

# Education in Japan



# History on education

Formal education in Japan began with the adoption of Chinese culture in the 6th century. Buddhist and Confucian teachings as well as sciences, calligraphy, divination and literature were taught. Scholar officials were chosen through an Imperial examination system.



*In Japan children go to elementary school  
for 6 years , middle school for 3 years,  
high school for 3 years,  
and university for 4 years.*



Kindergarten is optional and usually starts at age 3. Alternately, there is government-supervised day-care, which will also provide some preschool education.



*A typical Japanese elementary school class has around 30 to 40 students.*



*The Japanese school year starts in April. Summer vacation is about 40 days long. It generally goes from about July 20th to August 31st.*





*Many private schools have rules saying that students must wear their uniform at all times, on or off campus.*

*A student in uniform is a representative of the school, no "trouble-making" is tolerated. Within school hours or not, on campus or off, if a student is wearing the uniform they will be considered "in school"*



*Students study subjects  
such as social studies,  
Japanese, math,  
science/technology history,  
healthy living, computer  
science, music, art , physical  
education, and home  
economics*





Every day students have "Daily Chores" they do, including cleaning the classrooms, halls, and yards of their schools.

