



School Expense Subsidies: Advance-Payment Subsidies for Expenses Related to Starting School



Guardians of children scheduled to enter elementary or junior high school in April 2027 may receive an advance payment in March to cover the purchase of supplies needed for enrolment in the new school, if financial circumstances make school attendance difficult. Eligibility is limited to applicants meeting the requirements on the next page.

- ◆ **Application:** Apply online, or submit the application documents in person or by post to the Higashihiroshima City Board of Education, School Affairs Division (City Office North Building, 3F).

* See the city website for online application details.



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- ◆ **Required documents:** Application for Subsidies for Expenses Related to Starting School, 2027-28 Academic Year, necessary supporting documents

- ◆ **Application period: Tuesday December 1, 2026 – Friday January 15, 2027**

Applications sent by post must be postmarked by January 15.

Note: If there is the possibility that you may move to an address outside of Higashihiroshima City on or before March 31, 2027, please do not apply for the advance payment. You may apply after your child enters school instead.

- ◆ **Payment amounts**

New elementary school 1st grade student: **¥64,300**

New junior high school 1st grade student: **¥81,000**

- ◆ **Schedule**

Application: December 2026 – mid-January 2027

Notice of result: mid- to late February 2027

Payment to designated account: mid- to late March 2027

Important: To receive School Expenses Subsidies, 2027-28 after your child's enrolment (including school supplies and lunch fees), you must submit a separate application. Your child's future school or current elementary school will provide instructions.

- ◆ **Contact**

School Affairs Division, Higashihiroshima City Board of Education
City Office North Building, 3F
8-29 Saijo Sakae-machi, Higashihiroshima City, 〒739-8601
Tel. (082) 420-0975



See the next page for eligibility requirements, required documents, and important notes.

1. Eligibility for Advance-Payment Subsidies for Expenses Related to Starting School

Applicants must meet all three requirements:

- (1) The applicant must be living in Higashihiroshima City, and not move out by March 31, 2027.
- (2) The child will enter elementary or junior high school in April 2027 (excluding special needs and international schools).
- (3) The applicant must meet one of the reasons for application (2)–(8) below.



Reason for application	Required document(s)
(1) Receipt of public assistance	Not eligible for this advance payment.(Recipients receive an Enrollment Preparation Allowance under the public assistance program. For details, please contact Lifestyle and Welfare Division.)
(2) The entire household is exempt from municipal resident tax	None (*1)
(3) Municipal resident tax is reduced or exempted for the entire household	A copy of the decision notice (*1)
(4) Fixed asset tax is reduced or exempted for the entire household	A copy of the decision notice
(5) National Pension payments are reduced or exempted for the entire household	A copy of the decision notice
(6) National Health Insurance tax is reduced or exempted for the entire household	A copy of the decision notice
(7) Receipt of Child Raising Allowance	A copy of the 2026-27 allowance certificate
(8) Other financial hardship (*2)	None (*1)(*3)

*1 If you have not filed an income declaration, your eligibility cannot be assessed. Please be sure to file an income declaration, even if you had no income. If you moved to Higashihiroshima City on or after January 2, 2026, you must submit documentation issued by the municipality where you resided on January 1, 2026, such as a 2026 Municipal and Prefectural Resident Tax Certificate (Taxed/Tax-Exempt) or an Income Certificate, that verifies your income or tax amount.

*2 For reason (8), eligibility is assessed using the income of everyone sharing the same household finances, based on public assistance standards.

*3 Additional documents may be required depending on household circumstances.

2. Application procedure

Apply online, or submit the documents in person or by mail.

■ **Required:** Application for Subsidies for Expenses Related to Starting School, 2027-28 Academic Year and necessary supporting documents.

■ **Submit to:** School Affairs Division, Higashihiroshima City Board of Education (City Office North Building, 3F).

■ **Period:** December 1, 2026–January 15, 2027

Applications sent by post must be postmarked by Jan. 15.

After the deadline, use the 2027-28 School Attendance Assistance form distributed by the school after February. If approved from April, payment will be made after enrollment, from early July.



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3. Payment timing and amounts

■ **Notice of decision:** mid- to late February 2027

■ **Amount:** ¥64,300 per new elementary school student, ¥81,000 per new junior-high school student.

■ **Payment:** mid- to late March 2027, transferred directly to the applicant's (guardian's) account.

4. Important notes

■ If you move outside Higashihiroshima City after receiving the advance payment, you must repay the full amount.

■ No duplicate payment will be made to anyone who has already received equivalent assistance from another municipality.

■ Even if approved for this advance payment, you must apply separately for other 2027-28 school-attendance assistance, such as help with lunch costs and school supply costs, after enrollment. The school will provide application guidance at an enrollment orientation or a similar event.