support

Childcare SOS



Kindergartens



Pursuant to the Kindergarten Education Procedure, kindergartens (education facilities regulated by the School Education Act) provide a carefully developed educational curriculum designed to equip children with the basics they'll need for life and learning in elementary school and beyond.

Kindergartens are designed so children can acquire a variety of skills (being of healthy mind and body; independence/ social skills; foundation for thought processes; language; expressiveness; normative conscience) while enjoying themselves through play. The aim is to prepare them for a smooth transition into elementary school.

Procedures for Enrolling at a Public Kindergarten



 Educational Affairs Subsection, School Affairs Section, School Education Department, Secretariat of the Board of Education
 3578-2779



You will be notified of the deadline for April enrollment (for children 3-4 years old who reside in the City) through the Koho Minato, etc. Generally, the distribution/submission of kindergarten application forms begins in mid-November each year. Kindergarten application forms can be found at each public kindergarten, the School Affairs Section of City Hall, etc. Submit the completed form to the kindergarten you wish to enroll your child in, or to the School Affairs Section of City Hall. You can also apply online through the Minato City official website. Lotteries will be held if there are more applications than there are spots available. Applications for 5-year-olds will be accepted on a rolling basis depending on the advancement of the 4-year-olds currently in the system. Note that applications outside of April enrollment (for children aged 3, 4, or 5 years old who reside in the City) will be handled separately by each kindergarten.

There are no fees for public kindergartens.
Please contact us for details.

Procedures for Enrolling at a Private Kindergarten

 Educational General Affairs Subsection, Office of the Superintendent of Education, Education Promotion Department, Secretariat of the Board of Education
 3578-2712



Contact individual kindergartens for information on their enrollment procedures.
Guardians with a child that resides in/attends kindergarten in the City, and who are paying enrollment fees and kindergarten fees are provided with a Guardian Subsidy and Facility Usage Allowance, depending on their income/ household circumstances.
Kindergartens will notify you of how to apply in around June each year.
For details, inquire with individual private kindergartens or with the Office of the Superintendent of Education, or visit the website of the Board of Education.

Public Kindergartens (Three-Year Kindergartens)

Q Educational Affairs Subsection, School Affairs Section, School Education Department, Secretariat of the Board of Education ☎ 3578-2779



A three-year kindergarten program is provided by the following kindergartens: Shibaura, Takanawa, Shirokanedai, Sanko, Konan, Azabu, Nanzan, Nakanochi, Seinan, and Nijinohashi. This program provides detailed instruction adjusted to each individual child, and emphasizes coordination/collaboration with the child's family. Children learn basic life skills in a relaxed environment, building on the foundation of trust, affection, etc., they have with their teachers. They will also experience what it is like to spend time with and have fun with friends.



Public Kindergartens (Temporary Childcare)

Q Educational Affairs Subsection, School Affairs Section, School Education Department, Secretariat of the Board of Education ☎ 3578-2779



● Child-rearing support childcare (temporary childcare)

All kindergartens offer "Childcare Support" service, where children can stay beyond regular hours (2:00 PM to 5:00 PM). In FY2025, Nijinohashi Kindergarten will experimentally extend this service until 5:30 PM.

Children will experience a homely atmosphere that is different from regular childcare. The capacity is 20 children.

(Shirokanedai, Azabu, and Nakanochi Kindergartens have a capacity of 30, and Konan Kindergarten has a capacity of 40.) Different-aged young children play together in childcare rooms and garden grounds.

They will also sometimes go out to a nearby library, or participate in seasonal events at a Children's Hall.

Contact each kindergarten for details.

Childcare fees will be determined based on your level (category) of income/household circumstances. The City also offers a Facility Usage Allowance for guardians who require childcare, such as households where both parents work.

★ Annual Fee

- 8,000 yen per month (8,500 yen for the month of March) (For the highest income bracket) (96,500 yen per year)

- If the child has an older brother or sister in the same household, they (second child onward) will be fully exempted from this fee. Partial reductions are offered to single-parent households, etc., whose municipal income tax payment is 77,100 yen or less.

★ Temporary Usage Fees

- 800 yen per day

Contact our office for further details.

★ Temporary Childcare Services During Summer Holidays

Temporary childcare services are offered at six locations within the City (one in each district and Nijinohashi Kindergarten) during summer and winter breaks from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (In FY 2025, Nijinohashi Kindergarten will also experimentally offer services during the spring break.)

List of Kindergartens



For a list of kindergartens, see the QR code above.

Pre-Kindergarten Children's Events for Minato City Public Kindergartens

Q Educational Affairs Subsection, School Affairs Section, School Education Department, Secretariat of the Board of Education ☎ 3578-2779



The 12 public kindergartens in Minato City open their facilities, etc., mainly for children who have not yet entered kindergarten. Activities vary by kindergarten and include free use of kindergarten facilities and playground equipment, playing with kindergarten students, and participating in school events. For further information, please contact each kindergarten directly. Please take advantage of this program as an opportunity for interaction among children and parents, and for touring the facilities of kindergartens in your neighborhood.

Open Days for Minato City Public Kindergartens

Q Educational Affairs Subsection, School Affairs Section, School Education Department, Secretariat of the Board of Education ☎ 3578-2779



The 12 public kindergartens in the City host open days for kindergarten students/their siblings, pre-kindergarten children, etc., who are accompanied by their guardian. These take place after the end of the care day, during long breaks, etc. Contact each kindergarten for the date, etc., of their open day.

Raising Children at Home and at Kindergarten

Q Childcare Facility Guidance Section, Child Policy Section ☎ 3578-2942

Q Educational Personnel Planning Section, School Education Department, Secretariat of the Board of Education, ☎ 3578-2358



The City and the Secretariat of the Board of Education have produced the following materials in order to encourage the growth and education of children through the cooperation of both families and nurseries/kindergartens.

○ Connecting Growth and Education What to Value at Home Handbook (For guardians of children aged 3~4)

This publication covers the lives of 3- to 4-year-olds divided into early and late stages, the children in those periods at nurseries and how they connect with nursery workers, and what to value at home (connection with guardians).



○ Minato Kids Navi (For guardians of children aged 5)

A leaflet covering things to address during the year before your child starts elementary school, so that they can peacefully start school and fully enjoy school life.



Both materials will be distributed among guardians with children enrolled in nurseries and kindergartens in Minato City, and the data will also be available on the Minato City official website.

Please check them out when you need some childcare hints!