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# Free childcare at early childhood education is to start

## About admission & childcare fee

Monthly childcare fees and first year's entrance fee divided proportionally by 12 months will be free of charge for children aged 3 to 5 years, up to 25,700 yen per month.

- \* Guardians will be responsible for school drop-off and pick-up, food, and event expenses as before.

## About daycare

You can receive a refund of the fee by submitting the request documents to the city after using the daycare.

**The usage fee up to 450 yen per day** (up to 11,300 yen per month) will be free for 3-5 year-old children who are recognized as needing childcare.

- \* As for daycare, it will be free from the first April 1 (while in 3-year-old class) after the date of the third birthday (in the case of resident tax-exempt households, from the day your child turns 3 years old) to March 31 of the same fiscal year, and the maximum deduction is 16,300 yen per month.
- \* If you are using a kindergarten with short daycare hours (a kindergarten with a weekday daycare period of less than 8 hours including education hours, or an annual open day of less than 200 days), you can include the usage fees for non-licensed childcare facilities, etc. (Up to a total of 11,300 yen per month).
- \* The number of children accepted for childcare varies depending on the facility. Please contact each facility for details.

## Procedure necessary for receiving free childcare

### Submission of application form for certification is required

In order to be granted free childcare in terms of admission, childcare and daycare fees, you are required to submit the "application form for certification" distributed in each kindergarten. In addition, in order to be eligible for free childcare, it is necessary that your child is certified for the need for daycare.