

2026 School Year

Higashiagatsuma Nursery School Admission Guide



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Childcare Administration

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※This guide contains information needed for utilizing the town's nursery schools.
Please read it carefully before applying.

1 Overview of Usage

(1) Target ages:

0 years	Born after April 2, 2025
1 year	Born between April 2, 2024 and April 1, 2025
2 years	Born between April 2, 2023 and April 1, 2024

A) Applicants must be registered as residents of this town and have their main residence in this town as of April 1, 2026.

B) For children 0 years old, admission will be the first of the month following the child becoming 8 months old.

Please apply now even if the admission date (1st of the next month) will be later in the year.

※You can also apply prior to giving birth if you plan to enroll your child.

C) We also accept applications for those planning to move to this town; however, you must be moved by April 1, 2026 or the first of the month you wish to enroll your child, and we must be able to confirm your address. If you do not or cannot meet this requirement, you will not be able to enroll your child.

(2) Facility Names and Capacities

Facility Name	Capacity			Childcare Hours
	<1 year old	1 year old	2 years old	
Haramachi Nursery School Haramachi 5163 0279-68-2853	10	24	36	Full-Time Hours 7:30~18:30
Azuma Nursery School Hakoshima 1269-1 0279-59-3877	5	8	12	Part-Time Hours 8:30~16:30
				※Saturday Care 7:30~18:00

(※) Saturday care is available on request.

(3) Certification for childcare

If you wish to enroll your child in a nursery school, you will need to apply for, and receive, a Type 3 Certification (Childcare Certification) from the town.

Depending on the "reason necessitating care", childcare hours are divided between full-time care, and part-time care.

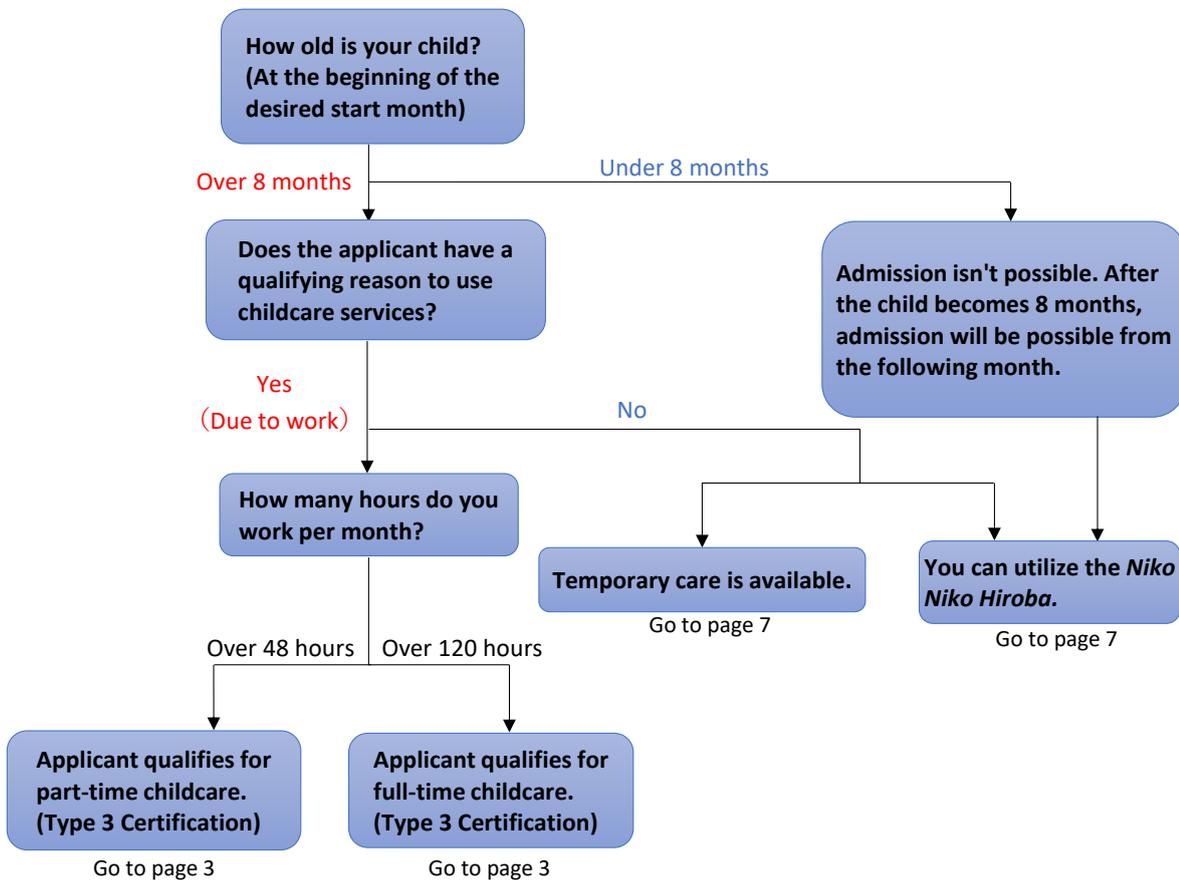
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Applications can be done online.
Please see page 5 for details.

2 Admission Flow-chart



3 Reasons for Childcare Enrollment

If childcare is difficult for the both parents due to work, illness, etc., and you meet the requirement for a reason listed below, certification can be obtained.

※If there are grandparents that can care for the child, this will be considered when evaluating certification.

Reasons for needing childcare	
Work	Working 48 hours or more per month (including part-time work)
Pregnancy/Childbirth	Recently given, or soon to give birth (2 months before and 8 weeks after)
Illness/Disability	Illness, injury, or physical/mental disability
Nursing Care	Providing care for a relative who is hospitalized or living with them
Disaster Recovery	Currently recovering from a disaster (earthquake, windstorm, flood, etc)
Job Hunting	Currently seeking employment or preparing to start a business (3 month certification)
Attending School	Currently enrolled in an educational institution
Vocational Training	Receiving vocational training at a vocational school
Abuse/DV	There is a risk of abuse or domestic violence
Childcare Leave	※Only when it is deemed difficult to care for the child at home
Other	Other situations deemed to be similar to the above listed by the town

4 Reasons eligible for full-time care

(1)	Work	Each guardian works at least 120 hours per month
(2)	Disaster Recovery	
(3)	Concern of child abuse or DV	

Childcare hours for full-time certification:

Monday to Friday 7:30am - 6:30pm
 Saturday 7:30am - 6:00pm

*You can use the childcare services for up to 11 hours within the listed times.

5 Reasons eligible for part-time care

(1)	Work	Each guardian works at least 48 hours per month, but less than 120 hours
(2)	Illness/Disability	
(3)	Nursing Care	
(4)	Job Hunting	Limited to 3 months

※ Regarding Pregnancy/Childbirth (2 months before and 8 weeks after) an interview will be conducted to determine eligibility. For guardians attending school, eligibility will be based on number of hours enrolled.

Childcare hours for part-time certification:

Monday to Friday 7:30am - 4:30pm
 Saturday 7:30am - 4:30pm

*You can use the childcare services for up to 8 hours within the listed times.

Certification of usage is based on reason for needing childcare.

(Example of weekday schedule)

7:30	8:30	16:30	18:30
	Full-time care hours (Up to 11 hours)		
(Extension)	Part-time care hours (Up to 8 hours)		(Extension)

※Part-time care is available for a maximum of 8 hours as determined by the town.

(This does not mean that the service can be used for up to 8 hours from 7:30am to 6:30pm.)

If you require childcare outside the specified hours due to unavoidable circumstances, you can use extended childcare hours.

※A fee applies to use of extended hours. See page 7 for details.

6 Application Procedure (Paper method)

(1) Documents to submit:

A) Application for certification of education and childcare benefits for children and application for use of childcare facilities (type 2 or type 3 applications).

B) Proof of need for childcare (see table below).

Documents of proof must be submitted for the mother, father, and grandparents under the age of 60 if living together.

Even if the households are separate, if they live at the same address, on the same lot, or in the same building, they are considered to be living together.

Required documents for reasons for needing childcare

Reasons for needing childcare	
Work	<u>Employment Certificate</u> ※ If self-employed, a farmer, or work from home, you will need to include additional documents. Please see our website for information.
Pregnancy/Childbirth	Copy of Maternity Health Record Book (Page showing your name, address, and expected delivery date)
Illness/Disability	<u>Medical certificate from a doctor</u> ※
Nursing Care	For those with a certificate for physical disability, rehabilitation, mental disability, or welfare, please prepare a copy.
Disaster Recovery	Copy of the disaster victim certificate
Job Hunting	Job Hunting Application Form (separate page)
Attending School	Certificate of enrollment (If planning to attend, include a copy of your acceptance letter)
Vocational Training	
Abuse/DV	Certificate issued by a relevant public institution

(2) Application period September 8 (Monday), 2025 ~ September 19 (Friday), 2025
8:30am - 4:30pm

(3) Where to submit The nursery school you wish to enroll your child in.
If you are unable to submit your application during this period, you can also submit it to the Board of Education, School Education Division.

(4) About Interviews The interview will be conducted at the time of submission.
Please bring your child with you.
※In some cases, you may be asked to wait for a short period.

(5) Other

A) Please fill out the forms using a non-eraseable, black ball-point pen.

B) If applying for multiple children, you must submit a complete application for each child.
※If your reason for applying is illness or disability, or job hunting, you can attach copies of the required documents to the other children's applications.

C) If you are currently job hunting, once you find a job, please submit a certificate of employment to the School Education division as soon as possible.

D) If there are any changes to the information provided after submitting, please notify the School Education division.

Caution) For those whose reason of admission is job hunting, if you aren't, or can't be employed within 3 months, your child may be disenrolled.

7 Online Application

(1) Requirements prior to applying

A) MyNumber compatible smartphone or a computer with an IC card reader

B) Mynportal application

C) MyNumber Card

※An electronic signature is required. If you have forgotten your password, please visit the town hall town resident division for assistance.

D) Proof of need for childcare (see table below).

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※Original documents must be submitted by mail or in person to the School Education division.

(2) Application period September 8 (Mon), 2025 ~ September 21 (Sun), 2025

Applications can be made at night, on weekends, or holidays so applications can be made until 11:59pm on the 21st.

(3) Interview

Interviews will be conducted at the nursery school. Please contact the nursery school you want to enroll your child at least one day before you want to schedule it. The interview must be completed by September 30th.

(4) How to apply

You can apply by scanning the QR code below.

※If you can't use the QR code, there is a link on the town's homepage you can also use to apply.

Application for certification of education and childcare benefits for children and application for use of childcare facilities (type 2 and type 3 applications)



8 Certification Type Change

If the education and childcare benefit certification determined at the time of admission needs to be changed due to reasons such as the guardians' employment, it can be changed by submitting an application.

For information on reasons for receiving childcare, and reasons for receiving Type 3 certification (childcare certification) full-time or part-time, please see page 3.

(1) How To Change Certification Type

Please submit the "Application for Change of Education and Childcare Benefit Certification" (kyouiku・hoiku kyufu nintei ni kakaru henko shinseisho) by the 20th of the month prior to the month you wish to make the change.

※ Please submit the application by the deadline even if you cannot submit the supporting documents immediately.

(2) Decision on Change of Certification

If the change in certification is approved, you will be notified by the nursery school staff. If it is not approved or additional confirmation is required, the staff will notify you.

(3) About Maternity/Childcare Leave

When the guardian of a child currently enrolled in a nursery school takes maternity or childcare leave from work for the birth to a second or subsequent child, the child can continue to use the nursery school by applying for change of certification type.

○Those who can continue using the nursery school after maternity leave

・Nursery school/kindergarten enrollment reason was due to work prior to taking maternity or childcare leave.

・Childcare leave for care of the newborn.

※It can be continued even if both guardians (mother/father) take childcare leave.

○Period of Continued Use and Childcare Hours

・Childcare service can be used until the end of the month the newborn becomes 18 months old.

・If you return to work before the newborn is 18 months old, you will need to apply for a change of certification based on working hours.

・If your reason for needing childcare service is maternity/childcare leave, your child will be certified for part-time childcare.

※If you continue childcare leave after the month the newborn child becomes 18 months old, the enrolled child will be changed to type 1 certification (if in kindergarten) or unenrolled (if in nursery school).

Not all eligible children will be permitted to continue using this service

If you wish to continue using this service during childcare leave after your maternity certification ends, please consult with the chief (shunin) of the kindergarten or nursery school you are using by the 15th of the month your maternity leave certification ends.

○Required Documents

・Application form for using kindergartens or nursery schools during childcare leave.

(ikujikyugyo chu no kodomoen・hoikusho riyo ni kakawaru shinseisho)

・Documents that prove you are using childcare leave (such as a certification of employment [shuro shomeisho]).

・Other documents you may be asked to provide.

8 Childcare fees reductions and exemptions

The town offers reduced fees from the second child on.

- Fees for the second child will be half.
- From the third child on, childcare will be free.

※ In addition, reductions and other measures are available based on the household income and situation.

9 Temporary care and extended hours

(1) Emergency childcare

Up to 14 days of care for children who cannot be cared for at home due to guardian's illness, childbirth, wedding, funeral, etc.

(2) Temporary childcare

Available for up to 7 days to provide guardians temporary relief from the mental and physical burdens of childcare.

(3) Intermittent childcare

Available in the case of a change in work hours.

Temporary Childcare Fees (for children not enrolled normally)
¥500/hour or ¥1500/day

(4) Extended Hours (care care outside of normal hours for children enrolled in part-time care)

Childcare Hours	Fee per child
7:30am – 8:30am 4:30pm – 6:30pm	¥500/hour

10 About the *Niko Niko Hiroba* Parenting Center

Parents with young children and infants can gather casually for their children to play together and make friends with other parents.

※This is not a childcare service.

- (1) Place Haramachi Nursery School, Second Floor
- (2) Days Monday to Saturday (Open days for each month are posted on the town webpage)
- (3) Hours 9:00am – 12:00pm; 1:00pm – 3:00pm
 ※Saturdays 9:00am – 12:00pm

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