

**2026 School Year**

**Higashiagatsuma Kindergarten Admission Guide**



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

## 1 Overview of Usage

### (1) Target ages:

3 years old	Born between 2022/4/2	~	2023/4/1
4 years old	Born between 2021/4/2	~	2022/4/1
5 years old	Born between 2020/4/2	~	2021/4/1

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

B We also accept applications for those planning to move to this town; however, you must be moved by April 1, 2026, 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, capacities, and service areas

Facility Name	Capacity						Service Area (By District)
	3 year old		4 year old		5 year old		
	Type 1	Type 2	Type 1	Type 2	Type 1	Type 2	
Azuma Kindergarten Hakoshima 1270-11 0279-59-3933	25		35		35		Gochoda · Hakoshima · Okazaki Aramaki · Okuda
	10	15	15	20	15	20	
Ota Kindergarten Ueguri 3333 0279-68-2062	25		35		35		Iwai · Ueguri · Koizumi · Izumisawa
	10	15	15	20	15	20	
Haramachi Kindergarten Haramachi 5160 0279-68-2895	50		70		70		Haramachi · Kawado · Kanai
	20	30	30	40	30	40	
Iwashima Kindergarten Iwashita 45 0279-67-3631	25		35		35		Gobara · Atsuda · Mishima Matsuya · Iwashita · Yagura
	10	15	15	20	15	20	
Sakaue Kindergarten Motojuku 407-1 0279-69-3515	25		35		35		Odo · Hagyu · Motojuku Sugao · Okashiwagi
	10	15	15	20	15	20	

• You must enroll in the kindergarten for the service area where you live.

### (3) About Certification

To enroll in the town's kindergartens, you must receive certification from the town.

For those enrolling for educational use only, or not covered by the "reasons for needing childcare", a Type 1 Certification will be issued.

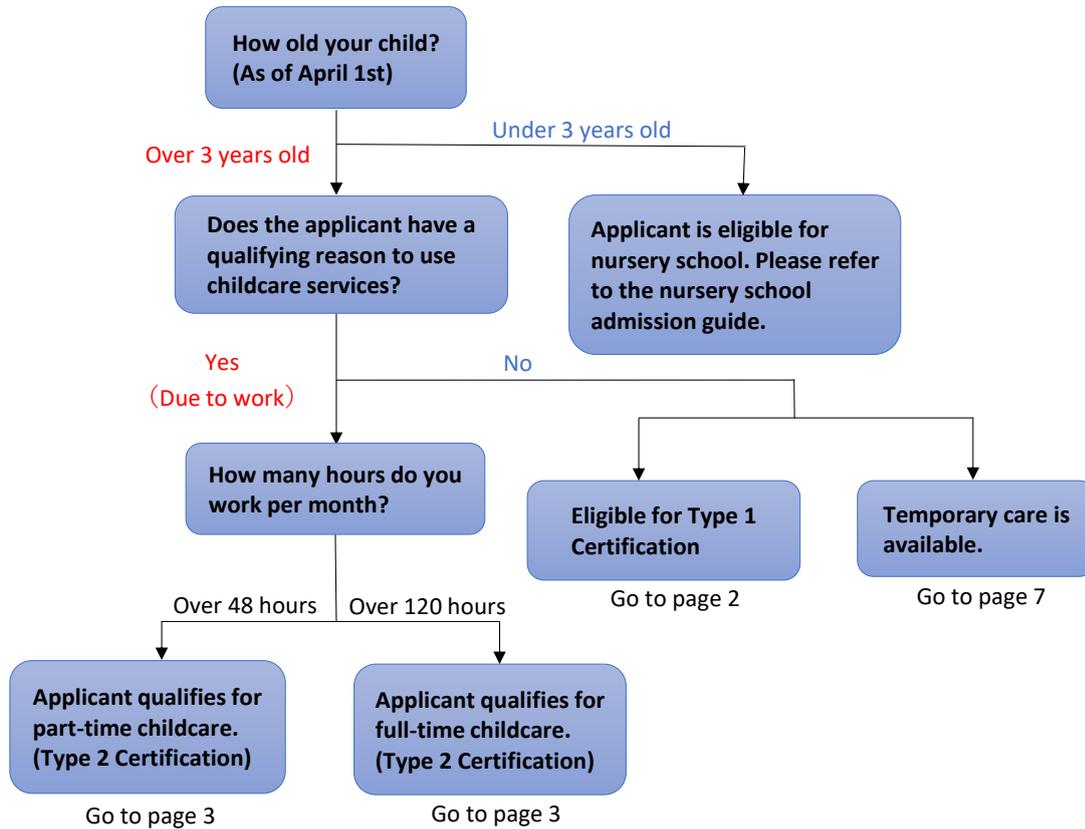
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For information regarding Type 1 Certification, see page 2.

If childcare is needed due to parents' employment or illness, etc., and the reason is covered by the "reasons for needing childcare", a Type 2 Certification can be issued.

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For information regarding Type 2 Certification, see page 3.

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

2 Admission Flow-chart



3 If you enroll with a Type 1 Certification (educational use),

If you are a resident of this town and plan to enroll for educational use, you can receive a Type 1 Certification

If you don't meet the requirements for needing childcare, you can also receive a Type 1 certification.

**【Hours for Type 1 Certification】**

Monday – Friday 8:30am – 1:30pm

Saturdays are designated childcare days. See (2) on page 6 for more information.

If you need to leave your child at the kindergarten for 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 6 for details.

4 Type 2 Enrollment (Childcare Certification)

To qualify for childcare certification, the child's legal guardians must meet one of the following criteria.

※If there are grandparents that can care for the child, they 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

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

(1) Reasons eligible for full-time care

(1)	Work	Each guardian works 120 hours or more 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.

(2) Reasons eligible for part-time care

(1)	Work	Each guardian works 48 hours or more 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                      8:30am - 4:30pm  
 Saturday                                      8:30am - 4:30pm

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

Saturday childcare is available for full-time and part-time care certifications upon request.

(3) 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.

5 Application Procedure (Paper method)

※For online application information, see page 5.

(1) Type 1 Certification (Educational use only)

Application for certification of educational use only (type 1 applications).

(2) Type 2 Certification (Educational use and Childcare service)

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

• 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

(3) Application Period                      September 8, 2025 (Monday) ~ September 19, 2025 (Friday)  
8:30am ~ 4:00pm

(4) Application Place                      The kindergarten you wish to enroll at  
※Please bring your child with you.

(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 changed to a Type 1 certification and/or disenrolled from childcare services.

6 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's residence division for assistance.

Type 2 Certification (Educational use and Childcare service)

D) 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.

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Abuse/DV	Certificate issued by a relevant public institution

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

(2) Application period September 8 (Monday), 2025 ~ September 21 (Sunday), 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 held on the day of the orientation on February 2, 2026.  
For other inquiries, please contact the facility you are planning to enroll in.

(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.

Type 1 Certification (Educational use only) applications

Type 2・3 Certification (Educational use and Childcare service)



## 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 2 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 kindergarten 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 kindergarten takes maternity or childcare leave from work for the birth to a second or subsequent child, the child can continue to use the childcare service by applying for a change of certification type.

○Those who can continue using the childcare service after maternity leave

・Nursery school/childcare 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 leave 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.

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

・Other documents you may be asked to provide.

7 Temporary care and extended hours

(1) Temporary care (for children 3y/o and older who are not enrolled in kindergarten)

A 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.

B Temporary childcare

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

C Intermittent childcare

Available in the case of a change in work hours.

(2) Kindergarten Temporary Care (For Type 1 certified)

Classification	Childcare hours	Fees per child
Weekday	From the end of educational hours to 4:00pm	¥200/day
Saturday	8:30am ~ 4:00pm	¥200/hour or ¥1,000/day
Long holidays	8:30am ~ 4:00pm	¥200/hour or ¥1,000/day

○Use limit

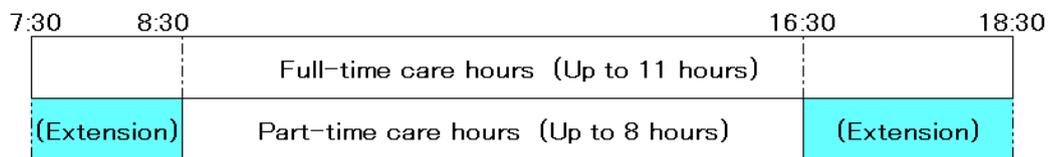
Weekdays・Saturdays: Up to 7 days per month.

Long Holidays: Up to 7 days.

(Partial day use counts as 1 day)

(3) Extended Childcare Hours (for Type 2 Part-time certification)

Childcare Hours	Fees per
7:30am ~ 8:30am 4:30pm ~ 6:30pm	¥200/hour



※Extended care for part-time certification is available before and after the part-time care hours.