

The FY2026 List and Application Details of Tsukuba Municipal Kindergartens

1. The number of available places at each kindergarten and eligible school district

Kindergarten name	Phone	Expected availability			Eligible school district
		Age 3	Age 4	Age5	
Oho	(864) 0175	—	3 0	1 5	Ozone/ Maeno/ Kaname Elementary School District
Kamigo	(847) 2925	—	3 0	2 6	Numazaki/ Imakashima/ Kamigo/ Yoshinuma Elementary School District
Yatabe	(836) 1728	—	9 0	4 8	Yatabe/ Yatabe Minami/ Yagihashi/ Midorino Minami Elementary School District/ Midorino Gakuen Compulsory Education School District
Shimana	(847) 7719	—	3 0	6	Shimana/ Mase/ Katoridai Elementary School District
Teshirogi Minami	(852) 0671	1 8	1 7	1 6	Teshirogi Minami Elementary School District ※ Age3: Teshirogi Junior High School District
Ninomiya	(855) 7748	—	3 0	1 4	Ninomiya/ Onogawa Elementary School District
Higashi	(851) 4721	—	3 0	2 2	Higashi Elementary School District
Matsushiro	(851) 4771	—	3 0	2 0	Matsushiro/ Katsuragi/ Kenkyugakuen Elementary School District/ Kasuga Gakuen/ Gakuennomori Compulsory Education School District
Sakura	(857) 2240	—	3 0	2 6	Sakae/ Kokonoe/ Kurihara/ Sakura Elementary School District
Takezono Higashi	(851) 3462	—	3 0	1 7	Takezono Higashi Elementary School District
Takezono Nishi	(852) 1566	—	3 0	1 7	Takezono Nishi Elementary School District
Azuma	(851) 7663	—	3 0	1 8	Azuma Elementary School District
Onan	(851) 7664	—	3 0	2 4	Ounan/ Namiki Elementary School District
Tsukuba	(867) 1552	—	3 0	2 4	Shuho Tsukuba Compulsory School District
Kukizaki	(876) 0018	1 8	4 5	1 8	Kukizaki Dai-Ichi/ Kukizaki Dai-Ni/ Kukizaki Dai-San Elementary School District

- The number of places available in kindergartens is subject to change depending on the number of three-to-four-year-old enrolled in 2025.

2. When and where to apply

(1) When: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. From Monday, October 27 to Friday, October 31, 2025

(2) Where: You can apply at the kindergarten of your child's school district directly.

Please bring your child, along with the following items, to the kindergarten with you. There will be a short and simple interview for your child.

i) **A document clearly showing your and your child's address** (such as a My Number card)

ii) **Residence card (If you are a foreign national, your residence card is required.)**

If you wish to apply for a kindergarten outside your designated school district, please inquire directly with the kindergarten. If they agree to accept your child, you must submit a form (called *Enku-gai Tsuen Todoke* 園区外通園届) to them.

(3) Application form: **Kindergarten Application Form (called *Nyu-en Kyoka Shinsei-sho* 入園許可申請書)** is available at any kindergarten and also downloadable from the official website of Tsukuba City.

3. Eligibility requirements

(1) Your child must be registered as a resident of Tsukuba City.

Kindergarten applications in Tsukuba City are only accepted for children who are registered as residents. If your child currently lives outside the city, you must wait to apply until after they have moved to Tsukuba City.

(2) Your child has not yet started school and belongs to one of the following age groups:

- Three years old (Born between April 2, 2022 and April 1, 2023)
- Four years old (Born between April 2, 2021 and April 1, 2022)
- Five years old (Born between April 2, 2020 and April 1, 2021)

4. Permission for kindergarten admission

(1) Before being offered a place at a kindergarten, your child will have an interview and health check-up.

(2) If the number of applications exceeds the available spots at a kindergarten, priority will be given to children living in the eligible school district. If applications from within the school district still exceed capacity, a lottery will be held.

5. Pick up and drop off at kindergarten

You must pick up and drop off your child at kindergarten as a general rule. Some kindergartens offer bus services, but you must pick up and drop off your child at the designated bus stop. Bus services are provided at Oho, Kamigo, Yatabe, Shimana, Sakura, Onan, Tsukuba, and Kukizaki kindergartens and available for children living inside each eligible school district.

6. Childcare fees

- Child education fee: Free of charge under the free preschool education scheme
- Education material and event fees: ¥500 each per month
- Weekday extended childcare fee (available at Shimana and Teshirogi Minami Kindergartens only): ¥300 per day (Maximum monthly fee is ¥3,000)
- Childcare fees during long holidays (not all kindergartens offer this service): ¥1,000 per day

7. Lunch fees

Lunches are provided at all municipal kindergartens.

The maximum monthly lunch fee is ¥3,900.

The amount is subject to change depending on household income and composition.

8. Childcare hours

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays)

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Wednesdays)

Please be aware that if your child uses the bus service, they will return come back by the time stated above.

9. Extended childcare hours (available at Shimana and Teshirogi Minami kindergartens only)

- From 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays
- From 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays

Please note that there are no bus services for extended childcare hours.

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