

School Lunch Fees in Higashihiroshima City



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1 Unit Price of School Lunch Fees



| School type | Cost per meal (unit price) | Parent/guardian payment amount | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | <Unit Price> | <Monthly Amount> Fixed amount |
| Elementary school | 330 yen | 0 yen | 0 yen |
| Junior high school | 380 yen | 280 yen | 5,400 yen |

From the 2026-27 financial year, for elementary schools, the school lunch fee burden for guardians will be reduced to 0 yen by utilizing the School Lunch Cost Burden Reduction Subsidy.

For junior high schools, the amount borne by guardians will remain unchanged by utilizing the Priority Support Local Revitalization Temporary Grant for Responding to Rising Prices.

© Please note that households receiving public assistance are not eligible for the School Lunch Cost Burden Reduction Subsidy. Since school lunch fees are covered under educational assistance based on the Public Assistance Act, payment is still required as before (unit price: 330 yen).

Note: Due to rising food ingredient costs, the unit price of school lunches may change. If any changes occur, you will be notified separately.

2 Paperwork



【Elementary School】

| Document | To be submitted by | Points to note |
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| <p>① Higashihiroshima City School Lunch Participation Confirmation and Application Form</p> <p>To be submitted by all parents/guardians</p> <p>✕ Submit to the school</p> | <p>◆ All children</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit one form per child. • Even if school lunches are not required due to food allergies or similar reasons, submission of this form is still necessary. If the student will not eat part or all of the school lunch, be sure to notify the school. |

| Document | To be submitted by | Points to note |
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| <p>② Higashihiroshima City School Lunch (Change / Suspension / Resumption) Notification Form</p> <p>To be submitted only when appropriate</p> <p>※Submit to the school</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those who are moving out of the city • Those who will be absent for five or more consecutive days • Those who will change their address, school, guardian, etc. • Those who will resume school lunches after having stopped them • Those who will change the contents of their school lunch due to food allergies or similar reasons | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes will take effect starting with school lunches provided on or after the day that is five days from the date of submission (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays). |

【Junior High School】

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| <p>① Higashihiroshima City School Lunch Application Form</p> <p>To be submitted by all parents/guardians</p> <p>※Submit to the school</p> | <p>◆ All students who receive school lunches</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit one form per student. • Those who do not require school lunches due to food allergies or similar reasons do not need to submit this form; however, please be sure to notify the school accordingly. • At the time of application, you will be asked to provide consent for collection (if necessary) through deductions from the child allowance. |
| <p>② Higashihiroshima City School Lunch Fee Account Transfer Request and Automatic Payment Application Form</p> <p>※The form is in triplicate</p> <p>To be submitted by all parents/guardians</p> <p>※ Submit to the financial institution</p> | <p>◆ All students who receive school lunches</p> <p>※ Those who have not completed the procedures for account transfer must make payment using a payment slip.</p> <p><Financial Institutions Available for Account Transfer></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiroshima Bank • Momiji Bank • Yamaguchi Bank • Chugoku Bank • Hiroshima Shinkin Bank • Kure Shinkin Bank • Shimanami Shinkin Bank • Hiroshima City Credit Cooperative • Hiroshima Prefecture Credit Cooperative • Chugoku Labor Bank • Hiroshima Agricultural Cooperative (JA Hiroshima) • Hiroshima Prefectural Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations • Japan Post Bank / Post Offices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a general rule, please pay school lunch fees by account transfer, which is convenient, secure, and reliable. • Please submit one form per student (three-part carbon copy form). (Up to three students may be listed if registering the same bank account.) ※ If you wish to change the registered account, you must submit this form again. |

| Document | To be submitted by | Points to note |
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| <p>③ Higashihiroshima City School Lunch Fee Reduction Application Form (for Food Allergies, etc.)</p> <p>To be submitted by those to whom this applies</p> <p>※Submit to the school</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who, due to food allergies or similar reasons, will stop receiving drinking milk and/or staple foods (rice or bread), or who wish to apply for drinking milk only Those who will stop receiving drinking milk due to lactose intolerance, etc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School lunch fees will be reduced only if drinking milk and/or staple foods (rice or bread) cannot be provided due to food allergies or similar reasons. Arrangements for food allergy accommodations require consultation with the school and the School Lunch Center. |
| <p>④ Higashihiroshima City School Lunch (Change / Suspension / Resumption) Notification Form</p> <p>To be submitted only when appropriate</p> <p>※Submit to the school</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who are moving out of the city Those who will be absent for five or more consecutive days Those who will change their address, school, person responsible for payment, etc. Those who will resume school lunches after having stopped them Those eligible for a reduction due to food allergies, etc., who wish to change the details of their application | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes will take effect starting with school lunches provided on or after the day that is five days from the date the notification is submitted. ※ If the application is submitted late, you may be required to pay the school lunch fees even if the student is absent. ※ In the case of changes to a reduction application due to food allergies, you may be asked to submit a “School Lunch Fee Reduction Application Form for Food Allergies, etc.” |

3 Notices Related to School Lunch Fees ※Only for Junior High Schools

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| ■ “Higashihiroshima City School Lunch Fee Payment Amount Determination Notice” | A notice (postcard) stating the school lunch fees for the relevant fiscal year and the payment deadlines will be sent to guardians who have applied for school lunches. |
| ■ “Higashihiroshima City School Lunch Fee Payment Amount Change Notice” | If the number of school lunch days differs from the originally scheduled number for the fiscal year, a notice (postcard) indicating the revised payment amount will be sent. The payment amount for the 10th installment will be announced in this notice in mid-March. |
| ■ “Demand for Payment (Reminder Notice)” | If payment is not made by the original due date, a reminder notice will be sent within 20 days after the payment deadline. |

4 Payment Schedule and Payment Deadlines ※Only for Junior High Schools

Payment deadlines have been partially revised starting from the 2026-27 financial year.

| Installment | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 (Adjustment) |
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| Deadline | June 30 | July 31 | Aug 31 | Sept 30 | Oct 31 | Nov 30 | Dec 25 | Jan 31 | End of Feb | Mar 31 |

※ There will be no billing at the end of April or the end of May.

※ If the payment due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or public holiday, the due date will be the next business day (financial institutions).

- The payment amount for the 10th installment (end of March) is calculated as:
(Total annual school lunch cost) – (Amount to be paid for the 1st through 9th installments).

- Since the annual school lunch cost differs depending on the school and grade level, the adjusted 10th installment amount will be notified each year in mid-March via the “Higashihiroshima City School Lunch Fee Payment Amount Change Notice.”
- Bank transfer fees will be borne by Higashihiroshima City.
- The bank transfer date and payment deadline will be announced in the “Higashihiroshima City School Lunch Fee Payment Amount Determination Notice” by the first payment deadline of the relevant fiscal year.
- If the account transfer cannot be completed on the scheduled withdrawal date due to insufficient funds, a second withdrawal will not be made. A payment slip will be sent at a later date.
- If school lunch fees remain unpaid even after a demand notice has been served, legal procedures such as a payment order will be initiated through the court. If Higashihiroshima City’s claim is upheld, measures such as seizure of assets may be taken.
- If there are unpaid school lunch fees, the amount may be collected through deductions from the child allowance.

5 School Lunch Fees for Households Receiving Public Assistance

| Public assistance | School lunch fees | Contact |
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| <p>If school expense subsidies are being received:</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Junior High School</p> | <p>[Certified Households] Since the school lunch fees are automatically paid to the city from the school expense assistance funds, guardians do not need to make payments.</p> <p>[Households with Applications Under Review] Guardians must first make the payment. After certification is granted, the amount paid for the certified period will be refunded.</p> <p>[If Certification Is Revoked During the Fiscal Year] School lunch fees for the certified period do not need to be paid. However, if the household becomes non-certified, guardians must pay the fees from that point onward.</p> | <p>School Management Staff Section, School Affairs Division, Higashihiroshima City Board of Education Direct line: 082-420-0975</p> |
| <p>If welfare benefits are being received:</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Elementary School</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Junior High School</p> | <p>As a general rule, public assistance benefits are paid from the city to the guardian, who then pays the school lunch fees from those funds.</p> <p>However, with the guardian’s consent, it is possible for the city (Welfare Division) to pay the school lunch fee portion directly to the school principal, who will then make the payment on the guardian’s behalf.</p> <p>(In this case, submission of a “Letter of Authorization and Consent with Bank Transfer Request Form” is required.)</p> | <p>Lifestyle and Welfare Division, Health and Welfare Department Direct line: 082-420-0405</p> |

— **Inquiries Regarding School Lunch Fees** —

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