

Japan

Educational Timeline

- School year: April-March; Graduation Occurs in March
- Elementary Education is six years, followed by three years of Lower Secondary School and three years of Upper Secondary School

Group A: Documents That Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Students presenting documents other than those listed below will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis

Kotogakko Sotsugyo Shosho Upper Secondary School Graduation Certificate (academic or vocational)
-Must be accompanied by an Academic Record of Grades for three years of upper secondary school

Group B: Documents That Do Not Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Comparable to less than completion of US high school

Shogakko Sotsugyo Shosho Elementary School Graduation Certificate
Chugakko Sotsugyo Shosho Lower Secondary School Graduation Certificate

GPA Calculation

Calculate the cumulative high school GPA by converting line-by-line all grades listed on the student's final high school records listed in "Group A" above to US equivalents and convert to quality points. If course credits or hours are assigned to each course, then weight the courses according to the credits assigned. In the case that course credits or hours are only assigned to each subject taken, take the average of the grades achieved in each subject and convert to US quality points. Weight the converted grades for each subject according to the credits assigned for that subject on the transcript.

Grading Scale (May not be all inclusive):

Numeric Grade	US Grade	Quality Points	
5	A	4	
4	B	3	
3	C	2	
2	D	1	lowest passing grade
1	F	0	

Class Ranking

Class rank is evaluated based on a letter written and submitted by the headmaster or principal of the institution from which the student graduated. The letter must confirm both the student's final position in the student's secondary school class and the total number of students in the graduating class (e.g. the student is 41st in a total graduating class of 112 students). However, students completing tracked or separate degree programs must be ranked against all other students in a given class who completed the same degree program.

Post-Secondary Education

Students will be charged terms of attendance and considered transfer students if they have enrolled as a regular student and attended one or more post-secondary courses at any of the types of institutions listed below (may not be all inclusive) or any other institution that requires proof of high school graduation as a pre-requisite for admission (subject to review on a case-by-case basis).

University (*Daigaku*)

Technical College

Junior College

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