

## Child Care & Education

### Child Care Support

#### Nursery Schools (hoikuen)・Kindergarten/Child Centers (kodomoen)

問 Daycare & Kindergarten Management Division

☎ 0564-23-6144 📠 0564-23-6540

Information about application for April enrollment is published in August. To apply for enrollment when the academic year is already in progress, apply online during the appropriate application period (note that each facility has a limited number of openings). Please contact the individual schools as necessary regarding Type 1 certification (こども園1号認定 kodomo-en 1gō nintei). 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 (総合子育て支援センター sōgō kosodate shien senta)

問 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Jōhoku Daycare Center (4-9 Hatcho Kitamachi)

☎ 0564-26-0706 📠 0564-26-6711

##### ◆ Child Care Consultation .....

Full service consultants provide close, phone or in-person consultations to parents and children from pregnancy up to (primarily) the end of pre-school.



##### ◆ Playrooms ・ Toddling (よちよち yochiyochi) rooms .....

Play areas which can be used by preschool-aged children and their guardians who live in Okazaki or whose grandparents live in Okazaki.

##### ◆ Child Care Groups/Circles .....

Supports the activities of independent groups formed by mothers who are actively raising children.

##### ◆ Child Care Courses .....

The Center holds useful courses focused on raising children.

##### ◆ Information Magazine “SukuSuku” .....

The Center publishes the monthly information magazine “SukuSuku.”

##### ◆ Various Forums .....

The center holds forums for parents based on the babies' ages (in months), including for fathers, expectant mothers, and new residents to the city, etc.

#### Family Support Center (ファミリー・サポート・センター)

問 Child & Family Center

☎ 0564-87-5050 📠 0564-87-5051

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.

◆ **Main 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 (児童育成センター)

問 Child Rearing Support Division

☎ 0564-23-6330 📠 0564-23-7292

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

**[Intended for]** Elementary school students

**[Hours]** From when the child finishes school to 7:00pm

※ Open Saturdays (specific centers) from 8:00am-7:00pm

For long vacations (spring, summer, winter), school holidays and kid's days: hours are 7:30am-7:00pm, Monday to Friday

**[Application]**

General application period is around November. It is possible to submit an application at any time the Center in question has a vacancy.

※ For more information, please check with the Child Rearing Support Division, the Center in question, or the city website.



## Benefits Program for Households Raising Children (Digitalization)

~ Childcare Support via “the Aichi Parenting Privilege Card (はぐみんカード)” ~

問 Child Rearing Support Division

☎ 0564-23-6820 📠 0564-23-6833

The *Hagumin Card* is a smartphone app provided to families with children under 18 and expectant parents. By showing the card on your phone's screen at participating stores, you can receive special benefits as determined by the store.

※ You can continue using your physical card even after the digitalization period.

**[To Register]**

You can register by scanning the QR code on the right, bringing you to “Aichi Hagumin NET”.

**[Miscellany]**

To learn about participating businesses within Okazaki, check the city homepage.



## School District Children's Homes (学区こどもの家)

問 Child Rearing Support Division

☎ 0564-23-6694 📠 0564-23-7292

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
Saturdays:	10:00am-6:00pm (some districts may open at 8:00am)
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).

May be used between 10:00am-12:00pm when elementary school students are not using the facility. Group registration is required at the relevant location to use it.

## Childcare Spaces at Nursery Schools (保育園子育て広場)

問 Child Care Support Center

☎ 0564-26-0706 📠 0564-26-6711

Hosted by nursery schools, these are open to the public and serve as places for parents and children to comfortably play and mingle.

**[Intended for]** Preschool-aged children and guardians who live in Okazaki or whose grandparents live in Okazaki.

### **[Applicable Nursery Schools, Days and Hours]**

#### 【Public Nursery Schools】 9:30～11:30

Mutsumi Minami, Midorigaoka, Nakazono .....	Tuesdays
Ida, Hatcho .....	Wednesdays
Katano .....	Mondays & Wednesdays

#### 【Private Nursery Schools】

Nakajima, Daimon .....	Tuesdays
Miai (reservation required) .....	Wednesdays & Thursdays
Iwazu (reservation required), Minami (reservation required) .....	Wednesdays
Hadanashi .....	Please inquire
Oka, Shirohata, Jouke, Lumbini .....	See the City Website

※ For hours, please inquire directly by phone, etc.



## District Childcare Support Centers (地区子育て支援センター)

問 Child Care Support Center

☎ 0564-26-0706 📠 0564-26-6711

Specialty playrooms or playground can be used, childcare consultations are also available. Mini-courses, etc. are also offered.

**[Intended for]** Preschool-aged children and their guardians who live in Okazaki or whose grandparents live in Okazaki.

**[Hours]** 9:30am-2:30pm (consultation hours are 8:30am-3:30pm)

**[Days & Locations]** Mutsuminaka, Shimasaka, Toyotomi ..... Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
Ryūgai, Iwamatsu ..... Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

## Child Development Zones (つどいの広場)

問 Child Care Support Center

☎ 0564-26-0706 📠 0564-26-6711

Community Centers offer a playroom and child care consultation services.

**[Intended for]** Children not yet in elementary school and their parents or guardians.

**[Hours]** Tuesday-Sunday, 9:00am-4:00pm (if Monday is a national holiday, will be closed the next day)  
※ Daycare staff are present Tuesday-Friday between 9:00am-4:00pm.

**[Locations]** North Area Community Center (Nagomin) ..... (45-1 Kihira, Nishikuramae-chō)  
South Area Community Center (Yorinan) ..... (2-39-1 Ueji)  
West Area Community Center (Yahagi-kan) ..... (45-1 Sonjo, Yahagi-chō)  
East Area Community Center (Murasaki-kan) ..... (19 Nakada, Fujikawa-chō)  
Mutsumi Community Center Annex (Yuki no Sato) .... (7-4 Kami Marunouchi, Nakajima-chō)

### Child Support "SukuSuku LINE"

Providing relevant information to assist and reassure expecting mothers based on the progression (in weeks) of the of pregnancy, and new parents based on the child's growth.



## Allowances & Subsidies

### Child Allowance (児童手当)

問 Child Rearing Support Office

☎ 0564-23-6628 📠 0564-23-7279

The child allowance is paid to individuals raising one or more children in Japan up to the end of the academic year they turn 18 years old (equivalent to when they would graduate from high school).



### Child Medical Expense Subsidy (子ども医療費助成)

問 Medical Subsidies Office

☎ 0564-23-6148 📠 0564-27-1160

Subsidies for the self-pay portion of medical expenses relating to outpatient treatment for children until they graduate junior high school and relating to hospitalization up to the end of the academic year they turn 18 years old.



## Orphan Allowance (遺児手当)

問 Child Rearing Support Office

☎0564-23-6150 📠0564-23-7279

The orphan allowance is paid to individuals raising children up to and including 18 years old (not including children living in an institution) missing one or both parents (or where a parent is diagnosed with a serious disability). (Income restrictions apply.)

## Child Support Allowance (児童扶養手当)

問 Child Rearing Support Office

☎0564-23-6150 📠0564-23-7279

The child support allowance is paid to individuals raising children up to and including 18 years old (not including children living in an institution) missing one or both parents (or where a parent is diagnosed with a serious disability) or to children under 20 years old (not including children living in an institution) missing one or both parents and suffering from a moderate to severe physical and/or mental disability. (Income restrictions apply.)

## Medical Expense Subsidy for Single-Parent Families (母子家庭等医療費助成)

問 Medical Subsidies Office

☎0564-23-6148 📠0564-27-1160

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.)

## School Education

### School Enrollment & Transfers

問 School Management Division

☎0564-23-6425 📠0564-23-6529

#### ◆ Notice of Admission .....

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]

After completing the notification of change of address, an admission designation notice (入学指定通知書 nyūgaku shitei tsūchisho) will be issued, so please obtain a student registration certificate (在学証明書 zaigaku shōmeisho) issued by the previous school and submit the notice to the designated school.

**[Moving within Okazaki]**

After completing the notification of change of address, an admission designation notice (入学指定通知書 nyūgaku shitei tsūchisho) will be issued, so please obtain a student registration certificate (在学証明書 zaigaku shōmeisho) 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 zaigaku shōmeisho) file a City Move-out Notification and complete the necessary formalities.

**Scholarship Loan System (奨学資金制度)**

問 Education Policy Division

☎0564-23-6438 📠0564-23-6558

**◆ 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 students enrolled in (or planning to enroll in) university or in a vocational school specialist training course and who is having economic difficulties. (Dependent on income and grades).

**Grant System for Private High School Tuition (私立高校等授業料補助制度)**

問 Education Policy Division

☎0564-23-6625 📠0564-23-6558

**◆ Grant for school tuition (Application is scheduled for October availability.) .....**

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 (就学援助制度)**

問 School Management Division

☎0564-23-6425 📠0564-23-6529

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

**Incentive System for Enrolling in Special Needs Education (特別支援教育就学奨励制度)**

問 School Management Division

☎0564-23-6425 📠0564-23-6529

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.)

## **Waku-Waku Off-campus Activities System (わくわく校外活動制度)**

Waku-Waku kōgai katsudō seido

 School Management Division

 0564-23-6439  0564-23-6529

This system allows elementary/junior high school students living or studying in Okazaki to enter the following facilities for free: Okazaki Castle, the Ieyasu and Mikawa Bushi Museum, the World Children's Art Museum in Okazaki, the Okazaki City Art Museum, Okazaki Mindscape Museum, Okazaki City Former Residence of Honda Tadatsugu (during special exhibitions) – some of the facilities are also open for preschoolers. Elementary school students should show their Waku-Waku Cards (handed out at school) at the entrance of each facility, and junior high school students should show their student handbooks.