

The system of subsidies for school expenses (2026-27 financial year)

For children

from elementary school first grade
To junior high school third gradeFor more details,
please see this website

- ✓ Those who received advanced support (before their child started school) for the expenses involved in starting a new school
- ✓ Those who received subsidies for school expenses in the 2025-26 financial year also need to apply again.

What are subsidies for school expenses?

The system of subsidies for school expenses is a system by which the expenses for school supplies, school meals, etc. are subsidized for the children of parents who need financial support with regard to their child attending school.

Eligibility is as follows:

- A parent/guardian with a child attending a municipal elementary or junior high school in Higashihiroshima City;
- A parent/guardian living in Higashihiroshima City, with a child attending an elementary or junior high school other than a municipal elementary or junior high school in Higashihiroshima City.

◆ Documents to submit: Application Form for Subsidies for School Expenses (2026-27 financial year), necessary supporting documents

◆ Where to submit the documents: The school where your child is enrolled

※ If the child has a sibling enrolled in a different school, the documents should be submitted to each of the schools.

◆ Application period: At any time (caution: the period of eligibility for subsidies differs depending on the period of application)

★ If the application is made by the deadline in April 2026: eligibility for subsidies is from April.

★ If the application is made during the school year: as a rule, eligibility for subsidies is from the month after the application is made.

1: Eligibility to receive subsidies for school expenses

Reason for application	Documents to be submitted	Caution: If after your eligibility has been approved, the reason for your application ceases to be valid, you may be asked to repay all or part of the subsidy.
① You are receiving welfare support (seikatsu hogo)	No documents are needed	
② You are exempt from municipal tax (all members of the household)	No documents are needed (※1)	
③ You are receiving a reduction to or exemption from municipal tax (all members of the household)	A copy of the notice of the eligibility judgment (※1)	
④ You are receiving a reduction to or exemption from fixed asset tax (all members of the household)	A copy of the notice of the eligibility judgment	
⑤ You are receiving a reduction to or exemption from payments for the National Pension Scheme (all members of the household)	A copy of the notice of the eligibility judgment	
⑥ You are receiving a reduction to or exemption from payments for the National Health Insurance Scheme (all members of the household)	A copy of the notice of the eligibility judgment	
⑦ You are receiving child raising allowance (jido-fuyo teate)	A copy of your certificate of allowance (for the period 2025-26)	
⑧ You have other economic/financial reasons (※2)	No documents are needed (※1) (※3)	

※1 If you have not made a declaration of income, it will not be possible to judge your eligibility, so please ensure that you make a declaration of income. This is necessary even if you have no income.

If you moved into Higashihiroshima City on or after January 2nd, 2026, you will need to submit documents showing the amount of tax you are liable for and the amount of your income, such as a 'Certificate of (Exemption from) Municipal and Prefectural Tax' or a 'Certificate of Income' issued by the municipality where you were living as of January 1st, 2026.

※2 If you are applying under the Reason for Application ⑧, your application will be judged based on the income of all members of the same household, using the criteria for judging eligibility for welfare support.

※3 Depending on the status of your household, the Board of Education may request other documents to be submitted.

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overleaf



2: Method of payment

Apart from the portion for school meal fees, the payment is made from the City to the applicant via the child's school. As soon as the eligibility to receive subsidies for school meal fees is confirmed, the parent/guardian's payment for school meals by bank account transfer will be stopped.

While the application is being judged, school meals will be payable by bank account transfer by the parent/guardian, but in this case, once eligibility has been confirmed, the payments made until the start of the month in which eligibility begins will be repaid.

3: Range of subsidy

The items covered by the subsidy differ depending on the address of the parent/guardian, and on whether or not welfare support (seikatsu hogo) is being received.

If your child attends a municipal elementary or junior high school in Higashihiroshima City

The address of the parent/guardian is in Higashihiroshima City

The address of the parent/guardian is outside Higashihiroshima City

Is the parent/guardian receiving welfare support (seikatsu hogo)?

Yes

- School trips
- Medical costs

No

- School supplies
- School supplies for starting school (for grade 1 students)
- Out of school activities
- School trips
- Graduation Album
- School lunches
- Medical costs
- Equipment for sports (for junior high school students)

Is the parent/guardian receiving welfare support (seikatsu hogo)?

Yes

- Medical costs

No

- School lunches
- Medical costs

【Amount of subsidies for one year】

★ Expenses for school supplies: Paid in two installments (first semester/second semester)
(For those whose eligibility is approved in or after May, the amount is paid calculated on the number of months remaining)

※ Figures in brackets () are the amounts for each semester.

Elementary school 1st grade: 11,630 yen
(5,815 yen)

Elementary school 2nd to 6th grade: 13,900 yen
(6,950 yen)

Junior high school 1st grade: 22,730 yen
(11,365 yen)

Junior high school 2nd, 3rd grade: 25,000 yen
(12,500 yen)

★ Expenses involved in starting school: Only for 1st grade students whose eligibility is approved in April. (Those who have received advanced support (before the child entered school) are not eligible.)
Elementary school 1st grade: 57,060 yen
Junior high school 1st grade: 63,000 yen

※ The payment amount might be changed.

※ For details of other types of payments, please see the website of the School Affairs Division.

The address of the parent/guardian is in Higashihiroshima City

Is the parent/guardian receiving welfare support (seikatsu hogo)?

Yes

- School trips

No

- School supplies
- School supplies for starting school (for grade 1 students)
- Out of school activities
- School trips
- Graduation Album
- Equipment for sports (for junior high school students)



You can check from here

If there is anything you do not understand, please contact the School Affairs Division, Higashihiroshima City Board of Education
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