

Information on Admission to Nursery Schools



1 TYPES OF NURSERY SCHOOLS

<Licensed Nursery School etc. > ...Apply to ward office of your area

◆ Licensed Nursery School·Certified Childcare (nursery part)

Childcare for children from 0 or 1-year-olds till entering elementary schools.

◆ Small-scale Childcare·Corporate Daycare

Childcare from 0 to 2-year-olds. When child turns 3, they have priority admission to nearby licensed nursery schools etc.

◆ Home-based Childcare

Small size childcare. 0 to 2-year-olds, maximum capacity of 5 children. When child turns 3, they have priority admission to collaborative facility. Prior tour is REQUIRED before admission.

<Other childcare facilities> ... Apply directly to each childcare facility

◆ Kawasaki Certified Nursery School

These are not licensed nursery schools which meet certain standards required by Kawasaki City, such as nursery room size and number of staffs. Fee subsidy is available (with condition such as working hours etc.). 80 % of the nursery school users are using these Kawasaki Certified Nursery Schools instead of Licensed Nursery Schools. Together with Licensed Nursery Schools, Certified Nursery Schools play important role in satisfying childcare needs in Kawasaki.

◆ Kindergarten·Certified Nursery School (kindergarten part)

Attend from 3-year-old. Some provide childcare after kindergarten hours. There are many other types of unlicensed childcare facilities. Either way, upon admission, the contract is directly between the guardian and the facility. Thus, when applying, please make sure to check about the deposit money requirements and for cases when you are also applying for licensed nursery school.



2 APPLYING FOR LICENSED NURSERY SCHOOL ETC.

(1) Education·Childcare Benefit Certification

Please apply for Education·Childcare Benefit Certification to determine whether that household is in need of licensed nursery school etc. (※) and also to determine childcare hours.

※ Determine the need of childcare: Determine whether that household is applicable to any of the following condition. All guardian members are working, pregnant, expecting childbirth, ill, need

long-term care, schooling, job hunting or others (for detail, see the Usage Guide in HP, or leaflets distributed at the ward office.)

(2) About class age

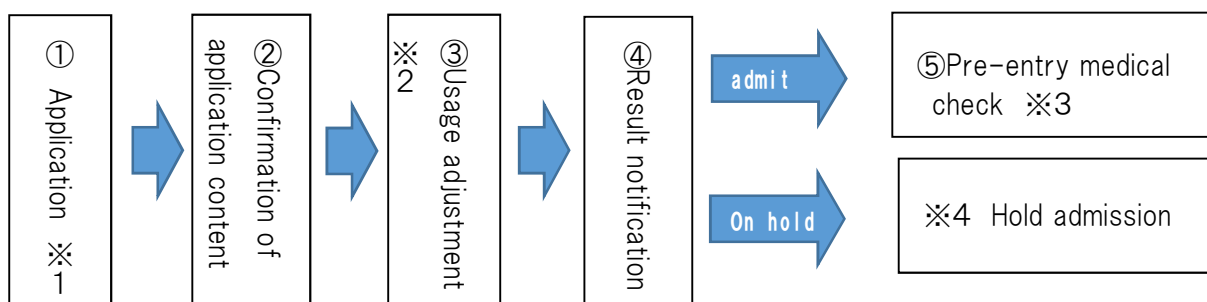
Classes will be based on the age of the child as of April 1 (accepting age varies on each nursery. Be sure to check individual facility, since some do not offer 0-year-old class.)

(3) Nursery open hours

Basically 7:00 to 18:00 (or 7:30 to 18:30). Extended childcare hour is 7:00 to 20:00. Hours are different with each nursery, please check for more detail.

Some of the home-based childcare and small-scale childcare are basically open from 8:30 to 17:00, and closed on Saturdays.

(4) Procedure flow



※1 Apply to the residing ward office by 10th of the prior month (if 10th is a weekend or a holiday, previous open office day) Please check the schedule for April admission procedure in the 'Users' Guide' distributed from October each year.

※2 If there are more applicants than acceptable numbers, the degree of necessity of childcare will be scored based on the usage adjustment criteria. Then score will be digitized (high to low) and then placed to their desired childcare.

※3 Child who is unofficially accepted, will undergo pre-entry medical checkup. When it is confirmed that the child is capable of group activity, the usage fee will be determined as admission from 1st of month.

※4 If the child is not accepted and put on hold, your application is still valid during that fiscal year. When there is an opening, you will be notified. Please make sure to notify us if there is any change in your applying childcare facility, or if you decide not to apply that year.

3 ABOUT TEMPORARY CHILDCARE, TEMPORARY REFRESHING TIME FOR PARENT

Guardian who wants childcare for less than 3 days a week or want to use occasionally, there are temporary childcare system available at licensed nursery schools and also Refreshing Daycare in Kawasaki certified nursery schools. Refreshing Daycare is a temporary childcare system for guardian to rest and refresh.

◆ Temporary childcare at a licensed nursery school

Prior registration (at 1 facility) is required. Please check with your choice of nursery as soon as possible, as there may be only few opening available.

At nursery schools in Kawasaki City, there are more applicants than acceptable numbers, especially for 0 to 2-year-olds. There are many cases where your demand cannot be met. When applying, we recommend that you fill in as many facilities as possible within your needs and possible range for commuting Also, since it is difficult to change your childcare once you enroll, make sure that you have listed match your needs such as hours, location, commuting distance etc. (in principle, NO car drop off is permitted)