

(2) Enrolling in and Changing Schools

① Enrolling in a Japanese school (procedures for changing schools)

A. At the ward office for the ward in which you live, go to the alien registration counter and register as a resident alien.



B. Go to the Shizuoka City Board of Education, School Affairs Division (Shizuoka City Office, Shimizu Branch, 9th Floor). You will be asked about your child's age and schooling in your home country.



※In Japan, all children whose birthdays fall between April 2 of one year and April 1 of the following year are in the same school year.



- C. Public elementary and middle schools are all within designated school districts, and children are expected to attend the school in whose district they live. At the School Affairs Division, you will be told which school your child should attend. Then you should decide upon a day to visit your child's school.
- D. You will receive the necessary enrollment forms at the School Affairs Division. If your child does not speak Japanese, please check with the Japanese Instruction Center below for assistance.

Shizuoka City Japanese Language Instruction Center (Japanese Language Classes) (See p.41-44)

The center teaches Japanese to children who need it.

- ①Regular classes: children come to the center for classes once or twice a week.
- ②School visits: an instructor from the center visits the child's school to teach Japanese (10 visits).
- ③Counseling: a person who speaks the child's native language visits the school to support the child's school life. (Available in English, Portuguese, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Thai).



F. Visit your designated school on the appointed day. During your visit, you will meet with the principle and your child's teacher for an interview to decide the child's year in school, and to receive an orientation to the school. If you have any questions, please ask.

② Procedures for changing schools in Japan

If you need to change schools, please inform your child's current school (or homeroom teacher) as soon as possible. The school-change process will be completed by the school.