

Yochien & Hoikuen Handbook

Welcome to Our International School

This school is located near the Nishiki River and Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni. Both American and Japanese students attend our school.



Iwakuni Kawashimo Yochien
&
Apple Tree Hoikuen



About “Kodomoen”

A Kodomoen is a school consisting of both a Yochien (Kindergarten & Preschool) and a Hoikuen (Nursery School).

Our students in the Kodomoen consist of ages six months (conference needed before acceptance) until six years.

The Hoikuen accepts students age 0-2 for dual-working families. Once the student turns three, parents may choose to enroll them in Yochien. Families of one working parent may be able to enroll once their student turns three.

About New System & Family Categories

There are three categories in which your family can fall into.

○ Category 1

For students enrolling at age 3-5 years and only **one** parent works, they can enroll at Yochien.

○ Category 2

For students enrolling at age 3-5 years and **both** parents work, they can enroll at Hoikuen or Yochien.

○ Category 3

For students enrolling at age 0-2 years and **both** parents work, they can enroll at Hoikuen.

	(Category 3) Infants		(Categories 1 & 2) Kids age 3+			
Age	0-1	2	Just Turn 3*	3	4	5
Group	Tamago Hiyoko	Banana	Melon	Usagi Risu	Tulip	Hoshi

* Can enroll the month after their birth month (ex. A May birthday equals a June start date).

※ Whether a dual-working family is eligible for Category 2 or 3 depends on the amount of hours each parent works during a month. For these two categories, standard time (11 hours of care) is available for families where both parents work over 120 hours per month, and short time (8 hours of care) is available for families where one or both parents work 48-119 hours per month.

Team Thinking

Students age 3+ in Category 1 (Yochien) and Category 2 (Hoikuen) do to the same program together even though they are registered in different portions of the Kodomoen depending on their parents working status.

Staff Members

Director • Principal • Head Teacher • Sub Head Teacher • American Staff • Office Manager • Chefs • Bus Drivers • Classroom Teachers • Special Teachers (Rhythm, PE)

School Purpose

I (International) **F** (Friendship) **C**
(Communication)

This is our school's motto of education



Here at Kawashimo Yochien we strive to help our students develop a global view. With our different cultures and backgrounds, we play and learn together to become global people.

Education Purpose

Cheerful

Maintain cheerfulness throughout the day

Attitude

Promote kind behavior

Considerate

Be mindful of others and their feelings

Education Purpose

0-1

Creating a deep and trusting bond between child and teacher.

1-2

Developing communication between child and teacher.
Making the decision to try tasks by themselves.

2-3

Students this age may be nervous to come to school, but we strive to create a happy and peaceful learning environment.

3-4

Children play with teachers and friends and can express what they want to do using language and behavior.

4-5

Develop relationships with friends and teachers and practice expressing themselves and emotions more strongly.

5-6

Each student will learn to think of others, act as individuals, express themselves, and work as a team.

Daily Schedule

		7:30	14:30	15:30	16:30	18:00
3-5 Years	No.1 Certification	Morning care 7:30~8:29 ※Applicant (Need to pay)	Standard School Activities 9:30~14:30			After care 15:31~8:30 ※Applicant (Need to pay)
	No.2	Standard Time	Standard School Activities 7:30~18:00			
	Short Time	Morning care 7:30~8:29 (Need to pay)	Standard School Activities 8:30~16:30			After care 16:31~18:00 (Need to pay)
0-2 Years	No.3	Standard Time	Standard School Activities 7:30~18:00			
	Short Time	Morning care 7:30~8:29 (Need to pay)	Standard School Activities 8:30~16:30			After care 16:31~18:00 (Need to pay)

Cat. 1	Drop Off Starts	8:30~
	School Activities Start	9:30~14:30
	Morning Care Afternoon Care	Early Morning 7:30~8:29 (¥100/60 min.) Aftercare 15:31~18:00 (¥100/30 min.)
	Holidays	Saturday, Sunday, Small Holiday, Make-up Day, Long Vacations
Cat. 2 & 3	Short-Time Care	Short-Time Care (8 hr.) 8:30~16:30, depend on working time Early Morning 7:30~8:29 (¥100/60 min.) Aftercare 16:31~18:00 (¥100/30 min.)
	Standard-Time Care	Standard-Time Care (12 hr.) 7:30~18:00
	Saturday	(Standard-Time Care) 7:30~12:00 (Short-Time Care) 8:30~12:00
	Holidays	Sunday, Small Holiday, Make-up Day, Obon Holiday, New Year Holiday, Others

Snack time fee is +¥50 each time.

* If you need early morning care you must inform the staff ahead of time with

About Long Holidays (Category 1)

• Special Care during Summer, Spring, and Winter holidays is available for Categories 2 & 3 automatically at no extra charge, and for Category 1 for a fee and with additional paperwork submitted ahead of time.

• There is no bus service on Special Care, so drop off and pick up by parents are required.

【Special Care Fees】

Early Morning 7:30~8:29 (¥100/60 min.)

8:30~15:30 (¥150/60 min.)

15:31~16:30 (¥200/60 min. • Includes a snack)

Evening 16:31~18:00 (¥100/30 min.)

Half Care 11:30~15:30 (¥150/60 min.)

15:31~16:30 (¥200/60 min. • Includes a snack)

16:31~18:00 (¥100/30 min.)

※ Special Care sometimes excludes a day or will occur only for a half day.

※ Saturday care is normally not available for Category 1, but during Special Care you can request it ahead of time.

8:30~11:30 (¥100/60 min.)

Pickup/Drop off

- Bus Courses

- * Bus stop time varies for pickup (8:00~9:30) & drop off (14:30~16:00)
- * Our courses include Main Base, Atago Hills, and two areas in town.
- * Bus fee is ¥2,000 per month for two ways.
- * During long holidays we have no bus service.
- * Bus service is available for students of Categories 1 & 2 only.



- Walking Courses

- * Walking course pickup is at 8:30, and we leave the school at 15:20
- * We have two walking courses in the School's neighborhood



PTO (Parent & Teachers Organization)

- All children benefit from PTO services and **ALL PARENTS** are a part of the PTO.
- PTO incorporates parents of both Iwakuni Kawashimo Yochien and Apple Tree Hoikuen.
- Staff members select a group of parents to lead the PTO, but all parents help prepare for some special events, make plans, and organize fellow parents.
- All parents must help with at least two school events per year at two events per family (ex. Sports Day, Arts Festival, Recital, etc.).
- The above applies to parents of Category 3 students except that these parents do not need to be a leader of the PTO.

Hoshi Class Graduation Fee

- Every month has an additional fee of ¥1,000 for graduation ceremony and album.

Year Schedule

※ Students age 0-2 years attend select events.

First Term

Apr Opening Ceremony
Parent Child Picnic
May Flower Festival
Visitation Day
Jun Traffic Safety Edu.
Emergency Practice
Health Check
Jul Swimming Pool
Summer Festival
End of Term Ceremony
Sleepover (Hoshi)

Second Term

Sep Opening Ceremony
Grandparents' Visit
Emergency Practice
Oct Sports Day
Traffic Safety Edu.
Halloween Party
Nov Parent Child Picnic
Art Festival
Dec Christmas Party
End of Term Ceremony

Third Term

Jan Opening Ceremony
Feb Bean Throwing Festival
Music Festival
Emergency Practice
Mar Traffic Safety Edu.
Sayonara Picnic
Hoshi Grad. Ceremony
Class Grad. Ceremony

- ※ Each month features a birthday party, a health check, rhythmic classes, gymnastics classes, and English classes.

Fees

Fees Before Entrance

- Entrance fee: ¥5,000
- Supplies & Insurance (2020–21 School Year Fees)
 - 0 year...¥2,900 1 year...¥5,700 Just turned 3 years...¥13,500
 - 3 years...¥14,000 4 years...¥18,000 5 years...¥18,200
- Uniforms (Summer and Winter Uniforms, Hats, Backpack)

The cost of all uniforms comes to about ¥40,000.

 - * Category 3 does not need to buy school uniforms.
 - * Students age 2 need to buy smock and backpack, about ¥9,000
 - * Supply & uniform fees should be paid at Yochien or Hoikuen orientation day.
 - * You will receive your items by the end of March.

Fees After Entrance

- Please pay your fees in cash with the envelope sent home.
- We will give you an envelope with before and after care fees at the end of March.
- Please send this envelope with the fees paid back to the school right away.

Category 1 (Age 3+)

Monthly Tuition	Free
Facilities & Utilities	¥6,200
PTO	¥500
Bus	¥2,000 (If necessary)
School Lunch	¥5,500 (except August)
Before & Aftercare	Before 8:29 and after 15:31, hourly fee and snack fee applies (If necessary)
Insurance	Varies based on age

Category 1 (New Category 2) (Age 3+)

Monthly Tuition	Free
Facilities & Utilities	¥6,200
PTO	¥500
Bus	¥2,000 (If necessary)
School Lunch	¥5,500 (except August)
Before & Aftercare	Before 8:29 and after 15:31, fees apply after ¥450 per day (so ¥11,300 monthly is free, after that you pay).
Insurance	Varies based on age

Category 2 (Age 3+)

Monthly Tuition	Free
Facilities & Utilities	¥6,200
PTO	¥500
Bus	¥2,000 (If necessary)
School Lunch	¥6,700
Before & Aftercare	Standard-time: Free Short-time: Must pay times noted on Daily Schedule
Insurance	Varies based on age

Category 3 (Age 0-2): Tuition is not free

Monthly Tuition	Decided by Iwakuni City based on W-2 Forms
Facilities & Utilities	¥4,200
PTO	¥500
Bus	No bus service available for this age group
School Lunch	Included in tuition price (snacks included)
Before & Aftercare	Standard-time: Free Short-time: Must pay times noted on Daily Schedule
Insurance	Varies based on age

School Lunch



All students are required to eat school lunch. Our lunch staff creates balanced, varied meals from scratch using fresh ingredients only, everyday. Our staff can also make allergy accommodations while keeping the children's meals the same as their peers.

Other Information

English Conversation

English teachers come everyday to teach in native English. American teachers teach common English songs, read books, and provide English lessons. We have Kawashimo English Club every Friday afternoon. We have many English-speaking and American staff members to assist with parent communications.

Gymnastics (PE)

Twice a month a professional physical education teacher teaches students to exercise and play sports and games as a team.

Rhythmics (Music)

Every Tuesday a professional rhythmics teacher teaches students to express themselves and understand rhythm.

Legal Matters

It is the policy of the Yochien that if a parent initiates a legal dispute against the school, the child will not attend the school until the legal matter is resolved.

Daily Life



The students enjoy
discovery time

Excited...
Energetic...

They find wonders in
their environment



Flower Festival



English Lesson



Bean Throwing Festival



Sweet Potato Harvesting

Respect each other
and be kind

**Kodomoen is
a fun place!**

Listen carefully
and communicate well



Halloween Party



Hoshi Class Sleepover



Mud Play



Hoshi Class Base Pool Day

Yochien Map

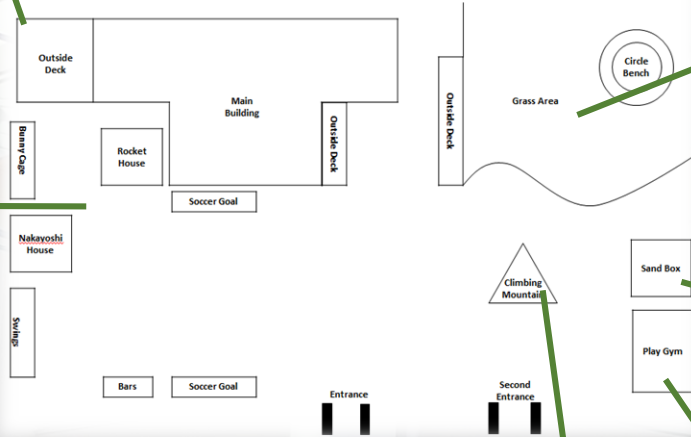


School Building



Outside Deck

Yochien Outside Map



Grass Area



Rocket House & Nakayoshi House



Sand Box



Classroom



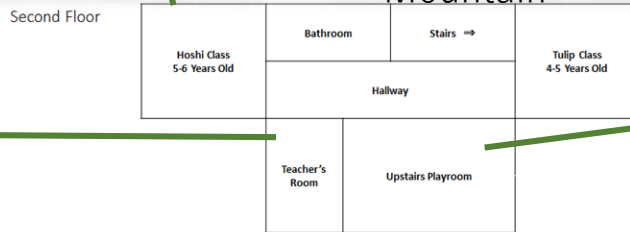
Climbing Mountain



Play Gym



Teacher's Room



Upstairs Play Room

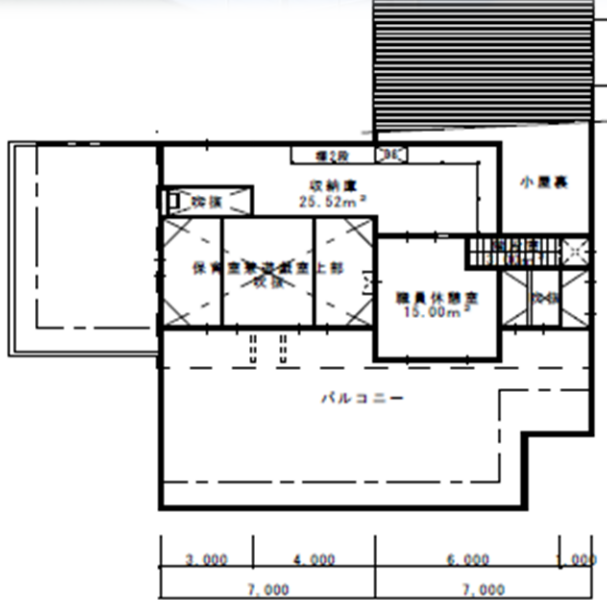


Bathroom



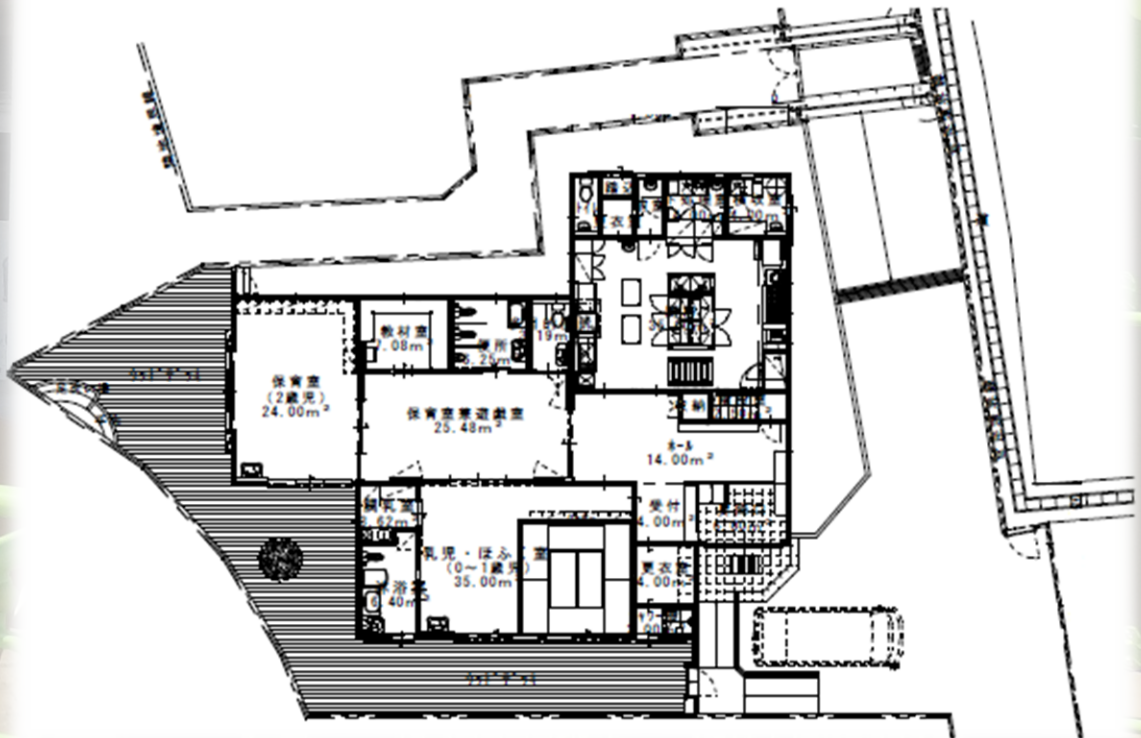
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Hoikuen



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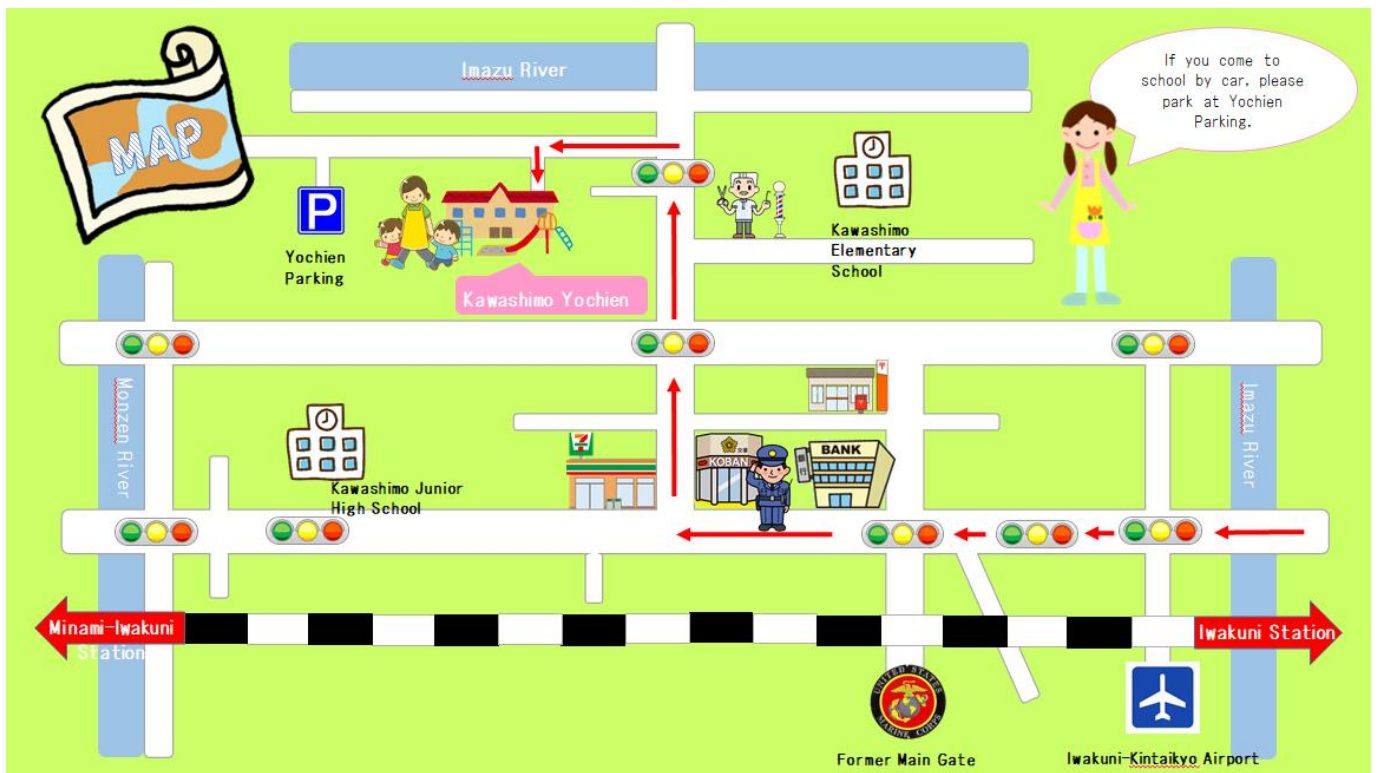
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History



- 1901 Opened as a K-12 school for low income families
- 1932 School became Kawashimo Yochien
- 1978 Kawashimo Yochien opened doors to American families
- 2020 Kodomoen Start



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