

# New School Enrollment System

Since AY2023, Yao City has implemented  
a system that allows new first-year students,  
under certain conditions,  
to attend a school other than  
the designated school if they wish.





## What is Yao City's school choice system?

Our school choice system allows students to attend a school other than the designated school (the school designated by their address) under certain conditions.

\* The terms "elementary school" and "junior high school" used in this document include the "primary education section of a compulsory education school" and the "secondary education section of a compulsory education school," respectively.



### Overview of the school choice system

#### Description

- *Special category small school system*
- *Flexible operation of designated school changes*

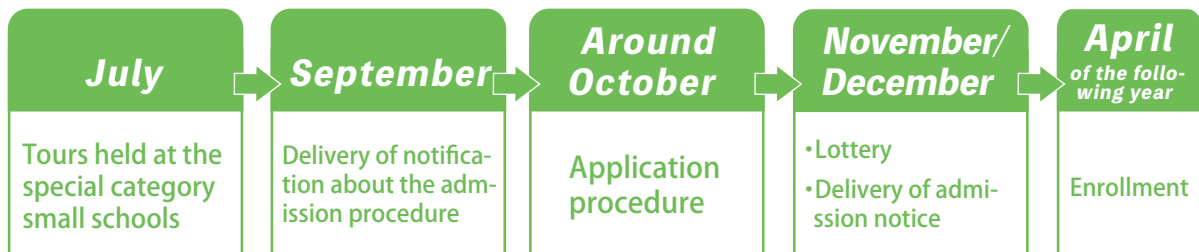
#### Eligibility

*Prospective first-year students in elementary and junior high schools*

\* To use the system, an application needs to be made during the designated period.



### Admission process



For details of the system, check the city's website.



### Things to consider when selecting a school

- Parents or guardians are responsible for ensuring the safety of children/students while they are commuting to 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.
- If you are planning to change residence or move to Yao City, you must complete the procedure for changing your address before the application acceptance period starts.
- In light of the impact on school operations, the number of available spots is limited.





## 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 schools

**Katsura Elementary School, Kitayamamoto Elementary School,  
Katsura Junior High School, Takayasu Elementary and Junior High School**

The special category small schools have been introduced 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.

\* The special category small schools are committed to distinctive educational activities. For details, please see "Efforts by the Special Category Small Schools" on the inside page.



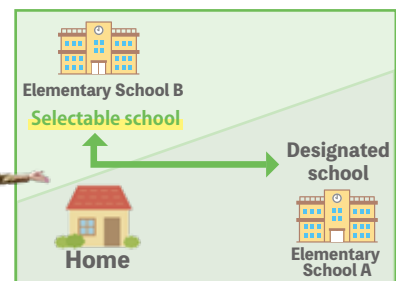
## Flexible operation of designated school changes, which allows students to choose a nearby school

At the time of enrollment at  
an elementary school

### Elementary school closer to home (shorter commuting distance)

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

In the case indicated on the right,  
you can select Elementary School B,  
which is closer to your home.

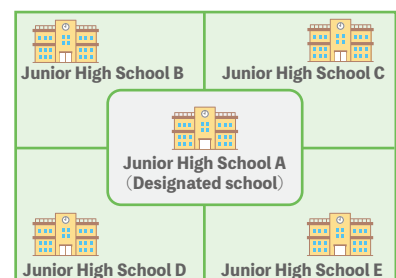


At the time of enrollment  
at a junior high school

### Junior high school in an adjacent school district

You can select a junior high school adjacent to the designated school which has been allocated based on your address.

In the case indicated on the right,  
you can select a school from among  
adjacent Junior High Schools B to E.



Please check the city's website  
for selectable junior high schools.





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## Supporting the career de

These three schools (Katsura Elementary School, Kitayamamoto Elementary School, and Katsura J develop students who will follow their dreams, have pride, and nurture their bonds, which is the i

### Katsura Elementary School



Scan the QR code  
to learn more  
about the school!

### Learn from professionals in each field!

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

Through lessons taught by external instructors with expertise in various fields and also through fieldwork and other hands-on activities as well as presentation opportunities, students are exposed to diverse ideas, thereby developing a spirit of respect for human rights, a spirit of inquiry, and the ability to express themselves, discover their own strengths, and realize their dreams. Meanwhile, by appointing a school counselor, the school supports students' mental and physical health and career development.



#### Development of a solid ability to learn and enhancement of student support

Katsura Elementary School helps students develop their ability to learn by facilitating collaborative learning in small groups and encouraging students to take kanji aptitude tests. For fourth to sixth graders, the school holds programming classes taught by professional external instructors twice a year. Students can foster their computational thinking in a fun way while operating a robot.



#### Enhancement of sport and health education

Professional external instructors are involved in the physical education classes for each grade. Together with teachers, they provide specialized instruction on a variety of exercises, including mat exercises, horizontal bars, and body workouts. Students also receive dance lessons from professional instructors, where they can learn the joy of moving their body through dancing. After school, the school holds sports classes, including dance and track & field lessons taught by professional external instructors, to help students improve their skills and build their physical strength.



### Message from the Principal

Since its opening in 1874, the school, together with the local community, has been committed to the principle of respect for human rights as the foundation of all its educational activities. The new school building, which was put into use in January 2022, provides an environment where students can learn in a relaxed manner. In the future, while further developing the human rights and career education accumulated in the junior high school district, Katsura Elementary School, as a special category small school, will reinforce its distinctive educational activities.

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*development of students— Shape a bright future in which you*

*(Junior High School) are working together to promote nine years of consistent human rights and career education. A clear vision of students in the junior high school district.*

## Kitayamamoto Elementary School



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about the school!

### Many fun lessons!



#### Lessons, student support, and various hands-on activities provided by experts

Through lessons taught by external instructors with expertise in various fields and also through hands-on activities and presentation opportunities that emphasize multicultural understanding, students can develop a spirit of inquiry and the ability to express themselves. In addition, exposure to diverse ideas allows students to discover their own strengths and develop the ability to realize their dreams. Meanwhile, the school assigns a school counselor and school social worker to support students' mental and physical health.



#### School subject teaching and student support by experts

In science classes, university professors conduct lessons to stimulate students' curiosity through fun experiments and observations, such as air cannons, static electricity, and volcano models. In physical education classes, professional external instructors work with teachers to provide specialized instruction and support for exercises such as mat exercises, horizontal bars, vaulting boxes, hurdling, ball games, and skipping rope.



#### Fun after-school activities

The school provides various after-school activities led by professional external instructors to enhance the physical and mental development of students. A variety of activities are carried out on different days of the week: study classes to support learning, English and Chinese classes that lead to multicultural understanding, sports classes to discover the joy of physical activity, and art classes to develop drawing skills in a fun way. Students are free to choose and participate in activities that interest them.



### Message from the Principal

Since its opening in 1956, the school, together with the local community, has been committed to the principle of respect for human rights as the foundation of all its educational activities. The school also carries out hands-on activities with an emphasis on multicultural understanding to foster the ability to thrive in a globalized society. The school building is equipped with solar panels and elevators. Also, LED lighting and western-style toilets have been installed throughout the school, making it environmentally friendly and more accessible. A multi-purpose room with air conditioning and Wi-Fi and a common area are also available, creating an environment where students can learn proactively and comfortably.



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*u can live a fulfilling life!*

*tion, centered on inquiry-based learning focusing on human rights and future society, in order to*



### Katsura Junior High School



Scan the QR code to learn more about the school!

The three years that serve as an opportunity for students to devote themselves to what they like



#### Provision of career education and human rights education

Students foster the strength to thrive and pursue their dreams through various hands-on activities aimed at helping students move toward their chosen career path after graduation, encounters with many people, and proactive learning, for example, putting into practice initiatives that students have thought up themselves and communicating and interacting with others.



#### Development of solid academic ability

In classes, collaborative learning in groups is encouraged, whereby students take initiative in learning from each other and consequently develop not only knowledge but also thinking, communication, and presentation skills. To help students foster solid academic ability, Katsura Junior High School makes all students take English proficiency and kanji aptitude tests. Also, the school offers learning programs taught by professional external instructors after school and during long vacations.



#### Club activity guidance provided by professional instructors

In club activities, professional external instructors provide coaching for the five sports of soccer, tennis, basketball, volleyball, and badminton approximately once a week. To help students grow both mentally and physically, the instructors provide thorough guidance, from the basics to full-scale practice, allowing even those with no experience to participate worry-free.



### Message from the Principal

Since its opening in 1971, the school, together with the local community, has been committed to the principle of respect for human rights as the foundation of all its educational activities. The school building, which began to be used in 2016, is designed with consideration for daylighting, ventilation, and accessibility, thereby having a structure friendly to everyone. There is a space in front of each grade's classroom for conversation and self-study. Also, the school has an auditorium with air conditioning and Wi-Fi where all students can study together, and all of the school toilets are western-style, creating an environment where students can learn proactively and comfortably.

# schools

## Characteristics 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).

#### Characteristics of the Takayasu Elementary and Junior High School District



Scan the QR code to learn more about the school!

### Spread your wings, global talent!



#### Enhancement of English education

The school helps students comprehensively develop four English skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) according to each one's level through the implementation of English Village (communicative activities to familiarize students with English) in the primary education section and the use of English apps with AI correction functions in the secondary education section. In class, teachers encourage students to communicate with assistant language teachers (ALTs) to help students develop the ability to express their thoughts and ideas in English, thereby cultivating global talent.



#### Community-based "Takayasu Study"

Through experiences such as activities in a biotope and growing Kawachi cotton, students deepen their understanding of local traditions and culture, develop a love for their hometown, and foster an independent attitude to protect and nurture the local nature and culture. The school also focuses on developing practical skills by, for example, deepening knowledge about disaster risk reduction and working in cooperation with the local community.



#### Enhancement of self-study support

Providing support for taking English proficiency and kanji aptitude tests, the school helps students obtain certificates by utilizing their strengths. In addition, after school and during long vacations, the school offers learning support provided by professional external instructors to foster students' motivation and attitude to learn independently. Moreover, the further utilization of ICT in class by actively using tablets and monitors helps students learn more effectively.



### Message from the Principal

Located at the foot of Mt. Takayasu in the northeast part of Yao City, Takayasu Elementary and Junior High School is blessed with a lush natural environment and a fascinating historical and cultural heritage. The school is working on initiatives in which the school, families, and the community work together to nurture children by actively holding local events such as summer festivals. In AY2016, the facilities of Takayasu Elementary School and Takayasu Junior High School were combined into a new school building. Subsequently, the two schools integrated into one in April 2019 as a compulsory education school that provides nine years of education. While ensuring Takayasu's traditional education, which allows students to take pride in their hometown and enhances their ability to thrive in the future, Takayasu Elementary and Junior High School, as a special category small school, will continue to reinforce its distinctive educational activities.



# Special Category Small Schools

## Facility & Activity Tours







### Description

- Explanation of the characteristics of the school, facility tour, Q & A session, etc.
- Observing distinctive educational activities (Elementary schools and the primary education section of the compulsory education school only)

### Eligibility

- Children who will be newly enrolling in the first year of elementary school in AY2026 and AY2027 and their parents or guardians
- Children who will be newly enrolling in the first year of junior high school in AY2026 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.

Participating schools	Date and time	Application form
Katsura Elementary School	<b>Facility &amp; Activity Tours</b> <b>July 9 (Wed.) 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.</b> • Participants will observe a fifth period class and school facilities.	 < Deadline: July 2 >
Kitayamamoto Elementary School	<b>Facility &amp; Activity Tours</b> <b>July 4 (Fri.) 3:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.</b> (Participants will observe facilities and activities mainly for higher grade students.) <b>July 7 (Mon.) 1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.</b> (Participants will observe facilities and activities mainly for lower grade students.) • On both days, participants will observe classes, facilities, and fun after-school activities.	<div> <b>[Higher grade]</b>              &lt; Deadline: June 27 &gt; </div> <div> <b>[lower grades]</b>              &lt; Deadline: June 30 &gt; </div>
Katsura Junior High School	<b>Facility Tour</b> <b>July 19 (Sat.) 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.</b> • Participants will observe school facilities. An overview of the school will also be provided.	 < Deadline: July 11 >
Takayasu Elementary and Junior High School	<b>Facility &amp; Activity Tours</b> <b>July 2 (Wed.) 10:30 a.m.–12:00 noon</b> • Primary education section: Participants will observe classes and English Village activities in addition to taking part in a facility tour. • Participants will observe school facilities.	<div> <b>[Primary education section]</b>              &lt; Deadline: June 25 &gt; </div> <div> <b>[Secondary education section]</b>              &lt; Deadline: June 25 &gt; </div>

- \* 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.
- \* The facility tour for the secondary education section of Takayasu Elementary and Junior High School will be held on a weekday, so please refrain from participating with elementary school children.
- \* If it is difficult to apply online, please contact us using the contact information below.

## Yao City Board of Education

- About the system in general.....Education Policy Division 072-924-3888
- About the education provided, and facility & activity tours.....School Education Promotion Division 072-924-3873