## **Procedures for Enrolling in Municipal Schools**

You may enroll your child in a Hiroshima municipal elementary or junior high school, where they will receive the same education as Japanese pupils, from the first April after their turning six-years old till they are 15-years old.

At Hiroshima municipal elementary and junior high schools both the classes and the textbooks are free.

If you are not planning to have your child attend one of the non-municipal schools, you should definitely enroll them in one of the Hiroshima municipal schools so that they too may work toward turning their dreams into realities.

Enrollment procedures can be conducted at the School Affairs Division of the Hiroshima Municipal Board of Education, the Citizens Affairs Division of your ward office, or your branch office.

- Based on a family's income, the City of Hiroshima may provide financial assistance for school meals and school supplies necessary for school studies to those who find it difficult to enroll their child in school for financial reasons. (See the reverse side for more information.)
- For students who need additional teaching in Japanese language fundamentals, a Japanese tutor will be dispatched to their schools.
- If you are considering enrolling your child at a lower grade than their age group based on reasons such as language difficulties, please contact the School Affairs Division of the Hiroshima Municipal Board of Education at 082-504-2469 before beginning the procedures.

If you have any questions about school enrollment please contact the School Affairs Division of the Hiroshima Municipal Board of Education at 082-504-2469.

A Guidebook for Starting School is available as a reference to the public in Korean, Vietnamese, Chinese, Spanish, Pilipino, English and Portuguese on the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Web site.

http://www.mext.go.jp/a\_menu/shotou/clarinet/003/001.htm#a09

## **Notification of School Expense Subsidy System**

Families whose income is at or below the figures shown in the following table can apply to the City of Hiroshima for financial assistance for the required school supply and school lunch expenses for children studying at municipal elementary and junior high schools.

(These figures are from FY2012. These figures are rough estimates, and some variations may apply based on household age distribution, etc.)

Size of household	2 people	3 people	4 people	5 people	Each additional person above 5 people
Annual income (Gross annual income)	Approx. 2.34 million yen (Approx. 3.60 million yen)	Approx. 2.97 million yen (Approx. 4.39 million yen)	Approx. 3.41 million yen (Approx. 4.95 million yen)	Approx. 3.73 million yen (Approx. 5.34 million yen)	Increase by approx. 450,000 yen

Note: Annual income is,

- for salaried workers, the value after employment income deduction from the withholding slip.
- for business income, the value after subtracting required expenses from annual earnings.

Target expense items for subsidy

(1) School supplies, etc. (Figures for FY2012)

1 <sup>st</sup> year elementary school student	2 <sup>nd</sup> year - 6 <sup>th</sup> year elementary school student
12,610 yen	14,780 yen
1 <sup>st</sup> year junior high school student	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> year junior high school student
23,880 yen	26,050 yen

(2) Supplies for new enrollment (Figure for FY2012)

1 <sup>st</sup> year elementary school student	1 <sup>st</sup> year junior high school student
19,900 yen	22,900 yen

(3) School lunch, (4) School excursions, (5) Outdoor activities, and (6) School infirmary (Families receiving welfare benefits are subject to receiving subsidies for only school excursion and school infirmary expenses.)

Application for financial assistance is performed after school enrollment. If you have questions, contact the Department of School Affairs, Board of Education (504-2469) for assistance.