

Dear Junior High School Students and Their Parents/Guardians,

2025 Academic Year Shimane Prefecture Public High School Admissions

The "Special Admissions Selection" process is starting.

Special Admissions Selection

This encompasses three types of selection: General Admissions Selection (General Selection), Admissions Selection for Integrated Junior and Senior High Schools (Special Selection for Integrated Schools), and Athletic Admissions Selection (Special Sports Selection).

1. General Admissions Selection

- This will be conducted for all full-time courses, except for part-time and correspondence courses.
- Each high school will set its recruitment numbers to about 10-40% of the total enrollment capacity. (For the sports department at Taisha High School, this will be about 60%.)
- Each high school will establish "application requirements" based on the "profile of the desired student."
- A recommendation from the junior high school principal is not required.
- Each high school will select at least two examination methods, such as interviews or oral exams, essays or short essays, presentations, academic tests, practical skills tests, science experiments, or English speeches.
- The restriction on out-of-region enrollment does not apply to general courses at Matsue Kita, Matsue Minami, Matsue Higashi, and Izumo High Schools.

Application Documents

1. Application Form (including a photo and an attached revenue stamp for the examination fee)
2. Statement of Purpose
 - The form can be downloaded from the Shimane Prefecture Board of Education website. (It can be created using word processing software)
3. Personal Investigation Report (created by the junior high school principal)
4. School-specific Documents (such as assignment reports, only for applicable schools)
5. Other Necessary Documents (for example, applications from junior high schools outside the prefecture)



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2. Admissions Selection for Integrated Junior and Senior High Schools (Special Selection for Integrated Schools)

- This selection will be conducted at two schools: Inan High School (with Tonbara Junior High School and Akagi Junior High School) and Yoshika High School (with Kakinoki Junior High School, Yoshika Junior High School, and Muikaichi Junior High School).
- Each high school will determine the number of students they will accept.
- In addition to the application form (including a photo and an attached revenue stamp for the examination fee), you will need to submit documents specified by each high school.
- Each high school will conduct their own examinations.

For information about the desired student profile, application requirements, number of students to be accepted, selection materials, and examination content for both the General Selection and Special Selection for Integrated Schools, please visit the website below:

https://www.pref.shimane.lg.jp/education/kyoiku/senbatsu/senbatsu_info/R07_kouritsukoutougakkounyuushi.html



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3. Athletic Admissions Selection (Special Sports Selection)

- The participating schools, designated sports, and number of available spots will be announced after September 2024.
- Each high school will establish "application requirements" based on the "profile of the desired student."
- A recommendation from the junior high school principal is not required.
- Each high school will select at least two examination methods, such as interviews or oral exams, essays or short essays, presentations, academic tests, practical skills tests, science experiments, or English speeches.
- The restriction on out-of-region enrollment does not apply to general courses at Matsue Kita, Matsue Minami, Matsue Higashi, and Izumo High Schools.

Application Documents

1. Application Form (including a photo and an attached revenue stamp for the examination fee)
2. Statement of Purpose
3. Certificate of Sports Activity Achievements (attach copies of awards, newspaper articles, or other proofs of achievements)
 - The forms for items 2 and 3 can be downloaded from the Shimane Prefecture Board of Education website. (They can be created using word processing software)
4. Personal Investigation Report (created by the junior high school principal)
5. School-specific Documents (such as assignment reports, only for applicable schools)
6. Other Necessary Documents (for example, applications from junior high schools outside the prefecture)



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Application and Selection Period for Special Admissions Selection

Application Period: January 8, 2025 (Wednesday) - January 10, 2025 (Friday) until 5:00 PM

Selection Period: Late January 2025 (each high school will set the exact dates)

- For high schools conducting the academic test prepared by the Board of Education, the test will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Announcement of Results: Preliminary acceptance notifications will be sent on Thursday, January 30, 2025. The final results will be announced on March 14, 2025.

Make sure you understand the unique features and characteristics of each high school before deciding which school to apply to.

Please use the following websites as a reference for choosing your school:

[List of Prefectural Schools](#)

<https://www.pref.shimane.lg.jp/education/kyoiku/iinkai/kihon/kenritsugakkou.html>

[Grand Design of Each Prefectural High School](#)

<https://www.pref.shimane.lg.jp/education/kyoiku/koukoumiryoku/gurannodezainn/r4gurannod ezainn.html>

[Matsue Minamigaoka Girls High School Website](#)

<https://minamigaoka-girls-hs.matsue.ed.jp/>



List of Prefectural Schools



Grand Design



Matsue Minamigaoka Girls High School

Q&A about the Special Admissions Selection

Q: Some high schools have set a GPA requirement in their application criteria. How should I determine if I meet this requirement?

If there is no specific grade level mentioned for the GPA requirement in the application criteria, calculate your GPA using the grades from your second year in junior high school (equivalent to eighth grade in compulsory education schools) and third year in junior high school (equivalent to ninth grade in compulsory education schools). For schools with a three-term system, use the grades up to the second term; for schools with a two-term system, use the grades up to the first term. Check if your calculated GPA meets the requirement.

Q: What is the content and scope of the "Academic Test Prepared by the Board of Education"?

The "Academic Test Prepared by the Board of Education," which is one of the selection exams, includes three subjects: Language Arts, Mathematics, and English. Each subject is worth 20 points, for a total of 60 points.

The test duration is 60 minutes, and there is no specific time allocation for each subject. There will be no listening section in the English test.

The questions will cover content learned up to the time of the special admissions selection in the third year of junior high school (equivalent to ninth grade in compulsory education schools).

Q: What are the changes in the number of students accepted through the Special Sports Selection compared to last year?

For the Special Sports Selection, if a school has one designated sport, they can accept up to 4 students. If there are two sports, they can accept up to 8 students. For three or more sports, the limit is 12 students. This is the same as last year. However, if there are multiple sports, there is no limit on the number of students per sport, which is a change from last year's limit of 4 students per sport.

Additionally, applications from junior high schools outside Matsue City and Izumo City are now allowed for high schools in these cities. Last year, such applications were not permitted. Each high school can set a limit of up to 4 students from outside the prefecture.

Q: How should I prepare the "Certificate of Sports Activity Achievements" for the Special Sports Selection?

You should ask the principal of your junior high school or the representative of a sports organization outside of your school's club activities to certify your achievements. If you have any awards, newspaper articles, or other documents that prove your achievements, attach copies of these. If you do not have any such documents, have the certifier (the junior high school principal or the representative of the sports organization) note this on the certificate.

Q: What special documents are required when applying for the General Selection or Special Sports Selection from outside the prefecture?

You will need to submit the "Approval Application for Shimane Prefecture Public High School Admission," just like for the general selection. Additionally, if you are relocating due to a parent's job transfer or other reasons, or if you have a reliable guardian living within the prefecture, there are specific additional documents required. Please refer to the guidelines for detailed information.

**General Admissions Selection (General Selection) and
Second Admissions Selection (Second Selection)**

These will be conducted in the same manner as last year's system, with the details as follows:

	General Selection	Second Selection
Schools and Departments (Excluding Correspondence Courses)	All high schools and departments	Departments with vacancies after the announcement of results
Number of Students to be Recruited	The number excluding those who received provisional acceptance through Special Selection	The number excluding those who passed the announcement of results
Out-of-Region Enrollment Restriction *1	10% of the total enrollment capacity for general courses at each applicable high school (5% for Izumo High School)	
Eligibility to Apply	Those who did not receive provisional acceptance through Special Selection	Students cannot reapply to the high school they applied to in the General Selection. *2
Application Period	Early February	Mid-March

	(Application changes allowed until mid-February)	
Selection Materials and Examination Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personal Investigation Report and Academic Test (5 subjects) - Each high school determines the ratio (80:20 to 40:60) - Each high school sets the limit for weighted scores, up to twice the multiplier for specific subjects - Some high schools conduct interviews in addition to the academic test 	- Determined by each high school (interviews, essays, basic academic skills tests, etc.)
Selection Period	Early March (Additional tests in mid-March)	Mid-March
Announcement of examination results	Friday, March 14	Late March

*1 High schools with out-of-region enrollment restrictions are Matsue Kita, Matsue Minami, Matsue Higashi (10%), and Izumo High School (5%) for general courses.

*2 Reapplication is allowed for part-time courses.

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Shimane Prefecture Board of Education Website

<https://www.pref.shimane.lg.jp/kyoikuiinkai/>

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