

「Multicultural Children's Center」  
Education Consulting Department  
— FAQ —

【About the entrance to Japanese school】

Q 1 How can I enter or transfer to a public elementary school and junior high school in Hyogo prefecture?

A Please go to admissions department of education board in your city (town).

Q 2 How can I get into a public high school in Hyogo prefecture?

A You have to take an entrance exam held every March.

Some high schools have recommendation exam, including special entrance exam for foreign students, every February. Please check Hyogo Prefecture Board of Education's homepage for more information.

Q 3 How can I be transferred to a public high school in Hyogo prefecture?

A Please choose one high school you wish to be transferred to in your school district, and contact the school.

If you are permitted to transfer to the school by the principal, then you will take an entrance exam for transfer students. The date and time, contents and subjects of the exam will differ for each school. Please contact the school you wish to go to and get detailed information.

Q 4 How can I enter or transfer to Hyogo Prefectural Ashiya International Secondary School or Hyogo Prefectural International High School?

A Hyogo Prefectural Ashiya International Secondary School has

entrance exam (interview and essay) every February. There are some requirements to apply to this school. Please check Hyogo Prefectural Ashiya International Secondary School's homepage for more information.

You have to take a recommendation entrance exam held every February to enter Hyogo Prefectural International High School. Please check Hyogo Prefectural International High School's homepage for more information.

Please contact school directly about transferring to these schools.

**Q 5** Do Hyogo prefectural high schools have a special entrance exam for foreign students?

A Yes, they do. Five Schools (Hyogo Prefectural Kobe Kohoku High School, Hyogo Prefectural Ashiya High School, Hyogo Prefectural Itami Kita High School, Hyogo Prefectural Kakogawa Minami High School and Hyogo Prefectural Kodera High School) have a special entrance exam for foreign students for 3 recruits at each school in 2020. Please check Hyogo Prefecture Board of Education's homepage for more information.

**Q 6** I had a shorter compulsory education than Japanese one. Can I enter high school?

A You have to have 9 years compulsory education in a foreign country to have the right to take an entrance exam for high school in Japan. If your compulsory education is shorter than 9 years, in accordance with regulations of a junior high school graduates equivalency, you have to take a test to prove you have the same level of education as Japanese junior high school graduates to get the right to take an entrance exam for high school. Please contact Upper Secondary Education Department in Hyogo Prefecture Board of Education for more information. (tel 078-362-9444)

## 【About 「Multicultural Children’ s Supporter」】

Q 7 Can I get support in my native language at school in Hyogo prefecture?

A Yes, you can. Hyogo Prefecture Board of Education send 「Multicultural Children’ s Supporter」 who can speak your native language to support you in your school life for the time being after you come to Japan. There are some conditions to get support. Please check the Multicultural Children’ s Center’ s homepage, and go to the category for 「Multicultural Children’ s Supporter」 . Your school will apply for a supporter.

Q 8 What can 「Multicultural Children’ s Supporter」 do?

A Supporter help you to adjust to school life, study and have mental stability in your native language (basic interpersonal communicative language).

Q 9 How can I become a 「Multicultural Children’ s Supporter」 ?

A Hyogo Prefecture Board of Education will have an exam to recruit supporters when new supporters are needed. In that case, there will be information on Multicultural Children’ s Center’ s homepage.

Q10 How can I become a 「Multicultural Children’ s Volunteer」 ?

A Multicultural Children’ s Center will accept applications anytime. Please download application form on “Volunteer Bank” from the center’ s homepage, fill in the form and send it to the center.

## 【About Multicultural Children’ s Center】

Q11 What kind of topics can I ask about at the center?

A The center can answer questions for foreign students about entering schools, proceeding to the next level of education, guidance for Japanese language and studying etc... Please contact the center for more information.

Q12 How I can consult with the center?

A We can meet in person at the center, call (TEL0797-35-4537) , send fax (FAX0797-35-4538) , send email (mc-center@hyogo-c.ed.jp) , or online meeting , using webmeeting system.

Please contact us and make an appointment if you wish to have face to face meeting or online meeting.

Q13 Can I get a translator when I consult the center?

A Yes, you can. Please contact the center first.

Q14 Can anyone borrow materials at the center?

A Yes, as a rule, they can. Please contact the center for more information.

Q15 Is the center open on Saturday and Sunday?

A It' s closed on Saturday, Sunday and national holidays

It' s open 9:00 ~17:00 weekdays.

### **【Others】**

Q16 I am worried that I can keep up in class because of lack of Japanese ability.

A Hyogo Prefecture Board of Education send supporters to school to help you to adjust to school life and understand the contents of classes in your native language. (Your school will apply for a supporter) You need Japanese ability to study at Japanese school,

so let's practice Japanese even bit by bit. The center has many materials and books to study Japanese and you can borrow them. Also Hyogo prefecture International Association's homepage has information for Japanese lessons for each area and you can take lessons there, too. Please don't hesitate to talk to your homeroom teachers and other teachers if you have any difficulties.

Q17 Where can I study Japanese?

A (Public interest incorporated foundation) Hyogo International Association (HIA) has information for Japanese lessons for each area on their homepage.