

The mechanism of the entrance examination for Tokyo Metropolitan high schools

There are two types of entrance examination to Tokyo metropolitan high schools. One is the examination by recommendation (*Suisen Nyushi*) and the other is the examination by achievement tests (The first recruitment, the second recruitment and half-term recruitment (*Bunkatsu Bosyu*)). Some schools conduct entrance examinations without achievement tests.

Examination by recommendation (*Suisen Nyushi*)

- The examination is conducted for students who attend a junior high school in Tokyo as of Dec 31st 2010 and are expected to continue living in Tokyo after their entrance to the school and to graduate in Tokyo in March 2011. The examination is mainly for the enrollment to a full-time course and a Tokyo metropolitan high school must be the first choice for the applicants.
- The main purposes of the examination by recommendation are as follows;
 - (1) To increase the chance of examination
 - (2) To appreciate the students' eagerness, aptitude, etc. during their enrollment in junior high school, which are difficult to evaluate only with the achievement tests.
 - (3) To promote the entrance of the students with a sense of purpose and high motivation.
- Below are the types of the examination by recommendation
 - (1) General examination
Applicants need to be recommended by the principal of his/her registered junior high school.
 - (2) Examination by special recommendation (for culture and sports, etc)
Applicants need to have the will to apply for the examination and the permission from the principal of his/her registered junior high school. This examination is conducted with the special limit within the framework of the general examination. However some schools do not conduct the examination by special recommendation.
- Selection will be conducted in a general way by each school on the basis of the school report, the result of an interview, application and the materials requested by the principal of the metropolitan high school (including the self-promotion card).

For those schools which hold the examination of short essay and the practical skill, the results of these tests will also be included on selection. On examination by recommendation basically includes an interview as well. The contents of the interview and the short essay are designated by each school.

Scores of school report	interview	short essay or written composition	practical skill test
Total result			

Note: Some schools do not conduct the examination of short essay/written composition and practical skill

- The number of successful candidate of recommendation test may depends on each school and department.
For details, please consult "Guide to recruitment of Tokyo metropolitan senior high schools 2011" scheduled to be issued at the beginning of November.

Examination by achievement tests (The first recruitment)

- Selection will be made based on the scores of school report and achievement tests. Some school conducts an interview, short essay/written composition and practical skill test, and will consider the total scores.
- The subjects of the achievement tests are decided by each school. Usually the tests will be conducted in 5 subjects (Japanese, mathematics, English, social studies and science).
- The proportion of the score of achievement tests to that of the school report, and the full marks of interview, short essay/written composition, practical skill test etc, differ from school to school.
- In achievement tests, some schools use a weighted grading system (*Keisha Haiten*) for the score of the subjects designated beforehand by the school.
For example, if the weighted scores (*Keisha Haiten*) are doubled in English test, full marks of English test will be not 100 but 200.
- Some schools conduct the characteristic examinations such as, “Special Selection”, “the deregulation of the enrollment limit by gender”, “the independent examination questions” and “entrance examination without the achievement tests” etc. (Please refer to Q&A concerning entrance exam for Tokyo Metropolitan high schools)

Scores of achievement test	Scores of school report	Scores of an interview	Scores of short essay/written composition	Scores of practical skill test
total scores				
Total result				

Not all schools conduct an interview, practical skill test and short essay etc.

Entrance examination without achievement tests

- For the examination to the “Encourage School“ no achievement tests are conducted and examinees are screened in a general way on the basis of the result of school report, an interview, short essay/written composition and practical skill test.
- For “Challenge School”, the selection is made without the achievement test and school report. Instead the examinees are screened by his/her application (for a substitute of “self-promotion card”), an interview and written composition.

Examination by achievement tests (the second recruitment)

- Schools which do not fill the number of first recruitment, conduct the second recruitment.

Half-term recruitment (*Bunkatsu Bosyu*)

- Some metropolitan high schools divide the number of recruitment for the full-time course into two, and conduct “the first recruitment”/“the first half-term recruitment” and “the second recruitment”/“the second half-term recruitment”.

The following “Challenge Schools” conduct the half-term recruitment (*Bunkatsu Bosyu*) for the half-time course: Roppongi, Oedo, Setagaya-izumi, Minorigaoka and Kirigaoko and day/night half-time high schools such as Hitotsubashi, Asakusa, Ogikubo and Hachioji-takushin(general limit) conduct the half-term recruitment (*Bunkatsu Bosyu*).

- * In 2010, 20 full-time high schools and 9 half-time schools (Roppongi, Oedo, Setagaya-izumi, Minorigaoka, Kirigaoka, Hitotsubashi, Asakusa, Ogikubo and Hachioji-takushin (general limit)) conducted the half-term recruitment (*Bunkatsu Bosyu*).