

<8> Child Care/Education

Child Care Support

Daycare Center (hoikuen) · Kindergarten (kodomoen)

Daycare & Kindergarten Management Division ☎ 23-6144 FAX 23-6540

Information about application for enrollment at the beginning of the next academic year is available around September. To apply for enrollment during the academic year, contact the relevant daycare facility (a quota is set for each facility), temporary and overtime child care services are available at some daycare centers. For details, contact the Daycare & Kindergarten Management Division or the relevant facility or see the City homepage.

Child Care Support Center

3rd floor, Jōhoku Daycare Center ☎ 26-0706 FAX 26-6711

Child Care Consultation

Consultation with an expert counselor is available over the phone and in person with regard to child care issues such as children's lifestyle, daycare or kindergarten enrollment, etc.

Playrooms · Toddling (yochiyochi) rooms

Play areas which can be used prior to enrolling in daycare or kindergarten.

Child Care Groups/Circles

The Center supports the activities of child care circles, which offer opportunities for small groups of children/parents to interact with each other.

Courses

The Center holds useful courses focused on raising children.

Information Magazine "Suku-Suku"

The Center publishes the monthly information magazine "Suku-Suku."

Family Support Center

Family & Child Division ☎ 87-5050 FAX 87-5051

The Family Support Center is a membership organization in which "those who wish to help" and "those who want help" register and work collaboratively to assist each other with child care.

Members in need of assistance (Requesting member)

Those who live and work in Okazaki City and are raising children up to 6th-year of elementary-school.

Members wanting to help (Supporting member)

Those who live in Okazaki City and can care for children at their homes.

- ※May register both as a requesting and supporting member.
- ※Registration occurs after taking a training class.
- ※There are no requirements in terms of licenses, experience, or gender.

Types of support available

- Taking children to/from their daycare center, kindergarten, or after-school care center; babysitting while parents are working or having a break to get refreshed.
- Temporary babysitting for when it is difficult for parents to be with their children, including such cases as visiting the hospital, nursing, community work, attending ceremonies, and classroom visitation.
- ※Support is not available in the form of overnight babysitting or babysitting of sick children.

After-School Care Centers

Child Rearing Support Division ☎ 23-6330 FAX 23-7292

An After-School Care Center is a facility for children whose parents are at work during the daytime.

- 【Intended for】** Elementary school students whose parents are at work during the daytime.
- 【Cost】** 7,000 yen per month
- 【Hours】** From after school to 7:00pm
 ※Open Saturdays (at specific centers) from 8:00am-7:00pm
 Monday to Friday during long vacations (spring, summer, winter) as well as school holidays and kid's days, hours are between 7:30am-7:00pm.
 ※An additional fee is required for use from 7:30am-8:00am.
- 【Application】** General application period is around November. It is possible to submit an application at any time the relevant Center has a vacancy.

What a deal! Show the Hagumin Card when shopping.

Child Rearing Support Division ☎ 23-6820 FAX 23-6833

The *Hagumin Card* is provided to families with children under 18 as well as pregnant women. Showing this card at supporting shops provides you with various bonuses.



- 【Application】** Child Rearing Support Division (3rd floor, East Building), branch offices (*shisho*)
- 【Requirements】** Health insurance certificate, Maternal Health and Child Health Handbook (*boshitechō*), or any other type of certificate that shows the applicant meets the requirements
- 【Miscellany】** This card can be used at supporting shops within the prefecture, and at cooperating shops in other parts of the country. It is possible to obtain information about supporting shops by scanning the code on the back of the card.

School District Children's Homes (*Gakku Kodomo-no-ie*)**Child Rearing Support Division ☎ 23-6694 FAX 23-7292**

There are 43 Children's Home facilities in the city. These are for elementary school students and residents of the school districts. Each Home has a recreation room and a library.

Facility use by elementary school students

Monday through Friday: 1:00pm-6:00pm (7:00pm in some districts)

Saturdays: 10:00am-6:00pm (some districts may open at 8:00am, and some may close at 7:00pm)

Substitute holidays, long holidays: 8:00am-6:00pm (7:00pm in some districts)

Closed: Sundays, holidays, December 29th-January 3rd.

Facility use by residents of the school district

May be used after elementary school students leave until 10:00pm (9:00 pm in some districts) and from 10:00am to noon in the case where elementary school students are not using the facility.) To use a facility, group registration is required at the relevant location.

Child Care Spots at Daycare Centers (*Hoikuen Kosodate Hiroba*)**Child Care Support Center ☎ 26-0706 FAX 26-6711**

Some of the daycare centers are open for use as child-rearing or parenting spaces.

【Intended for】 Children yet enrolled in daycare or kindergarten and their guardians (please refrain from using if your children are in daycare or kindergarten.)

【Hours】 9:30am-11:30am

* This service may be canceled on event days.

【Days and Locations】

Monday/Wednesday..... Katano Daycare Center

Tuesday/Thursday..... Shimoyama Daycare Center

Wednesday/Thursday..... Miai Daycare Center

Tuesday Mutsumi-Minami, Midorigaoka, Nakazono, Daimon, and Nakajima Daycare Centers

Wednesday Ida, Hatchō, Iwazu, Minami, and Oka Daycare Centers

2nd Saturday (monthly)..... Hadanashi Daycare Center

See City Homepage for ... Shirohato Daycare Center

**Local Child Care Support Center****Child Care Support Center ☎ 26-0706 FAX 26-6711**

Specialty playrooms or playground may be available for use. Mini-courses, etc. are also offered.

【Hours】 9:30am-2:30pm

(Phone consultation is: 8:30am-3:30pm)

【Days and Locations】

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday Iwamastu and Ryūgai Daycare Centers

Monday/Wednesday/Friday Shimasaka, Mutsuminaka, and Toyotomi Daycare Centers

Tsudoi no Hiroba**Child Care Support Center ☎ 26-0706 FAX 26-6711**

Community Centers offer a child care consultation service and provide opportunities for children and their parents to interact with each other.

【Hours】 Tuesday-Sunday: 9:00am-9:00pm (closed on days following a national holiday.)
 ※ Tuesday-Friday: 9:00am-4:00pm – daycare staff are present.

【Location】 North Area Community Center (Nagomin) (Nishikuramae-chō)
 South Area Community Center (Yorinan) (2 chōme, Ueji)
 West Area Community Center (Yahagikan) (Yahagi-chō)
 East Area Community Center (Murasakikan) (Fujikawa-chō)
 Mutsumi Annex Community Center –Yuki no Sato (Nakajima-chō)

Child Support "Suku-Suku LINE"
Starting in July 2022!

Providing relevant information to assist and reassure

- expecting mothers – according to weeks of pregnancy or
- those who've recently given birth – according to the child's growth.



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Allowances & Subsidies

Child Allowance (Jidō Teate)**Child Rearing Support Division ☎ 23-6628 FAX 23-7279**

The child allowance is paid to individuals raising a child/children up to and including 3rd grade of junior high school (i.e. up until March 31st after the child turns 15 years old.) (Income restrictions apply.)

Child Medical Expense Subsidy (Kodomo Iryōhi Josei)**Medical Subsidies Office ☎ 23-6148 FAX 27-1160**

Partial subsidy for medical expenses for children up to age 15 (until March 31st after turning 15.)

※ From September 2020, hospitalization for children up to 18 is also eligible.

Orphan Allowance (Iji Teate)**Child Rearing Support Division ☎ 23-6150 FAX 23-7279**

The orphan allowance is paid to individuals raising children aged 18 or younger (including those with severe disabilities but not including those who have been institutionalized) missing one or both parents. (Income restrictions apply.)

Child Support Allowance (Jidō Fuyō Teate)**Child Rearing Support Division ☎ 23-6150 FAX 23-7279**

The child support allowance is paid to individuals raising children aged 18 or younger (including those with severe disabilities) missing one or both parents, or children under 20 years old suffering from moderate or severe physical and/or mental disabilities missing one or both parents (in both cases, does not include children living in a public institution.) (Income restrictions apply.)

Medical Expense Subsidy for Single-Parent Family (Boshikateitō Iryōhi Josei)**Medical Subsidies Office ☎ 23-6148 FAX 27-1160**

The following individuals may have a portion of their medical expenses from insurance provided treatment subsidized: single parents (including one with a spouse suffering from disabilities of a specified severity) raising a child aged 18 or younger, children of a single parent; and children without parents (not including children living in an institution.) (Income restrictions apply.)

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School Education**Enrollment in School & Transfers****School Management Division ☎ 23-6425 FAX 23-6529****Admission notice**

Every September, each elementary school sends a notice for health checkup at school, and in January, the Board of Education mails an admission notice (a separate notice will be sent to those who move to or move within the city after the notice period has passed.)

Changing schools (According to the notification of residence transfer, a new school is designated.)**【Moving to Okazaki from another city】**

Upon notification of change of address, an admission designation notice (入学指定通知書^{nyūgakushiteitsūchisho}) will be issued, so please obtain a student registration certificate (在学証明書^{zaigakushōmeisho}) issued by the previous school and submit the notice to the designated school.

【Moving within Okazaki】

Upon notification of change of address, an admission designation notice (入学指定通知書^{nyūgakushiteitsūchisho}) will be issued, so please obtain a student registration certificate (在学証明書^{zaigakushōmeisho}) from the previous school and submit it to the (new) indicated school.

【Moving out of Okazaki】

After receiving a student registration certificate (在学証明書^{zaigakushō meisho}), file a City Move-out Notification and complete the necessary formalities.

Scholarship Loan System

Education Policy Division ☎ 23-6625 FAX 23-6558

Scholarship Fund (Application scheduled to be available from September to November)

This is a system to lend necessary financial support (up to 400,000 yen per year) to university students and vocational school students enrolled in a specialist training course and in trouble for economic reasons.

Grant System for Private High School Tuition

Education Policy Division ☎ 23-6625 FAX 23-6558

Grant for school tuition (Application is scheduled to be available in October.)

This is a system to provide school tuition grants (up to 12,000 yen per year) for parents of students attending private high schools, etc. (Income restrictions apply.)

Financial Support System on School Enrollment

School Management Division ☎ 23-6425 FAX 23-6529

This is a system to support financially troubled parents of elementary and junior high school students by offering financial assistance with regard to fees for school supplies, school food, school excursions, and other expenses (Income restrictions apply.)

Incentive System for Enrolling in Special Needs Education

School Management Division ☎ 23-6425 FAX 23-6529

This is a system to support households with a child enrolling in a special class in elementary or junior high school, or for whom special assistance equivalent to that of a school special class is required. In order to alleviate the financial burden, school supply fees, school lunch fees, and other expenses are subsidized. (Income restrictions apply.)