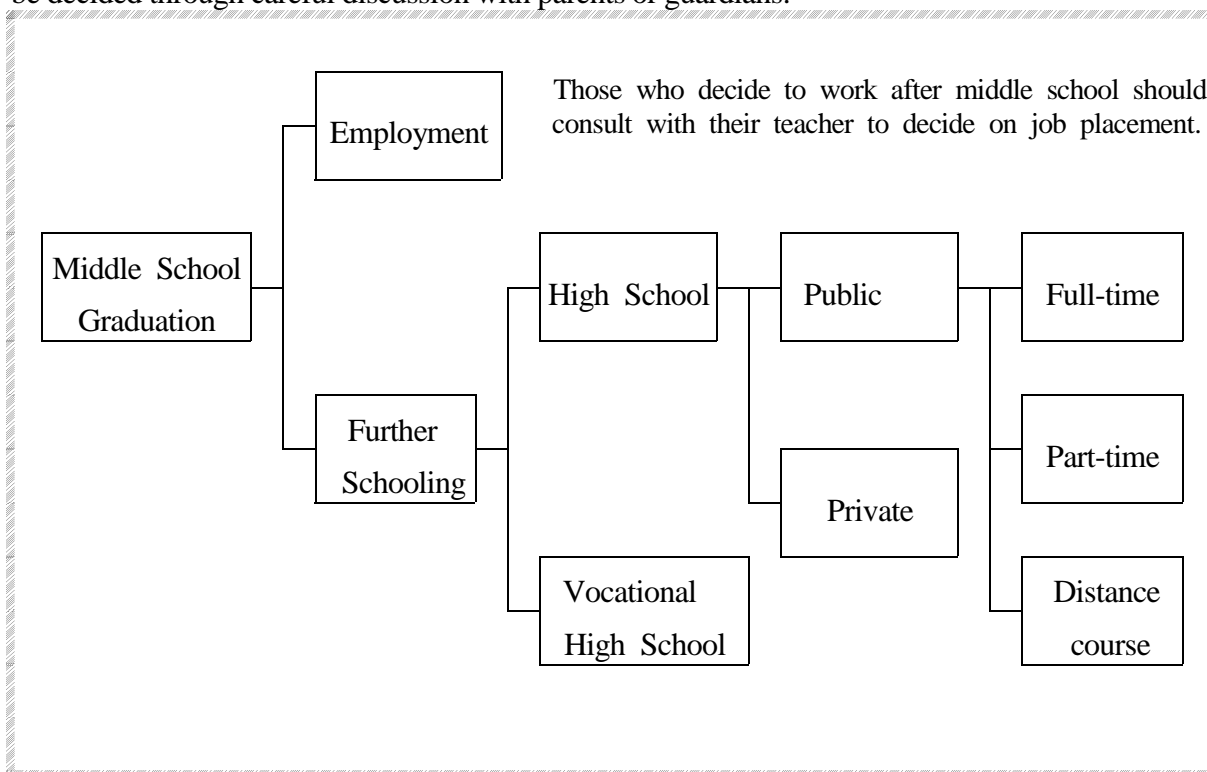


③ After Compulsory Education

Compulsory education ends with graduation from middle school. A child's course after this should be decided through careful discussion with parents or guardians.



※Distance course: Studies are primarily completed independently at home using textbooks and other materials. Students attend school to submit papers and take tests. After 3 years of study, students who have earned enough credits are awarded a diploma. In Shizuoka City, a distance course is available through Shizuoka Prefectural Chuo High School.

High School Types

Public High School···Shizuoka Prefectural or Municipal high schools

Private High School···privately established high schools

High schools have various courses of study.

- General course···High schools which continue subjects studied in middle school.

Within Shizuoka City there are 9 prefectural schools, 1 municipal school, and 13 private schools (as of 2009).

- Specialized courses···Commercial (for example, Shizuoka Prefectural Commercial High School)
Agricultural (Shizuoka Prefectural Agricultural High School)
Industrial (Shizuoka Prefectural Technological High School)
Others (English course, science course, welfare course, home economics course, information course, etc.): Each school provides instruction based on specialized content.

Information about each high school can be obtained through the student's middle school homeroom teacher. Public high schools hold one-day school visits (only for 3rd-year middle school students) around the middle of August. Private high schools usually hold several information sessions for prospective students and their parents.

【Differences between full-time and part-time schools】 ※General Examples

Full-time···From about 8:30 am to 4pm.

There are usually six 50-minute class periods per day.

Students graduate in three years.

Part-time···Students can attend school while working.

Three-year course of studies:

Six 45-minute class periods per day, meeting from around 4 to 9pm.

Four-year course of studies:

Four 45-minute class periods per day, meeting from around 6 to 9pm.

Part-time schools in Shizuoka City (as of 2008)

Shimizu Higashi High School Regular Course

Shizuoka High School Regular Course

Shizuoka Municipal High School Regular Course

Technological High School Industrial Engineering Course

Vocational High Schools

These schools offer vocational studies in manufacturing, commerce, cooking, cosmetology, and so on. Students graduate in one to three years. Some schools qualify students to continue on to university.

Entering High School

Students take entrance exams to advance to high school (held in February for private schools and in March for public schools). Entrance exams consist of a written exam and an interview. Additionally, reports on students' grades, general demeanor, and club activities are submitted to the high school and eligibility is determined based on an overall review.

Middle schools have materials about each school and its entrance exam system. Students and parents should consult with the third-year homeroom teacher.

Compared with public schools, private and vocational high schools charge higher fees.