

Regarding School Lunch Expenses

○Lunch fees

- Elementary School 270 yen per meal
- Junior High School 315 yen per meal
- There are no school lunch fees for April

*You can make changes (canceling/placing an order) if you contact the school up to 8 days in advance (not counting weekends or holidays). Note that even if your child is absent due to injury or a sudden illness, you will still be charged if we were not contacted at least 8 days in advance.

○Billing

- Billing will be by direct transfer (direct withdrawal). Please fill in the direct transfer form (^{kōza furikae mōshi desho}口座振替申出書) distributed by the school, authorize payments at your banking institution, and submit the form to the school.
- If you wish to change your bank account, contact the school and ask for a new direct transfer form (^{kōza furikae mōshi desho}口座振替申出書).
- Direct transfer (withdrawal) takes place around the 15th of every month. For details, see the Okazaki City homepage.
- A statement, the *School Fees Collection Notice* (^{gakkō chōshūkin nado no oshirase}学校徴収金等のお知らせ), listing school lunch fees and other money collected by the school for the month will be sent home with your child before the direct transfer day. Because other school fees such as educational material and PTA fees may be collected together, please be sure to deposit a large enough amount in your account.
- For those receiving the school expenses subsidy (^{shūgaku enjō}就学援助) or/and public financial assistance (^{seikatsu hogo}生活保護), school lunch fees will not be collected, but direct transfer may still occur for other school-related costs.

○If school lunch fees are not paid

- If direct transfer is not possible and payment becomes overdue because of insufficient funds, etc. then a collection letter and payment slip will be sent to your address. Read the included notes then pay at a banking institution or post office. (Convenience store or internet payment is not possible).
- If payment is made after the due date, you may be charged late fees in proportion to statutory interest rates.
- If you lose a payment slip or you want to check if you have fallen behind on payments or not, call the city School Meals Office at 0564-23-6426.

- If it is difficult to use the payment slip, you can submit an application form to have school meals paid directly from your child allowance instead. For more information, please contact the city School Meals Office.
- Those experiencing economic/financial difficulties who satisfy certain fixed requirements such as meeting income conditions and are having financial difficulties may be eligible to receive the School Expenses Subsidy. Under this system, paying school lunch fees is not necessary and assistance is offered for educational material fees. Contact the school for an explanation of the system or to apply.