

Japanese School Year at a Glance

High School

Bold= National holiday on which there is no school.

<p style="text-align: center;">August '13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (14-16) Kumamoto Orientation • (mid/late) Fall term begins 	<p style="text-align: center;">September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (early/mid) Term start tests • (early) Sports Festival • (16) Respect for the Aged Day • (late) Speech Contest • (23) Autumn Equinox 	<p style="text-align: center;">October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture festival • Sports Festival • (end) Mid-term Tests • (14) Health and Sports Day
<p style="text-align: center;">November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (3) Culture Day • (4) Culture Day observed • Culture Festival • (23) Labor Thanksgiving day • (late) Kumamoto Skill Development Conference 	<p style="text-align: center;">December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final tests • (week before X-mas) Term ends • (23) Emperor's Birthday 	<p style="text-align: center;">January '14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (1st week) New Year's holidays [many businesses will be closed 1st-3rd or longer, plan accordingly!] • (13) Coming of Age Day • 1st year school trip • (2nd week) Winter term begins • (late) English Recitation contest
<p style="text-align: center;">February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (11) National Foundation Day • (late) Final tests 	<p style="text-align: center;">March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (1st week) Graduation ceremony • (21) Spring Equinox • (mid) Class match • (last week) Term/School year ends 	<p style="text-align: center;">April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (early/mid) Spring term begins • (mid) Tests/orientation for 1st years • (mid/late) Health checks • (29) Showa Day
<p style="text-align: center;">May --(4/29-5/5) 'Golden Week'--</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (3) Constitution Memorial Day • (4) Greenery Day • (5) Children's Day • (6) Greenery Day observed • (mid) Sports Festival • Mid-term Tests 	<p style="text-align: center;">June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-term tests 	<p style="text-align: center;">July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (21) Marine Day • (mid) Class Match • (mid) Term ends

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Junior High School / Elementary School

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<p>August '13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (14-16) Kumamoto Orientation • (late) Second term begins • Second term opening ceremony, ALT introduction to school 	<p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction lessons • (early/mid) Term start tests • (16) Respect for the Aged Day • (23) Autumn Equinox • (late) ES sports days 	<p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (14) Health and Sports Day • (mid) Regional English Contest
<p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (3) Culture Day • (4) Culture Day observed • (23) Labor Thanksgiving day • (mid) Prefectural English Contest • (mid) JHS cultural festivals • JHS 2nd year school trip • (late) Term end tests • (late) Kumamoto Skill Development Conference 	<p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (late) Term ends • (23) Emperor's birthday 	<p>January '14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (1st week) New Year's holidays [many businesses will be closed 1st-3rd or longer, plan accordingly!] • (13) Coming of Age Day • (early) Third term begins
<p>February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (11) National Foundation Day • Term tests • Entrance exams for private high schools 	<p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (early) Entrance exams for public high schools • (early/mid) Graduation ceremony • (21) Spring Equinox • (late) School year ends • (late) Teacher placements announced 	<p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (early) New teachers start • (early/mid) First term begins • (mid) Term start tests • (mid/late) Health checks and home visits • (29) Showa day
<p>May --(4/29-5/5) 'Golden Week'--</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (3) Constitution Memorial Day • (4) Greenery Day • (5) Children's Day • (6) Greenery Day observed • (mid) JHS (+some ES) sports festival 	<p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (mid) Term end test 	<p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (21) Marine Day • (mid) Term ends