



2024
Special Category Small Schools
Facility & Activity Tours








Contents

- Explanation of the characteristics of the school, facility tour, Q & A session, etc.
- Observation of distinctive educational activities, etc. (only at elementary schools and the first- to sixth-grade classes of Takayasu Elementary and Junior High School)

Target

- Children who will be newly enrolling in the first year of elementary school in 2025 and 2026 and their parents or guardians
- Children who will be newly enrolling in the first year of junior high school in 2025 and their parents or guardians

We will hold facility & activity tours to be used as reference by those considering enrollment in special category small schools. If you would like to participate, please apply in advance using the application form below.

School		Date and Time	Application Form	
Katsura Elementary School	Activity Tour	<u>Wednesday, June 26th</u> 13:00-14:00 • Participants will observe the fifth hour class.	Activity Tour  (Deadline: June 19th)	Facility Tour  (Deadline: July 19th)
	Facility Tour	<u>Saturday, July 27th</u> 10:00-11:30 • The school will give a facility tour.		
Kitayamamoto Elementary School	Facility & Activity Tour	<u>Monday, July 1st</u> 13:30-15:00 (Participants will observe facilities and activities mainly for lower grade students.)	Lower grade students  (Deadline: June 24th)	Higher grade students  (Deadline: June 28th)
		<u>Friday, July 5th</u> 15:00-16:30 (Participants will observe facilities and activities mainly for higher grade students.) • On both days, participants will observe classes, facilities, and fun activities after school.		
Katsura Junior High School	Facility Tour	<u>Saturday, July 20th</u> 10:00-11:30 • The school will give a facility tour. • Participants will view videos showing everyday life at the school.	 (Deadline: July 12th)	
Takayasu Elementary and Junior High School	Facility & Activity Tour	<u>Wednesday, July 3rd</u> 10:20-12:00 • Primary education section: Participants will observe classes and English Village activities in addition to taking part in a facility tour. • Secondary education section: The school will give a facility tour.	Primary education section  (Deadline: June 26th)	Secondary education section  (Deadline: June 26th)

- ※ Families with pre-elementary school children can also participate in a junior high school facility tour. (In principle, students are required to enroll in the junior high school connected to the elementary school where they have enrolled.)
- ※ Advance application is required to participate in a facility and activity tour. Please refrain from requesting to participate on the day of the event.
- ※ Parents/guardians alone or with children can participate in the event. Children are not allowed to participate alone.
- ※ If it is difficult to apply online, please contact us using the following contact information.

Contact Information

Yao City Board of Education

- About the system in general: Children's Facility Management Division 072-924-3888
- Educational content and inquiry on facility & activity tours: School Education Promotion Division 072-924-3873

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For students to be newly enrolled in 2025

New School Enrollment System in Yao City

Since 2023, Yao City has implemented a system that allows new first-year students, under certain conditions, to attend a school other than the designated school (designated by address) if they wish.

Also check the city's website. →



Special category small schools that can be attended from anywhere in Yao City

At the time of enrollment at an elementary or junior high school

Special category small school
Katsura Elementary School, Kitayamamoto Elementary School, Katsura Junior High School and Takayasu Elementary and Junior High School

Special category small schools have been established as part of the city's efforts to help small-scale schools to transform themselves into more attractive schools. These schools accept children commuting from all areas of the city, regardless of their school district.

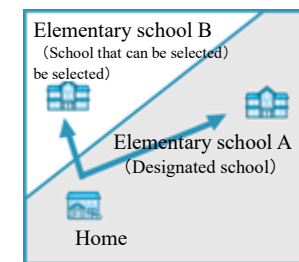
©Special category small schools are providing unique educational activities! See the inside pages for details.

Flexible operation of changes in designated schools, which allows students to choose a nearby school

At the time of enrollment at an elementary school

School closer to home (shorter commuting distance)

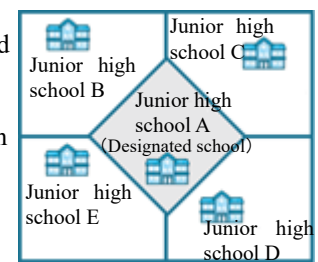
You can select a school located nearer to your home than the designated school which has been allocated based on your address.



At the time of enrollment at a junior high school

School in an adjacent school district

You can select a school located in one of the school districts adjacent to the school district of the designated school which has been allocated based on your address.



- The guardian of the child is responsible for ensuring the child's safety while commuting to school.
 - For special category small schools, students are permitted to commute by public transportation or by being driven by their parents or guardians. (Elementary school students are required to be accompanied by a parent or guardian during daily commuting at all places outside the school district even when using public transportation.) Commuting by bicycle may be permitted for the students of Katsura Junior High School and the seventh- to ninth-grade students of Takayasu Elementary and Junior High School.
 - When selecting a school, please be aware of the purpose of the system and discuss it carefully with your child from the perspective of respecting human rights without discrimination or prejudice.
- ※ The terms "elementary school" and "junior high school" used in the text above include the "first semester of compulsory education school" and "second semester of compulsory education school," respectively.

Features of
the Katsura Junior
High School
District

Katsura Junior High School supports the career development of students. Shape a bright future in which you can live a fulfilling life!

Three schools (Katsura Elementary School, Kitayamamoto Elementary School, and Katsura Junior High School) work together to provide nine years of consistent education. In addition, through classes with guest teachers who specialize in various fields, students will discover their strengths and cultivate the ability to realize their dreams.

Katsura Junior High School

The three years will serve as an opportunity to devote yourself to what you like.



Club activity guidance provided by professional instructors

In club activities, professional instructors provide specialized instruction for the five sports of soccer, soft tennis, basketball, volleyball, and badminton approximately once a week. They teach students from the basics to full-scale practice in a gentle and easy-to-understand manner.



Development of a solid ability to learn

We provide classes in which students can independently learn from each other through group work. All students take English proficiency tests and kanji aptitude tests. Furthermore, instructors from private businesses offer learning support after school and during long vacations.



Provision of career education and human rights education

Through encounters with guest teachers in various fields and hands-on learning, students will develop the ability to realize their dreams.



Katsura Elementary School

Learn from professionals in each field!



Physical education classes taught by teachers and professional instructors

For physical education classes such as gymnastics and track and field, professional instructors are invited to provide specialized instruction. By learning tips on how to run fast or jump over a high vaulting box and thereby obtaining many successful experiences, children will grow to like exercise. For swimming lessons, specialized instruction is provided at a private swimming pool facility.



Selectable after-school sports classes

After school, sports classes such as track and field are offered. Students can not only improve their skills but also have a productive time after school.



Encounter with active people with fulfilling lives and various hands-on activities

In the Human Rights & Future Exploration Course, students will cultivate a rich sense of humanity through encounters with guest teachers who specialize in various fields and visits to facilities in and outside Yao City. Furthermore, a school counselor is assigned to support the physical and mental growth of children.



Features of the
Takayasu Elementary and
Junior High School
District

Development of global talent to expand students' possibilities

Takayasu Elementary and Junior High School provides nine years of consistent education as a compulsory education school, which integrates the primary education section (equivalent to elementary school) and the secondary education section (equivalent to junior high school). And Takayasu Elementary and Junior High School will continue to advance its distinctive educational activities by, for example, enhancing English education to develop global talent.

Takayasu Elementary and Junior High

Spread your wings, global talent!



Primary education section Secondary education section

Enhancement of English education

We support students in achieving the ability to express their thoughts and ideas in English by assigning full-time ALTs (※) and encouraging students to participate in activities to become familiar with English.



(※) ALT...Assistant language teachers

Enhancement of self-study support

Kanji aptitude tests will be taken by all students from the first to ninth grades.

English proficiency tests will be taken by seventh- to ninth-grade students. After school, learning support is offered by private businesses.



Enhancement of learning activities utilizing ICT

The further utilization of ICT in class by using tablets and monitors helps students learn more deeply.



Enhancement of local learning (Takayasu study)

Through local learning, such as dialogue with local people, hands-on experiences, and fieldwork, students deepen their understanding of local traditions and cultures and nurture love for their hometown.



Kitayamamoto Elementary School

Many interesting lessons!



School subject teaching and student support by experts, and various hands-on activities

For science experiments and physical education classes such as gymnastics, instructors from universities and professional instructors are invited to provide specialized instruction. For swimming lessons, specialized instruction is provided at a private swimming pool facility.

In the Human Rights & Future Exploration Course, we provide a variety of hands-on activities both inside and outside the school, in addition to inviting guest teachers who specialize in various fields.

We also assign a school counselor and school social worker to support children and their parents/guardians.



Interesting after-school activities

Various classes are offered after school. Our many fun activities include soccer, basketball and other sports lessons; foreign language lessons, such as English and Chinese; and painting classes.



Development of a solid ability to learn

We provide classes in which students can independently learn from each other in small groups. Students will take kanji aptitude tests. Furthermore, private businesses offer learning support after school.

