

# Which high school will you choose?

あなたは、どの<sup>がっこう</sup>学校<sup>えら</sup>を選びますか？

**High schools in Hyogo prefecture.  
Study what you want.**

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# Promoting High School Education Reform

Hyogo prefecture is strongly promoting a reform to make schools more attractive in order to fulfill a school education that will enhance each person's individuality and ability. There is a wider variety of choices because there will be special comprehensive courses, credit based courses, and new specialized courses in addition to more characterized general courses and specialized courses.

Meanwhile, there is also a reform in the selection system in which students will be able to choose schools according to aptitude and future goals.

## What is High School like?

### General Courses / Specialized Courses / Comprehensive Courses

#### General Courses (Excluding Credit Based Course High Schools)

At high schools with general courses students will learn subjects such as Japanese, geography and history, mathematics, science, English and other subjects included in a general course curriculum. Some schools offer courses that are characterized by courses specialized in art, life sciences, welfare, and education besides courses based on humanities or sciences so that the students can choose the subjects and courses depending on their future goals or likes and interests.

Some of these high schools will offer specified courses including a wide variety of subjects such as information technology or social welfare basics in order to fulfill the various needs of each student although the high school itself may have another specialized course.

Furthermore, some high schools offer international cultural courses, natural science courses, health and welfare courses, comprehensive human science courses that focus on each area or field of study in order to meet the needs of the students and the situation of that school or region.

#### Specialized Courses

Students will study specific contents in order to become specialists in each field such as agriculture, industry, commerce and others. Many cutting-edge classes such as biotechnology or computers are offered. Also, students can obtain various certifications related to his/her specified field such as architecture, accounting and information processing.

#### Characterized Specialized Courses

Schools that offer Characterized Specialized Courses will offer specific courses that meet the needs of each and various individual, besides the courses mentioned above. In these courses, human resources that will become professionals of that field in the future are developed by students obtaining specific skills and knowledge concerning each field of study such as sports, arts, sciences, environment and others as well as cultivating their inner selves.

## **Comprehensive Courses**

In this course, the students can choose and study the classes from either the general course or the specialized course according to his/her likes, interests, or future goals.

The student can enhance his/her motivations for their own future by studying various subjects such as “industrial society and man” which helps to think about future occupations and ways of life.

The various subjects are divided into groups called “keiretsu” (departments) and each school offers many characteristic departments.

## **Unified Junior and Senior Secondary Education Schools**

This school has junior and senior high school education in a unified-6-year-program. The objective of this program is to cultivate the students’ individuality and creativity through flexible educational activities.

There are unified junior and senior secondary education schools that operate as one school offering junior and senior high school education in one institution; schools that operate separately but are under the supervision of one institution and act as one unified school; schools that are different institutions but are in the same municipality or town and work together to have exchange between the junior high school and senior high school staff and students as well as building an unified curricula.

## **Credit Based Courses**

Since 1994 there are high schools that have introduced a flexible credit based system in addition to the conventional system where credits are earned by grade year and grade year advancement.

### **What is a credit based course?**

Credits are basic measurements of the amount of study and when a student takes classes for a certain period of time credits are recognized by meeting requirements for attendance and academic grades regulated by the school. This is called earning credits. The feature of this course is that credit based courses will give a student permission to graduate by obtaining enough credits regardless of grade year. Some comprehensive courses also have credit based courses.

## **Full-time/Part-time/Multi-unit/Distant Learning High Schools**

### **Full-time**

Educational school activities such as classes, school events and club activities are conducted during the day. Each school makes their own time schedule or class organization depending on the school features.

### **Part-time**

These schools are for people who want to learn while they work or have other educational needs and school hours are from 5 p.m. till 9 p.m.

## Multi-unit

The first unit is in the morning, the second in the afternoon, and the third in the evening. Each student can choose which unit to belong to depending on their work or living environment.

## Distant learning

This is a school where students will submit reports or sometimes have schooling (direct teaching from the teacher in the classroom) and obtain the necessary credits.

# Now let's choose a high school.

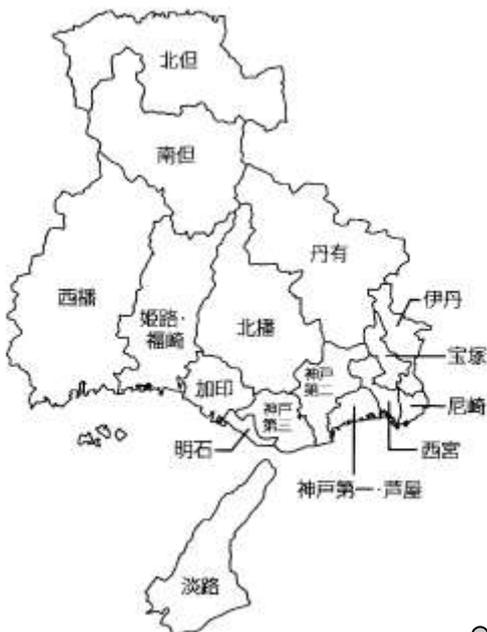
## Enrollment districts (school districts) will change

The school districts that conduct academic exams in the general courses (grade year and credit based) and comprehensive courses of the full-time prefectural high schools will change with the enrollment exam of fiscal year 2015 (exam to be conducted in February 2015, and junior high school grade 1 as of fiscal year 2012) from its current district to 5 districts.

- ※ Students wishing to enroll in specialized courses, part-time schools, distant learning schools may apply to a school outside of their district.
- ※ Students wishing to enroll in general courses (credit based) and comprehensive courses that have recommendation enrollments (in February) may apply outside of their district.
- ※ Details concerning the actual enrollment process will be decided and announced as soon as possible and made sure that the transition of the enrollment process is smooth.

### Full-time school district list

Full-time general course (grade year or credit based) and comprehensive course school district



Enrollment exams until fiscal year 2014  
(Exam dates in Feb. and Mar. 2014)



Enrollment exams after fiscal year 2015  
(Exam dates in Feb. and Mar. 2015)

## School districts of specialized courses

Courses	Districts
Courses related to agriculture	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>All areas in the prefecture</b></p> <p>Excluding:</p> <p>Shinko High School (municipal)</p> <p>Hyogo Shogyo High School (municipal)</p> <p>Akashi Shogyo High School (municipal)</p>
Courses related to industry	
Courses related to commerce	
Courses related to fishery	
Courses related to home making	
Courses related to nursing	
Courses related to welfare	
Courses that have special features	

## Enrollment exams

### Students aiming for general courses

February selection	March selection(exam)
<p>○Special selection</p> <p>○Recommendation application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Course(100% of the applicants)</li> <li>• Credit based(50%of the applicants)</li> <li>• Unified junior and senior education (75 % of applicants, junior high school students from linked unified schools)</li> </ul>	<p>○Multi application selection (conducted in all districts)</p> <p>※5th district will conduct through linked schools</p> <p>In principle, the students from the linked junior high schools decided by each school are given preference and students from other schools will not exceed 18%</p> <p>○Single selection (linked unified schools)</p>

### Special selections

- The high school will select the students evaluating them according to individuality or competence of the school features
- Schools with special features among the full-time general course schools will hold these exams. (Credit based and schools with other courses are excluded)

### Multi-application exams

- ①The applicant can choose 1 or 2 schools according to individuality and competence.
- ②The school will give extra points to the applicant in order to support the first choice.
- ③The applicant can, once during the period of application, change the school, course or department of his/her choice. But for multi-application applicants, only the second choice school may be changed. (Unified education schools, single selections in special courses will allow changes in applications)

### Students aiming for specialized courses

Districts for the specialized courses accept applications from all over the prefecture and any junior high school in the prefecture. There are some schools that have exams as well as recommendation enrollment or select 100% of the applicants for special courses with features. ※Some municipal high schools do not accept from throughout the prefecture.

### Students aiming for comprehensive courses

In the selection process of the comprehensive course 50% of the selection is done through recommendations. All applications are accepted from throughout the prefecture. The remaining 50% is selected within the district of that school and multi applications are selected through exams. For the comprehensive courses, if a student applies for only one school or two, and they apply exclusively for a comprehensive course, they can exchange one subject from: music, art, physical education, and home economics to practical demonstration exams.

## Q & A

**Q** How can I learn about schools where I may want to study?

**A** Many schools have open high school between June and December and applicants can visit the school and hear about or experience the educational activities first hand. Also many high schools have homepages so applicants can learn about the school though the internet. You can also look at the homepage of the Prefecture Board of Education.

(http : [www.hyogo-c.ed.jp/~koko-bo/inspire/index.html](http://www.hyogo-c.ed.jp/~koko-bo/inspire/index.html))

**Q** What is the percentage of students accepted through recommendations or by district in the courses or credit based selections?

**A** Please see the chart below. For details please refer to the entrance requirements of each school.

Field or course	Percentage of accepted applicants through recommendations	Districts
International cultural course Natural science course Health and welfare courses Comprehensive human science courses	100%	Districts of the general courses
Credit based (full-time general course)	Less than 50%	Recommendation applications are accepted from all over the prefecture. Exams in the general course district.

**Q** What is the application process for applicants wishing to study in a multi-unit school?

**A** The selection process is as follows. If the applicant does not pass the 1<sup>st</sup> term exam, he/she can take another exam during the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> term. (For details see the entrance requirements of each school)

	1 <sup>st</sup> term exam	2 <sup>nd</sup> term exam		3 <sup>rd</sup> term exam
		2 <sup>nd</sup> term exam A	2 <sup>nd</sup> term exam B	
Date	Mid February	Mid March		Late August
Content	Essay and interview	Exam and interview	Essay and interview	Essay and interview

**Q** Will the selection process for the multi-applications and specialized selections be conducted for the specialized courses, comprehensive courses and credit based courses?

**A** Multi-applications will be conducted for full-time general courses (grade year system), general courses (credit based) and comprehensive courses in public high schools. Special selections will be conducted at schools with special features among the schools that have full-time general courses (grade year system). Schools with special courses are excluded.

For details see the pamphlet printed by the Hyogo Prefecture Board of Education.

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