

Students will be able to select a school under certain conditions.



Introduction of the special category small school system and flexible operation of changes in designated schools

Currently, Yao City designates the school where your child will be enrolled based on your address (the school is called the “designated school”). However, in order to respond to various changes in the school environment, reduce the burden of commuting to school, and meet the needs of students and parents or guardians as much as possible, the city will start a system that allows students, under certain conditions, to select a school other than the designated school if they wish.

- The new system will **start in April 2023**.
- **These measures are only available to students who are newly enrolling in the first year of elementary school and junior high school**, and are not applicable to students who are already attending school.
- **The city will send detailed information on the procedure by mail around September 2022 to households** with children who are scheduled to enroll at an elementary school or junior high school in 2023.

※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.

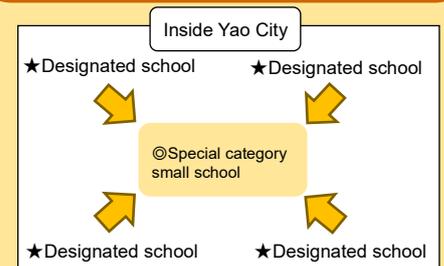
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This is one of the measures for small-scale schools. By allowing children to commute from all areas of the city, regardless of their school district, the city aims to halt the decline in the number of students at small-scale schools and promote the development of more attractive schools, eventually revitalizing schools and communities.

On April 1, 2023, Yao City will designate four schools (Katsura Elementary School, Kitayamamoto Elementary School, Katsura Junior High School and Takayasu Elementary and Junior High School) as special category small schools, where unique educational activities will be provided.

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



Children from all over the city can select a special category small school.

What are the features?



Features of the Katsura Junior High School District

Katsura Elementary School, Kitayamamoto Elementary School, Katsura Junior High School
Supporting children's career development

Features of the Takayasu Elementary and Junior High School District

Takayasu Elementary and Junior High School (a compulsory education school)

Developing global human resources



~Main initiatives~

◆**Dreams, pride and bonds: Integrated elementary and junior high school education based on all-out efforts**

Promoting consistent education over nine years to develop children who will “follow their dreams, have pride, and nurture their bonds,” which is the ideal vision of children in the junior high school district.

◆**Promotion of human rights education and career education**

Enriching children's minds and developing their ability to live a life that is uniquely their own through various hands-on activities and encounters with many people.

◆**Development of a solid ability to learn**

Encouraging students to take English proficiency tests and kanji aptitude tests, and facilitating collaborative learning in small groups.

※School facility tours are also scheduled for children who are newly enrolling in the first year of elementary school or junior high school, and for their parents or guardians.

~Main initiatives~

◆**Nine years of education featuring the nature and traditions of Takayasu**

Implementing systematic and continuous education over nine years from the first to ninth grades, while cultivating students' pride in their hometown and the ability to thrive toward the future.

◆**Substantial English education**

Developing global human resources by promoting English education that enables students to communicate their ideas and thoughts in English.

◆**Extensive support for independent study**

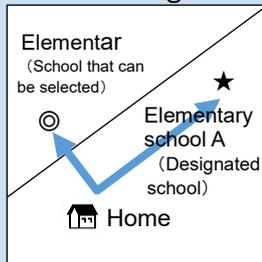
Encouraging students to take English proficiency tests and kanji aptitude tests, and offering an after-school study support program by outside personnel to foster an attitude of self-motivated learning.

2 Flexible operation of designated school changes

Cases where a school other than the designated school can be selected

At the time of enrollment
at an elementary school

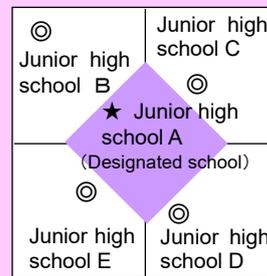
▶ School closer to home (shorter commuting distance)



⇒You can select a school located nearer to your home than the designated school which has been allocated based on your address. (In the case indicated on the left, you can select elementary school B, which is closer to your home.)

At the time of enrollment
at a junior high school

▶ School in an adjacent school district

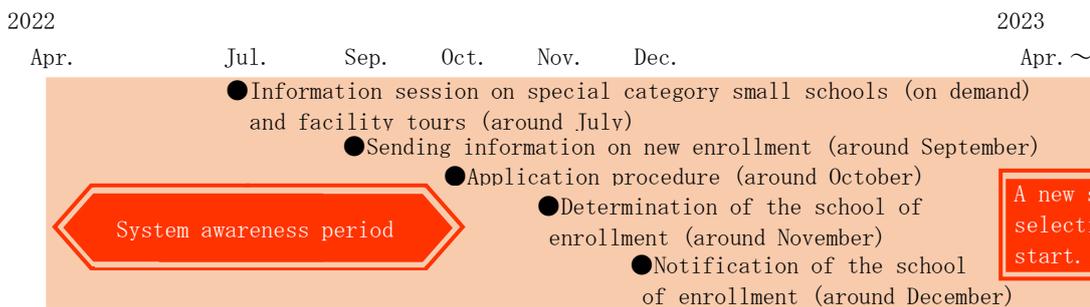


⇒You can select a school located in one of the school districts adjacent to the school district of the designated school which has been allocated based on your address.

(In the case on the left, you can select a school from among junior highs schools B, C, D, and E, which are located in adjacent school districts.)

- ※ In cases where there are individual circumstances that make it difficult to attend school due to relocation or physical or mental condition, the city allows for a change of designated school and out-of-district enrollment, in addition to the above system. For more information, please contact the School Education Promotion Division.
- ※ Due to the impact on school management, the number of students accepted is limited. Please note that it is not always possible to enroll in the school of your choice. (If there are more applications than can be accepted, a lottery will be held. No special consideration will be given to siblings, twins, etc.)

3 Main schedule for the start of the system (TBD)



- ※ If you are selecting a school other than the designated school, you will need to complete the application procedure (around October).



4 Other notes

- In principle, commuting by bicycle is not permitted for safety reasons.
- At Takayasu Elementary and Junior High School, first to sixth grades (equivalent to first to sixth grades of elementary school) are the “first semester of compulsory education school” and seventh to ninth grades (equivalent to first to third grades of junior high school) are the “second semester of compulsory education school.”
- In principle, students are required to enroll in a junior high school connected to the elementary school where they have enrolled.
- 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.

Contact Information

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Search

- About the system in general : Children's Facility Management Division 072-924-3888
- Educational content and procedure : School Education Promotion Division 072-924-3891

