# 就学援助制度について

# The Schooling Expense Assistance System

## 1 就学援助制度とは?

The Schooling Expense Assistance System provides financial assistance for school supplies, school supplies, out-of-school activities, school lunches, etc., to the guardians of children and students who have difficulty attending school due to economic reasons.

#### (1) 対象者 Eligibility

Guardians of households that are in need to the same extent as public assistance recipients and have trouble sending their children to elementary and junior high schools.

(Example of households) Single-parent households (households receiving child support allowance), Households exempt from municipal tax, households receiving a reduction or exemption of municipal tax, Households receiving a reduction or exemption of national health insurance tax, etc.

\*Certification standard income differs for each household depending on various conditions such as family composition, number of people in the household, and age. The Board of Education will examine the households for certification and approve them if they are below a certain income threshold.

#### (2) 援助できる学校の費用 School expenses for which assistance is available

- (1) School supply expenses
- (2) Extracurricular activity (excursion) expenses
- (3) School lunch fee (actual cost)
- (4) Learning communication fee
- (5) School entrance expenses (only applicable to students from Elementary school 1st grade or Junior high school 1st grade admitted in April)
- (6) School excursion fees (only applicable to students from Elementary school 6th grade or Junior high school 3rd grade)

\*Annual aid expenses will be paid at the end of each semester and for several months at a time.

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### (3) 申請窓口 Application Procedure

The school you attend or the General Affairs Section of Hekinan City Board of Education(SHOMU-KA)

(For first-year elementary school students who wish to receive the pre-entrance fee for new school supplies, please contact the General Affairs Division of Hekinan City Board of Education (SHOMU-KA).)

#### (4) 申請時期 Application deadline

New applications: End of April (for those who wish to receive the school supplies fee before entering elementary school, the application period is until January 10)

#### Continuing applications:

End of March (for those who continue to use the system from the previous year. (For those who wish to receive the pre-entrance payment for new school supplies, the application must be submitted by January 10.)

\*Application must be made for each fiscal year.

Applications are accepted at any time, even in the middle of the fiscal year, but if approved, aid will begin in the month of application and will be calculated on a monthly basis.

If the application is approved, the assistance will start from the month of application, and the assistance fee calculated on a monthly basis will be paid.

#### (5) 注意事項 Notes

The screening for the Schooling Expense Assistance Program is conducted by checking the incomes of all students living at the same address,

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