

Notice About School Lunch

1. Expenses Related to School Lunches

In Kawasaki City, in accordance with the School Lunch Act and other relevant laws, the costs associated with the facilities, equipment, and personnel necessary for providing school lunches have been covered by public funds, while parents and guardians have been asked to cover only the cost of food items through school lunch fees.

In light of recent inflation, school lunch fees were revised for School Year (SY) 2025, the first such revision since 2018 for elementary schools and since 2017 for junior high schools. In this regard, for SY 2025, the city utilized the national government's Priority Support Local Allocation Grant to maintain the amount shouldered by parents and guardians at the pre-revision level (317 yen per meal for elementary schools; 270 yen shouldered by parents and guardians).

To ensure that the quality of school lunches can be maintained in the future, we have decided to review school lunch fees annually from SY 2026, in line with inflation.

SY 2026 School Lunch Fees						
School type	Grade	Number of school lunches	Per meal		Monthly amount	Annual amount
			SY 2025	SY 2026		
Elementary school	All grade levels	192	317	335	5,900	64,320
Schools for special needs education	Elementary school	183	317	335	5,600	61,305

In this regard, from SY 2026, the national government's Fundamental Reduction of School Lunch Fees initiative will begin in elementary schools (including for special needs education). Therefore, by also utilizing the national government's Priority Support Local Allocation Grant, parents and guardians will not have to pay any school lunch fees.

2. Suspension, Resumption, and Change of School Lunch

If your child's lunch provision status is changed to "Stopped (Not Provided)", "Restart after a Stop", or "Lunch Contents Changed (Milk is stopped or only milk is provided)", **please inform the school in advance and then submit a "School Lunch Fee Category Change Notification"**.

School lunch fees will not be charged for SY 2026; however, to prevent the ordering of unnecessary food items, please submit the appropriate "Category Change Notification."

When milk is stopped or only milk is provided due to food allergies, etc

Please submit a "School Lunch Fee Category Change Notification" if a change is made to "Stopped", "Stop Milk", or "Provide Milk Only" due to food allergies etc.

If lunch is not necessary for 4 or more consecutive day due to injury, illness or long-term absence

Please submit a "School Lunch Fee Category Change Notification" if you know in advance that your child will not eat lunch **for 4 or more days in a row due** to injury, illness or long-term absence".

When transferring to a school other than a municipal school

If you move out of the city or transfer to a private school, in principle you will need to follow the normal transfer procedures, but the submission of documents related to school lunch is not required.

Points to note regarding the "School Lunch Fee Category Change Notification"

Even if you do not submit a "School Lunch Fee Category Change Notification," if your child is absent continuously from the first to the last day of the month (excluding March and August), food orders will be suspended beginning on the first day of the month that falls two months after the month of absence to prevent prolonged ordering of unnecessary food items. If you wish to resume school lunches after that, you will need to submit a new Category Change Notification.

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Each school will distribute the "School Lunch Fee Category Change Notification" form. You can download them from the Kawasaki City website above.