

About Admission to the Yokohama City After-School Kids Club

1. What is the After-School Kids Club

The After-School Kids Club is a project that uses elementary school facilities. Its purpose is to provide:

- (1) a free “play space” for all children and;
- (2) a “childcare space” for children from unattended households

It started in 2004 and was a part of all Yokohama elementary schools as of 2020.

2. After-School Kids Club’s Days of Operation

The After-School Kids Club is open on all days except for Sundays, national holidays, and the New Year holiday period (December 29 to January 3).

However, it may be closed due unavoidable circumstances, and it may be closed or the hours may be shortened if there are no requests for use.

The days and hours for using the club are different depending on the usage classification.

<Examples of when the After-School Kids Club might be closed due to unavoidable circumstances>

	When a warning is issued	When a heat stroke alert, etc., is issued	Closure of a class, etc.
Wakuwaku [classification 1]	<u>Closed</u>	<u>Closed</u>	Children ^(*2) from a class, school grade, or school that is closed in order to prevent the spread of infection cannot use or attend the club regardless of whether they are sick.
Sukusuku [classifications 2 A and B] (Includes single uses of Wakuwaku [classification 1] (P4))	Open <u>*Closed if a special warning is issued</u>	Open	

*1 The club may be closed due to the needs of the school for reasons not stated above.

*2 If a class or school grade is closed, other classes and school grades will still have activities.

3. Usage classifications of the After-School Kids Club

There are two usage classifications: “Wakuwaku” [classification 1], where the club is a play space, and “Sukusuku” [classification 2], where the club is both a play space and a childcare space.

The Sukusuku classification is further divided into “Yuyake” [classification 2A], which runs until 5 pm, and “Hoshizora” [classification 2B], which runs until 7 pm.

The table on the following page provides an overview of the differences between the usage classifications. Choose the classification that matches your purpose of use.

Usage classification		Wakuwaku [Classification 1]	Sukusuku [Classification 2]	
			Yuyake [2A]	Hoshizora [2B]
Purpose of use		Play space	Play space + childcare space	
Registration conditions		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The child attends an applicable elementary school or is in the early course of an applicable compulsory education school (hereinafter, applicable elementary school). - The child lives in an applicable elementary school or compulsory education school district (hereinafter, applicable elementary school district) and attends a public or private elementary school or a special education school. 		
		-	<u>*The household is unattended, etc.</u>	
Usage hours	Weekdays	From after school <u>to 4:00 p.m.</u>	From after school <u>to 5:00 p.m.</u>	From after school <u>to 7:00 p.m.</u>
	Saturdays	Cannot be used	8:30 am to <u>5:00 pm</u>	8:30 am to <u>7:00 pm</u>
	School holidays other than Saturdays	2 hours a day (varies according to the After-School Kids Club)	8:00 am to <u>5:00 pm</u>	8:00 am to <u>7:00 pm</u>
Pickup		If the child leaves school after the final school departure time specified by the Kids Club, a guardian or person specified by the guardian must pick up the child.		
Usage fee		<u>Free</u> * <u>Single uses are 800 yen + snack fee (see page 4)</u>	<u>2,000 yen monthly + snack fee</u> <u>(July and August only: 2,500 yen monthly + snack fee)</u> * <u>The extension fee (until 7 pm) is 400 yen each time</u>	<u>5,000 yen monthly + snack fee</u> <u>(July and August only: 5,500 yen monthly + snack fee)</u>
			<u>Fee reductions are available (see page 9)</u>	
Insurance cost		800 yen or less required yearly (varies according to the After-School Kids Club)		
Fixed number of users		No	Yes	
Things required for application		Application for use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application for use - <u>Document to prove that the child is a child whose parent or guardian is not at home after school</u> 	
		* Regardless of the usage classification, submission of a <u>copy of the "School Life Management and Guidance Sheet"</u> is required for students with food allergies.		

* A "child from an unattended household" refers to a child in a household where it is difficult for the guardians to provide childcare in the hours after school due to work, etc.

4. Wakuwaku [classification 1]

(1) Wakuwaku [classification 1]

The objective is to provide a **play space** for all children at no cost, allowing them to play and interact with children of other ages and develop creativity, independence, and social skills.

The staff provide support to ensure that children can play safely and with peace of mind.

(2) Usage hours

Weekdays	After school until 4 pm
Saturdays	Cannot be used ^(*1)
School holidays*	2 hours a day (varies according to the After-School Kids Club) ^(*2) <u>During summer vacation, there will be around one activity day per week.</u> ^(*3)

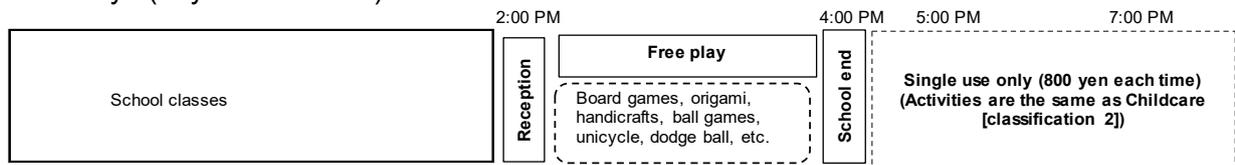
*1 It can be used for single uses or for participating on days when there are special programs.

*2 It can be used in the morning or afternoon

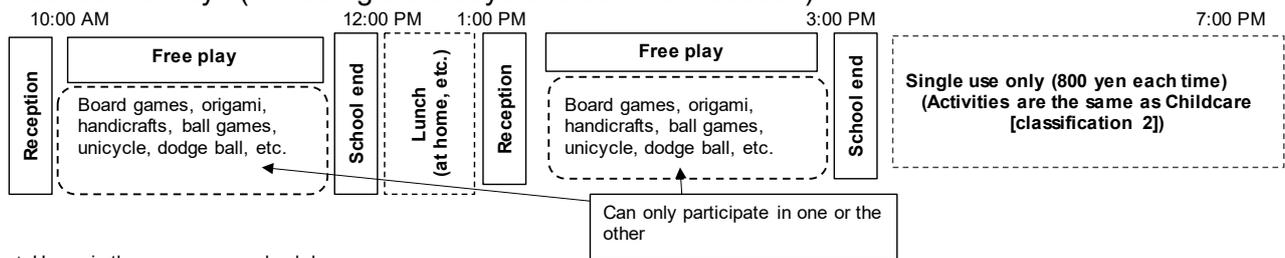
*3 .During summer vacation, it can be used during the hours designated by the club.

(3) Standard example of daily activities

<Weekdays (days with school)>



<School holidays (excluding Saturdays and summer vacation)>



★ Usage is the same as on school days.

★ Children in the Play classification [classification 1] can only participate in either the morning or the afternoon session.

★ Except for single uses, children in the Play classification **cannot eat lunch at the club.**

* The above figure is an example from Yokohama, but the actual activity schedule and details may vary.

(4) Usage fee

The Wakuwaku classification [classification 1] is **free**. * However, there is a mandatory insurance cost.

Single uses

The single-use system allows children in the Wakuwaku classification [classification 1] to use the club **until 7 pm** if their home is unattended after school because a guardian is away for temporary business or other reason (It can also be used until 7 pm on Saturdays and school holidays.). Single uses require an advance application, and **each use costs 800 yen plus the snack fee (actual cost)**.

<Notes>

If there are no openings, etc., single uses may not be possible.

(5) Participation in events (after 4 pm)

Various events are held at the After-School Kids Club to provide fulfilling activities to children. If children in the Wakuwaku classification [classification 1] participate in an event that extends beyond 4 pm, the child is expected to participate until the end of the event. Please confirm the ending time with your child.

* For your child to participate in some events, you may be charged the materials cost, etc. Information on events and applications will be provided in detail through Kids News.

* For single uses, your child can continue to use the After-School Kids Club after events end.

(6) Usage limitations in case of emergency

If warnings have been issued, severe weather is expected during the summer holiday, there are effects of the new coronavirus infection, etc., and a safe play space for children cannot be ensured, **restrictions may be applied to the Wakuwaku classification [classification 1]**.

If such restrictions will be applied, you will be informed in advance.

<Regarding the Use of Wakuwaku classification [classification 1] during the Summer vacation>

During the summer vacation, regardless of the issuance of Heat Illness Warning Alerts, activity days for Wakuwaku classification [classification 1] will be scheduled about once a week. Children enrolled in Wakuwaku [classification 1] may use the program on those designated days.

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5. Sucusuku [classifications 2 A and B]

(1) Sucusuku [classifications 2 A and B]

The objective is to provide a **childcare space** and **play space** for children who would be home alone due to guardians who work during the day to ensure healthy development.

It provides the same play space as Wakuwaku [classification 1]. Additionally, after school support staff cooperate with families to provide support for healthy growth through the After-School Kids Club and for learning basic life skills*.

* Examples of basic life skills

- Things related to health and hygiene (hand washing and gargling, etc.)
- Things related to their daily life (managing their possessions, cleaning, organizing, homework, etc.)
- Things related to life in the After-School Kids Club (sharing responsibility and cooperating in order to perform group activities)

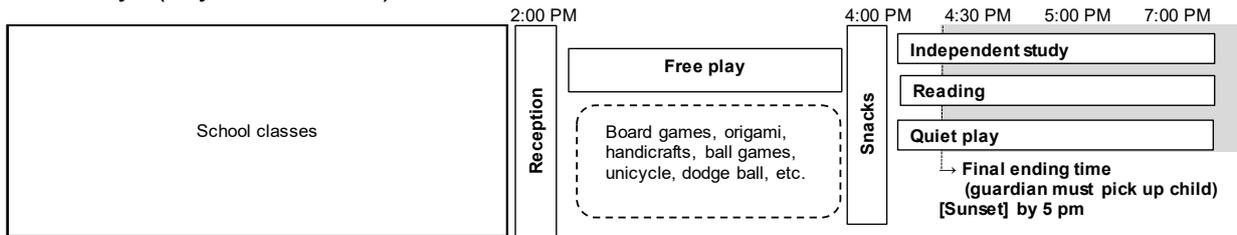
(2) Usage hours

	Sucusuku (Yuyake) [classification 2A]*	Sucusuku (Hoshizora) [classification 2B]
Weekdays	After school until 5:00 pm	After school until 7:00 pm
Saturdays	8:30 am to 5:00 pm	8:30 am to 7:00 pm
School holidays other than Saturdays	8:00 am to 5:00 pm	8:00 am to 7:00 pm

* The Sucusuku (Yuyake) classification [classification 2A] can be extended from 5 pm to 7 pm (400 yen each time).

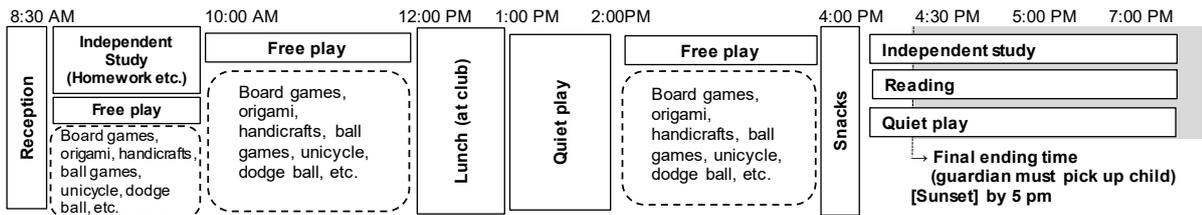
(3) Standard example of daily activities

<Weekdays (days with school)>



- ★ Programs may be held during the free-play time. Children can participate in the programs if they want.
- ★ From 4 pm, children will have snacks or do quiet activities like independent study or reading.
- ★ A guardian must pick up the child after the final ending time set by the Kids Club (varies by season).

<School holidays (including Saturdays)>



- ★ Usage is the same as on school days; however, children will spend the entire day at the Kids Club, so care is taken to not disrupt their lifestyle and daily rhythm.
- ★ Open from 8:30 am on Saturdays

* The above figure is an example from Yokohama, but the actual activity schedule and details may vary.

(4) Usage fee

The Sucusuku classification [classifications 2 A and B] is a childcare space to support guardians so that they can comfortably integrate childcare and work. Users are charged an appropriate usage fee. This usage fee is used to maintain operations and activities for the Kids Club.

	Sucusuku (Yuyake) [classification 2A]	Sucusuku (Hoshizora) [classification 2B]
Usage fee (monthly)	2,000 yen (July and August only: 2,500 yen)	5,000 yen (July and August only: 5,500 yen)
Extension fee (until 7 pm)	400 yen each time	-

- * Insurance is required in addition to the usage fee.
- * The usage fee for the Sucusuku classification [classification 2] will be charged even if the club is not used that month.
- * The snack fee charged is the actual cost. When participating in events, the materials cost, etc. may be charged in addition to the usage fee. (Information on events and applications will be provided in detail in the future through Kids News.)
- * Pay the usage fee by the date stipulated by the club.
- * **Fee reductions are available for the Sucusuku classification [classifications 2 A and B] (see page 9 for details).**

(5) Lunches on school holidays, etc.

If your child must eat lunch at the After-School Kids Club during summer vacation or a day with classes but no school lunch, have them bring a boxed lunch. During the summer, use an ice pack, etc., to prevent spoilage.

[Yokohama City initiatives]

Since 2024, the After-School Kids Club has been providing lunch during long-term holidays.

You can order a bento and have it delivered directly to the club instead of having to take one, and they can eat it there.

[Reference] Overview of lunch provision in 2026

Period: Summer vacation winter vacation, spring vacation (except for Obon [August 10 to 14, 2026])

Cost: 400 yen / meal

Eligibility: Interested guardians with children registered in Sucusuku [classifications 2 A and B] or Wakuwaku [classification 1] for single uses

6. Joining the insurance plan

All users of the After-School Kids Club are required to join the insurance plan for injury and accident compensation and to pay the premium (800 yen or less per child).

The administrators use this insurance to cover all children who use the After-School Kids Club. Please pay the insurance premium during the application procedure to use the After-School Kids Club.

The insurance premium covers the entire year and cannot be refunded once paid.

7. Usage application

The application to use the After-School Kids Club is for a single school year (April 1 to March 31). If you want to use the club from the start of the year, prepare and submit the required documents to the After-School Kids Club by the following deadline.

To use the club from the middle of the year, submit the required documents to the After-School Kids Club by the specified date in the month prior to starting.

Usage classification	Things required for usage registration	Submission deadline * If usage starts from April 1	
		Students already in school	First-year students
Wakuwaku [Classification 1]	- Application for use - Insurance fee (800 yen or less per year) - Child information sheet (Kids Connection Sheet)	By the date specified by the After-School Kids Club	
Sukusuku [Classification 2 A and B]	- Application for use - Insurance fee (800 yen or less per year) - Child information sheet (Kids Connection Sheet) - Documents that prove the household is unattended, etc.		

*** Except for single uses, first-year students in the Wakuwaku classification [classification 1] can use the After-School Kids Club from the specified day.**

<Documents that prove the household is unattended, etc.>

If registering for the Sukusuku classification [classifications 2 A or B], one of the following documents must be submitted for each guardian that lives with the child. Registration for the Sukusuku classification [classifications 2 A or B] is not possible without the submission of documents for verification.

* Guardians are defined as the parents or other individuals who take care of the child.

* If registering two or more children, such as siblings, for the Sukusuku classification [classification 2 A or B], only one set of documents is required for verification (A usage application is required for each child.).

Status of parent or guardian	Various certificates
Company employee, civil servant, etc.	<u>Employment (prospective) certificate</u> * If it is difficult to provide the document when registering for use, provide a delayed notification of certificate of (planned) employment. Once you obtain the certificate of (planned) employment, it must be submitted through the system.
Prospective worker	
On maternity leave and childcare leave	
Self-employed	<u>Self-employed status declaration form</u>
Individual with an illness Individual receiving care or treatment	<u>Individual with illness or disability declaration form (*1)</u> * Attach a medical certificate.
Disabled person	<u>Individual with illness or disability declaration form</u> * Attach a document that enables confirmation of disability such as a physical disability certificate.
Individual seeking employment	<u>Employment seeking activity declaration form (*2)</u>
Individual attending school (excluding junior high and high school students)	<u>Copy of a student identification card or student registration certificate</u>
Individual recovering from an earthquake, wind and flood damage, fire or other disaster	<u>Disaster victim certificate *</u> * If house was destroyed due to an earthquake, this is issued by the Ward Administration Office. If there was fire-related loss due to an earthquake, disaster by fire and wind, or flood damage this is issued by the Fire Department.

*1 Regarding “childbirth” in the declaration form for illness, disability, etc., the period is generally the 1st of the month that falls 8 weeks prior to the expected delivery date to the month 8 weeks and 1 day after the actual delivery date. (For multiple pregnancies, it is 14 weeks prior to the [expected] delivery date and 8 weeks after.)

*2 You can only register for the Sukusuku classification [classification 2 A and B] for employment seeking for up to 3 months. After you are employed, promptly submit the certificate of (planned) employment. Additionally, declarations for employment seeking activities cannot be continuously submitted, and the period cannot be extended.

<Fee reductions for the Sukesuku classification [classifications 2 A and B]>

Yokohama City has a system in place to support the use of the After-School Kids Club Sukesuku classification (Yuyake and Hoshizora) [classifications 2 A and B] by reducing the monthly usage fee for individuals who have financial difficulties.

(1) Individuals eligible for the fee reduction

You are eligible for a fee reduction if you satisfy any of criteria ① to ③ below.

- ① Your household receives welfare benefits
- ② Your household is exempt from the income-based municipal tax
- ③ Your household receives subsidies for school expenses

(2) Amount of reduction

The upper limit of the reduction is 2,500 yen per month.

(E.g.) If the monthly usage fee (*) is 2,000 yen, the usage fee after the reduction will be 0 yen.

(E.g.) If the monthly usage fee (*) is 5,000 yen, the usage fee after the reduction will be 2,500 yen.

* Only the monthly usage fee is subject to reductions. Fees such as the snack fee, the cost of materials, and program fees; the single usage fee (800 yen each time) for the Wakuwaku classification [classification 1]; the extension fee for the Sukesuku (Yuyake) classification [classification 2A] (400 yen each time); and the insurance fee are not subject to reductions.

(3) Notes on using the fee-reduction system

- If any of requirements ① to ③ in (1) are not satisfied (e.g.: if you are no longer eligible for subsidies for school expenses, you withdraw from receiving payments, or your household is no longer exempt from taxation due to marriage), **promptly submit a “Notification of Ineligibility for After-School Kids Club Usage Fee Reductions”.**
- If fee reductions are received due to a false or fraudulent application, etc., back payments for the regular fee will be required.

**If you would like to receive fee reductions,
check “(4) Procedure for using the fee-reduction system.”**

(4) Procedure for using the fee-reduction system

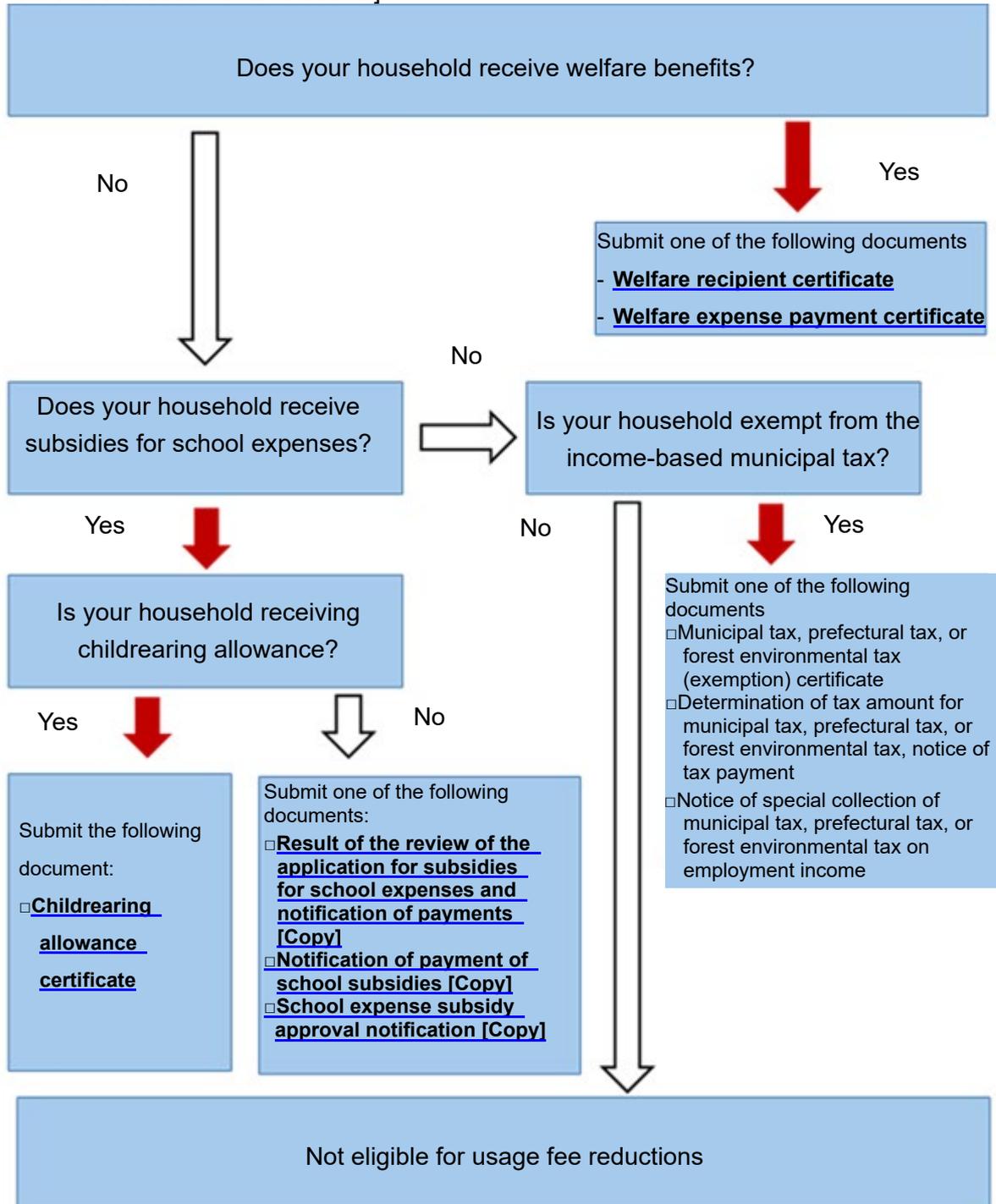
If you would like to receive fee reductions, check the following flow chart and table. **Submit the After-School Kids Club usage fee reduction application and other required documents directly to the club.**

*** The documents to be submitted and the submission deadlines may vary by person.**

If you become eligible for fee reductions during the year, etc., and you would like to receive fee reductions after applying for use, prepare the documents for submission, and contact the club.

The application deadline is the end of December of the corresponding year. Please note, fee-reduction application is generally invalid after the deadline.

[Flow chart of documents to submit]



Household	Documents to submit	When to submit	Remarks
Household Receives Welfare Benefits	Welfare recipient certificate	When applying for Kids Club or a fee reduction	Request a welfare recipient certificate from your case worker in the Public Assistance Section of the Public Assistance Division at the Ward Administration Office. (There is no cost).
	Welfare expense payment certificate		
Household Is Exempt From The Income-Based Municipal Tax	Municipal tax, prefectural tax, or forest environmental tax (exemption) certificate		You can obtain this certificate from the Tax Division of the Ward Administration Office. (It costs 300 yen per certificate.).
	Determination of tax amount for municipal tax, prefectural tax, or forest environmental tax, notice of tax payment		If you pay at the Ward Administration Office, it will be sent from the Ward Administration Office.
	Notice of special collection of municipal tax, prefectural tax, or forest environmental tax on employment income		If the tax is deducted by your employer, you can obtain this from your employer.
Household Receives Subsidies For School Expenses (Households receiving the dependent child allowance)	Childrearing allowance certificate		The certificate must still be valid.
Household Receives Subsidies For School Expenses (Households not receiving the dependent child allowance)	Result of the review of the application for subsidies for school expenses and notification of payments	By August or in August or after as soon as it is received from the school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If you applied at the beginning of April, payments will be made by the school around the end of July. Fee reductions will be applied retroactively to usage fees paid starting from April. (The amount of the reduction will be refunded at a later date *4) ▪ This is different from entrance preparation expenses for new students.
	Notification of payment of school subsidies		
	School expense subsidy approval notification		

*1 The child allowance and special childrearing allowance are not applicable.

*2 Certificates for exemption from the income-based municipal tax are issued for each person. Submit a certificate for each member of the household so that we can confirm the exemption for the entire household.

*3 Depending on the month you intend to start receiving a fee reduction, the certificates or notifications that you need to submit may be for a different year. Contact the After-School Kids Club for details.

*4 If you were receiving a usage fee reduction in the previous year because you were receiving subsidies for school expenses, you can pay the reduced amount during the period from April until the documents are submitted. If a review of the subsidies for school expenses shows that you were not eligible, back-payments will be required for the reduced amount.

8. Determination of usage

Generally, the After-School Kids Club can be used from the desired date provided in the usage application.

However, if information is missing from the application or if falsehoods are discovered, the registration for the Sucusuku classification [classifications 2 A and B] may be denied. In this case, you will be contacted in advance by the After-School Kids Club or an administrator.

9. Starting day of usage for new 1st grade students

Starting day of usage for new 1st grade students varies according to the usage classification the child is registered in.

Usage classification	Usage start date
Wakuwaku [classification 1]	Out of consideration of the effects on school life, the After-School Kids Club can be used from the specified date. However, single uses (800 yen each time + snack fee) are possible from April 1.
Sucusuku [classifications 2 A and B]	Can be used from April 1.

<Cautions for use by first-year students>

Regardless of the usage classification, please cooperate with the following for first-year students that will use the club during the period from April 1 until the start of reception for the Wakuwaku classification [classification 1].

- (1) A guardian must drop off and pick up the child.
- (2) An advance meeting with After-School Kids Club staff may be required to understand the child's circumstances.

10. Changing the usage classification

After registration, submit a classification change application to change the usage classification mid-year due to work changes, etc.

The usage classification generally cannot be changed in the middle of a month. Submit the usage change notification to the After-School Kids Club by the specified date in the month prior to the change. However, during summer vacation (July and August), we may need to ensure more space for the number of children. Therefore, the application must be submitted by the date specified by the After-School Kids Club.

Please avoid frequently changing the usage classification as this can disrupt the daily rhythm of the child and be stressful for them.

<Submitting documents that prove the household is unattended, etc.>

- If changing the classification from Wakuwaku [classification 1] to Sucusuku (Yuyake or Hoshizora) [classification 2 A or B] during the year, documents must be submitted proving that the house is unattended (see pages 8).
- Even if you were registered for the Sucusuku classification (Yuyake or Hoshizora) [classification 2 A or B] in the past, if you change the classification from the Wakuwaku classification [classification 1] to the Sucusuku classification (Yuyake or Hoshizora) [classification 2 A or B] again and there is no change to the certificate of employment, you can skip resubmission of the certificate of (planned) employment assuming the classification change is in the same school year.

However, if your employment situation changed or if you are applying for continued use across school years, then you must submit the certificate of (planned) employment again..

- If changing the sub-classification of the Sucusuku classification [classification 2 A or B] (from/to Yuyake [2A] or Hoshizora [2B]), documents for verification do not need to be re-submitted.
- Documents that prove the household is unattended, etc., must be resubmitted if the workplace, work situation, etc., changes.

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