

FY2027 List of Tsukuba Municipal Kindergartens and Application Information

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

Kindergarten	Phone	Expected enrollment			Eligible school district
		Age 3	Age 4	Age5	
Oho	029 (864) 0175	1 8	3 0	2 5	Ozone, Maeno, and Kaname Elementary School Districts
Kamigo	029 (847) 2925	—	3 0	2 5	Numazaki, Imakashima, Kamigo, and Yoshinuma Elementary School Districts
Yatabe	029 (836) 1728	—	9 0	5 9	Yatabe, Yatabe Minami, Yagihashi, and Midorino Minami Elementary School Districts, and Midorino Gakuen Compulsory Education School District
Shimana	029 (847) 7719	—	3 0	7	Shimana, Mase, and Katoridai Elementary School Districts
Teshirogi Minami	029 (852) 0671	1 8	1 2	1 3	Teshirogi Minami Elementary School District ※ Age3: Teshirogi Junior High School District
Ninomiya	029 (855) 7748	—	3 0	1 9	Ninomiya, and Onogawa Elementary School Districts
Higashi	029 (851) 4721	—	3 0	2 8	Higashi Elementary School District
Matsushiro	029 (851) 4771	—	3 0	2 2	Matsushiro, Katsuragi, and Kenkyu Gakuen Elementary School Districts, and Kasuga Gakuen and Gakuenomori Compulsory Education School Districts
Sakura	029 (857) 2240	—	3 0	2 5	Sakae, Kokonoe, Kurihara and Sakura Elementary School Districts
Takezono Higashi	029 (851) 3462	—	3 0	2 2	Takezono Higashi Elementary School District
Takezono Nishi	029 (852) 1566	1 8	3 0	2 5	Takezono Nishi Elementary School District
Azuma	029 (851) 7663	—	3 0	2 1	Azuma Elementary School District
Onan	029 (851) 7664	—	3 0	2 5	Onan, and Namiki Elementary School Districts
Tsukuba	029 (867) 1552	—	3 0	2 7	Shuho Tsukuba Compulsory School District
Kukizaki	029 (876) 0018	1 8	2 0	1 9	Kukizaki Dai-Ichi, Kukizaki Dai-Ni, and Kukizaki Dai-San Elementary School Districts

Note: The number of places available in kindergartens is subject to change depending on the number of three- and four-year-olds enrolled in FY2026.

2. When and where to apply

(1) When: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. From Monday, October 26 to Friday, October 30, 2026

(2) Where: You can apply at your preferred kindergarten.

Please bring your child to the kindergarten along with a document clearly showing your address and your child's address, such as a My Number Card or residence card. Your child will have a short, simple interview.

If you wish to apply to a kindergarten outside your child's assigned school district, please contact the kindergarten directly. If the kindergarten agrees to accept your child, you must submit a form called *Enku-gai Tsuen Todoke* (園区外通園届) to the kindergarten.

(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 can also be downloaded 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 accepted only for children who are registered as residents of the city. If your child currently lives outside Tsukuba City, you must wait until after your child has moved to Tsukuba City to apply.

(2) Your child must not have started elementary school and must be one of the following ages:

- Three years old (Born between April 2, 2023 and April 1, 2024)
- Four years old (Born between April 2, 2022 and April 1, 2023)
- Five years old (Born between April 2, 2021 and April 1, 2022)

4. Kindergarten admission

(1) Before your child is admitted to kindergarten, they will have an interview and a health check-up.

(2) If the number of applications exceeds the number of available places at a kindergarten, priority will be given to children who live in the kindergarten's assigned school district. If the number of applications from within the school district still exceeds the number of available places, a lottery will be held.

5. Transportation to and from kindergarten

As a general rule, you must bring your child to and pick them up from kindergarten. If you use kindergarten bus services, you must do the same at the designated bus stop. Bus services are available at Oho, Kamigo, Yatabe, Shimana, Sakura, Onan, Tsukuba, and Kukizaki Kindergartens for children living in their assigned school districts.

6. Childcare fees

- Preschool education and childcare: Free under the Free Preschool Education Scheme
- Education material and event: ¥500 each per month
- Extended childcare on weekdays (available only at Yatabe, Shimana, Teshirogi Minami, Takezono Nishi, Azuma, Onan, and Kukizaki Kindergartens): ¥300 per day (Maximum: ¥3,000 per month)
- Childcare during long holidays (not available at all kindergartens): ¥1,000 per day

7. Lunch fees

Lunch is provided at all municipal kindergartens.

The maximum monthly lunch fee is ¥3,900.

The fee may vary depending on parents' and guardians' income and family composition.

8. Childcare hours

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

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Wednesdays, except on national holidays)

Please note that the stated hours include transportation time at kindergartens that offer bus services.

The long holidays periods are as follows: late July through the end of August, late December through early January, and late March through early April.

9. Extended childcare hours on weekdays (except during long holidays periods)

Until 4:30 p.m. after regular childcare hours

Extended childcare is available at Yatabe, Shimana, Teshirogi Minami, Takezono Nishi, Azuma, Onan, and Kukizaki Kindergartens

Please note that bus services are not available for extended childcare.

Contact information: School Affairs Division, Education Bureau of Tsukuba City

Phone: 029-883-1111 (Extension: 4640)