

Month	Event	Contents	Students Participation	Parents Participation	Parents Observation
April	Farewell Ceremony for Teachers	Farewell ceremony for teachers leaving the school. (Some schools hold this event in late March.)	○		
	Inaugural Ceremony	Welcome ceremony for new teachers. Start of the new school year.	○		
	Entrance Ceremony	Welcome ceremony for 1 <sup>st</sup> years, guardians also participate.	○	(○)	
	Physical Measurement	Measurements of height, weight, seated height, vision, hearing are taken.	○		
	Health checkup	Checkup to assess the students' general wellbeing. This includes internal medicine, dentistry, eye exams, ENT, urology, and vaccinations.	○		
	Marathon	Marathon competition between schools. Students often go and support their own school.	○		○
May	School Trip	9th graders go on a school trip. Destinations vary from school to school. Students will be chaperoned by their teachers.	○		
	Overnight Study	Study outside of the school. (periods may vary according to schools)	○		
	Excursion Outside Study/ Observation Study	Study outside of the school through such experiences as field trip study, working experience and study in nature. For most of these trips, the students will need to bring a box lunch. (time periods may vary according to schools)	○		
June	All Japan Junior High School Sports Competition	Sports competition between school sports clubs in the same area. Winning clubs can advance to prefectural and national competitions.	○		
July August	Summer Vacation	An approximately month-long vacation from the end of July to the end of August	○		
September	Sports Day	Competition involving physical activities, races and teamwork. (some schools have Sports Day in spring)	○	○	○
	Freshmen Competition	Sports competition between school sports clubs with only 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> graders competing.	○		○

October November	Chorus Concur (Culture Festival)	Chorus competition (internal to the school) between each grade year and class. Held in the school gymnasium or an off-campus concert hall. Some schools will hold this event during the Culture Festival and have presentations of students' creations for the guardians to see.	○		○
December January	Year-end vacation (Winter Vacation)	Two-week vacation from the end of December to the beginning of January.	○		
February	Private High Schools Entrance Exams	Entrance exams for private high schools are usually held in February.	○		
March	Public High Schools Entrance Exams	Entrance exams for public high schools.	○		
	Graduation Ceremony	9th graders who have completed their studies will receive a Graduation Diploma. All of the school's students and the 9th graders' parents are expected to attend.	○	(○)	
	Completion Ceremony	Ceremony to recognize the completion of one year of school.	○		
	Spring Vacation	Vacation from the Graduation ceremony to the Entrance Ceremony	○		