

Middle School Life in Kure City

**For Foreign Students and Guardians Who Came to
Japan**



Japanese Language Network Continue Living in Kure City

Students: who study at middle school

Guardians: parents or family members who are raising
the children

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Class: Studying at school

Grades: Results of studying

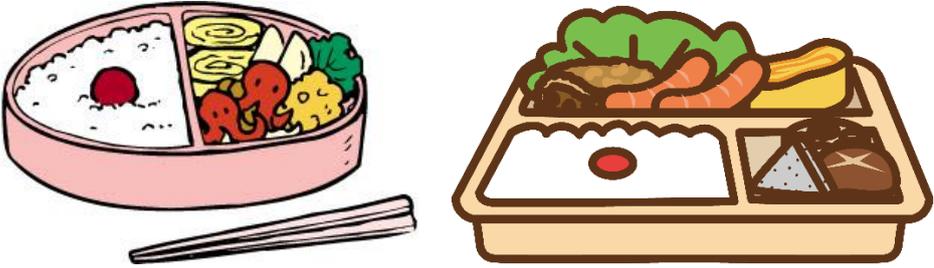
Club activities: Activities after class (sports, etc.)

Future Path: After graduating from middle school

Events: held every year; not class

1.A Day at School

7:30	Guardian should call the school when child is taking a day off or is being late.
~8:15	Before class starts, there are morning practices for club activities.
8:20	By 8:20am, students should sit in their own seats in the classroom. Class starts at 8:50am.
~12:40	Each class is 50 minutes. There are four classes before lunch. There is a 10-minute break between each class.
Lunch ~13:25	Students eat lunches in their own seats in the classroom. Students can eat lunch brought from home or school lunch. School lunch should be

	<p>ordered 2 months in advance.</p> 
<p>13:25 ~15:15</p>	<p>After lunch, there are 2 classes.</p>
<p>After School</p>	<p>Club activities will be held after classes are over until around 18:00.</p> <p>Sometimes there are also club activities on Saturdays and Sundays.</p>
<p>Rules</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students cannot go home until all the classes are finished. <p>When a student gets sick or injured at school, a teacher will call the guardian and let the student go home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not wear accessories (earrings, rings, necklaces, bracelets), do not wear

	<p>make-up, or dye your hair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not carry money, snacks, games, cell phones, etc. • Do not go to school by bicycle. • If students go to school again after returning home, they should wear school uniforms or gym clothes.
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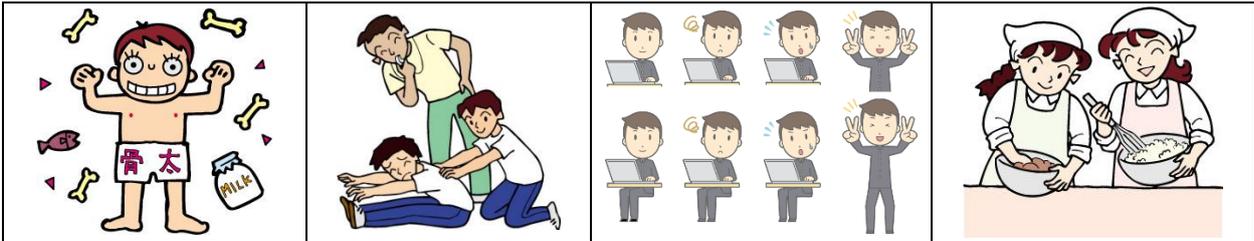
2. Class

There are 12 classes in middle school.

Teacher will change for each class.

Japanese	3~4 times per week	Social Studies	3~4 times per week
Math	3~4 times per	Science	3~4 times per week

	week		
English	4 times per week	Health and physical education	3 times per week
Technology and home economics	1~2 times per week	Music	1 time per week
Arts	1 time per week	Ethics	1 time per week
Class activity	1 time per week	The Period of Integrated Study	3~4 times per week



Health	Physical education	Technology	Home economics
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Ethics: it nurtures students' hearts and helps students live happily.

Class activity: it develops skills for working as a team player in the class and the ability to take actions.

The Period of Integrated Study: it develops skills for independent thinking, planning, and taking actions.

3. Grades

- There are 5 different grades (5 > 4 > 3 > 2 > 1)
- Grades are received at the end of a school term.
- Grades are determined by mid-term exam, term-end exam, year-end exam, practical skills, creations, submissions, etc.

Mid-term: in the middle of a school term
 End of term: at the end of a school term
 Test: to confirm that's learned
 Practical skills: sports, singing, etc.
 Submissions: Homework, essays, etc.

School Terms	
1 st Term	April~July
2 nd Term	Sept.~Dec.
3 rd Term	Jan.~Mar.

4. Club Activities

- A lot of students participate in club activities.
- There are athletic club activities such as baseball and tennis clubs, and cultural club activities such as art and music clubs.
- Practice takes place before class starts, after school, and on the weekend.
- There are competitions with other middle schools, and there are presentations.

		
Baseball Club	Tennis Club	Music Club

5. Necessary Things and Money

- Things (Differ depending on the schools)

School uniforms	boys	jacket • pants • white shirt	¥40,000
	girls	jacket • skirt • white	¥40,000

	shirt	
Sportswear	shirt • tracksuit • shorts	¥ 15,000
	Gym hat	¥ 1,100
Indoor slippers		¥ 1,150
Gym shoes		¥ 2,900
Shoe bag		¥ 330
School bags (big bag and small bag)		¥ 10,000
School shoes (shoes with white strings)		¥ 4,000
Socks (white)		¥ 500
School uniforms		
		
Gym shirt	Gym pants	Gym hat

		
Indoor slippers	Gym shoes	School shoes
		
School bag	Socks	

• Money (Differ depending on the schools)

Tuition	¥ 0	
Textbooks	¥ 0	
Miscellaneous expenses	¥ 5,000 per month	Exercise books
School lunch	¥ 5,000 per month	For those who eat school lunch
School trip	¥ 5,000	For second

reserve fund	per month	grade students only
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6. Future Path

There are 3 future paths after graduating from middle school.

① High school ② Vocational school ③

Employment

Most students go to high school.

In order to go to high school, a school entrance exam must be passed. Grades in middle school will also become part of the entrance exam's grade.

Vocational school: study for a particular job.

Employment: start working

7. Events during a Year

April	Opening Ceremony	2 nd • 3 rd grades
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	Entrance Ceremony	1 st grade
May	Sports Day	All grades
	1 st School Term, mid-term exam	
July	1 st School Term, term-end exam	
	3-person round-table conference	
	Closing Ceremony	
	Summer break (~8/31) Sometimes there are classes, etc.	
		
Entrance Ceremony	Sports Day	3-person round-table

		conference
August	Workplace experience and learning	2 nd grade
September	Opening Ceremony	All grades
October	Cultural activities, presentations	
	2 nd School Term, mid-term exam	
November	2 nd School Term, term-end exam	
	Educational school trip	1 st • 3 rd grades
December	3-person round-table conference	All grades
	Closing Ceremony	
	Winter break	
January	Opening Ceremony	3 rd
	Year-end exam	

	Kure City' s private high school entrance exam	grade
February	Year-end exam	1 st • 2 nd grades
	School trip	2 nd grade
	Hiroshima City' s private high school entrance exam	3 rd grade
		
School trip	Entrance exam	Open School Day
March	Hiroshima Prefecture' s public high school entrance exam	3 rd grade
	Graduation Ceremony	All grades

	Completion Ceremony	1 st • 2 nd grades
	Spring break	
*There are 3~4 Open School Days during a year.		

8. Consultation

Please consult a teacher or school when you have a question or when you need help. There are also foreigner consultation desks.

- Kure City (0823-25-5607)

Consultation is available in English, Chinese, and Vietnamese.

- Hiro (0823-76-3307)

Consultation is available in English and Portuguese.

Wednesdays and Sundays are closed.

Consultation is also available in a Japanese classroom.

• Children's Japanese Class "Ciranda"
Saturday 2:00~ Hiro Machidukuri Center

• Regional Japanese Class "Sekai no Hana"
Wednesday 10:00~ Hiro Machidukuri Center

• Regional Japanese Class "Nihongo Kyoshitsu Kure"
Saturday 6:00~ Hiro Machidukuri Center

Reference: "Elementary School Guide for Foreign Guardians"

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