



Ginowan City Newsletter

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APPLICATION FOR APRIL 2024 ENTRANCE INTO AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB (JIDO CLUB)

Jido club is a place where elementary school children can go while waiting for their parents after school

■ Eligibility & Fees

- Children enrolled in elementary school who cannot receive adequate care during the day because their parents are at work or are ill.
- **5,000 yen per month per child**

■ Hours (no pick-up or drop-off service)

- When school finishes - 18:00
- 8:30-18:00 during summer/winter/spring break

■ Number of openings available

- Oyama Children's Centre - 22 (☎098-890-0015)
- Aragusuku Children's Centre - 22 (☎098-892-8888)
- Ganeko Children's Centre - 23 (☎098-897-6767)
- Nagata Children's Centre - 25 (☎098-892-3330)
- Ojana Children's Centre - 25 (☎098-897-4117)

*Children's centres are closed every 2nd and 4th Saturday, Sundays, holidays, Okinawa Memorial Day, and other days determined by the Mayor.

■ Application forms (available at the children's centres)

- **Available for pickup: 10/2 (Mon) - 10/31 (Tue)** 10:00-12:00 & 13:00-18:00 (17:00 on the 31st) *excluding Sundays and holidays
- **Submission period: 10/7 (Sat) - 10/31 (Tue)** 10:00-11:30 & 13:00-17:30 *excluding Sundays and holidays

*If you miss this application period, your child will not be able to enroll on April 1, 2024.

*Application is NOT on a first come first served basis. An application must be submitted every year (enrollment is not automatically renewed).

*If the number of applicants exceed the number of slots available, applicants will be selected based on their need for afterschool care.

THE 46TH HAGOROMO FESTIVAL

9/30 (Sat) & 10/1 (Sun)

Ginowan Seaside Park (4-2-1 Mashiki)



After a 4-year hiatus, the Hagoromo Festival will be making a comeback this year! There will be dance performances, a kachaashii competition, fireworks and more! Mark your calendar – we will see you there!

GINOWAN POPULATION AS OF AUGUST 2023

Total population	100,041 (-27)
Foreign nationals	1,711 (±0)
Nationalities	50 (±0)
Total households	47,220 (+11)

GINOWAN GYMNASIUM RENOVATION

The Ginowan Gymnasium has been serving residents for over 37 years. In order to provide a safer and more comfortable environment for residents to play sports, the city will be renovating the gymnasium from October 2023 to October 2024. The gymnasium will be CLOSED during this period. We kindly ask for your understanding.

APPLICATION FOR 2024 APRIL ENROLLMENT INTO PUBLIC DAYCARE AND KINDERGARTEN



Public Daycare

■ Eligibility

The child must be:

1. A Ginowan resident
2. Between 3 months old and elementary school age certified as requiring daycare service due having working parents or other exceptional circumstances

*If your child has special needs, one of our professionals will help you with the application process. Please call us to make an appointment.

■ Application period

- **10/13 (Fri) - 10/31 (Tue) 9:00-11:30, 13:00-17:00**
*excluding weekends and holidays
- Reception closes at 16:30

■ Where to apply

- Ginowan City Office Multipurpose Conference Room (the building in front of the main entrance of city hall)

■ Required documents

1. Application forms (available at the city hall)
2. Applicant's ID (driver's license, passport, etc.)

*We may ask for additional documents depending on the conditions of the household.

■ Notes

- Late applications will not be accepted.
- The applicant must receive approval as requiring childcare services as of APRIL 1, 2024, which is the day of enrollment.
- Enrollment is NOT based on a first come first served basis.
- We may require you to submit documents that may take time to prepare, such as the Certificate of Employment. Please begin the application process as soon as possible.
- The school's address and number of slots available can be found inside the application package.
- A temporary application can be submitted for children who will be born by December 31, 2023.
- **Application for school transfers are also accepted during this period.**

Public Kindergarten & Afterschool Daycare

Public Kindergarten

■ Eligibility

1. Must be a resident of Ginowan City
2. Must be born between:
 - a. For kindergarten: Apr. 2, 2018 and Apr. 1, 2019
 - b. For pre-k: Apr. 2, 2019 and Apr. 1, 2020

■ Slots available

1. Kindergarten: unlimited
2. Pre-K: 30 per school

*Admission area: same as the elementary school district

■ Class hours

- Mon/Wed/Fri 8:15-12:00
- Tue/Thu (Bring Your Own Lunch Day) 8:15-14:00

■ Cost

- 0 yen (excluding certain miscellaneous expenses)

*Enrollment into kindergarten is NOT MANDATORY.

*Pre-K admission will be based on lottery if the number of applicants exceed the number of openings available.

Kindergarten Afterschool Daycare

■ Eligibility

- Children that will be enrolled in a public kindergarten who requires afternoon daycare service due to having working parents, etc.

■ Period of care

- Determined by the Board of Education

■ Days where service is not available

- Weekends, holidays, Okinawa Memorial Day, 12/29-1/3, and other days determined by the principal

■ Hours of care

- Weekdays: when kindergarten finishes - 18:30
- Summer/spring/winter break: 8:15-18:30

■ Cost

- 0 yen (excluding certain miscellaneous expenses)

■ Lunch

- Catering is available on Mon/Wed/Fri

The application period, required documents, and service window is the same as the application for public nursery (see left).

Prior enrollment, each child must attend an interview with the school. The interview will take place between 14:00 and 16:00 on either 11/15 (Wed) or 11/17 (Fri). You will be notified of your designated date and time.