Field V Classroom Management & Guidance

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(JAPANESE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM & PRACTICE PART 2)

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Classroom Management Plans

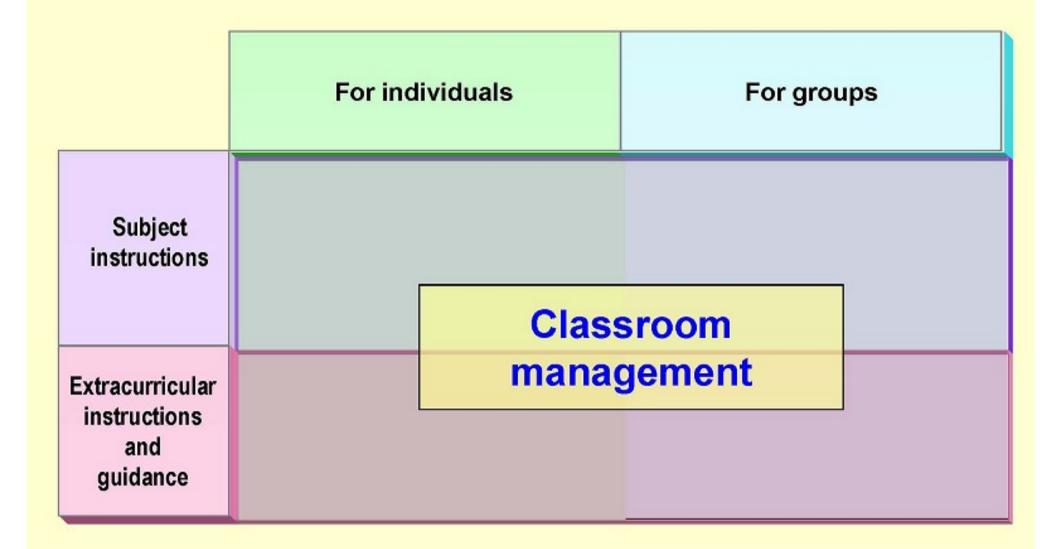
■What is "classroom management" ?

- It is guidance that home-room teachers give to their students.
- It includes both individual guidance and classroom guidance.
- It is intended to promote student human growth through interactions within the classroom.

■What is a "plan of classroom management"?

- An annual plan of classroom management made by home-room teacher
- A way to achieve goals of classroom management of home-room teacher
- All learning activities including subject instruction

Classroom Management Plans



Classroom Management Plans

Feature of students	
Problems that students have	
Objectives of year	

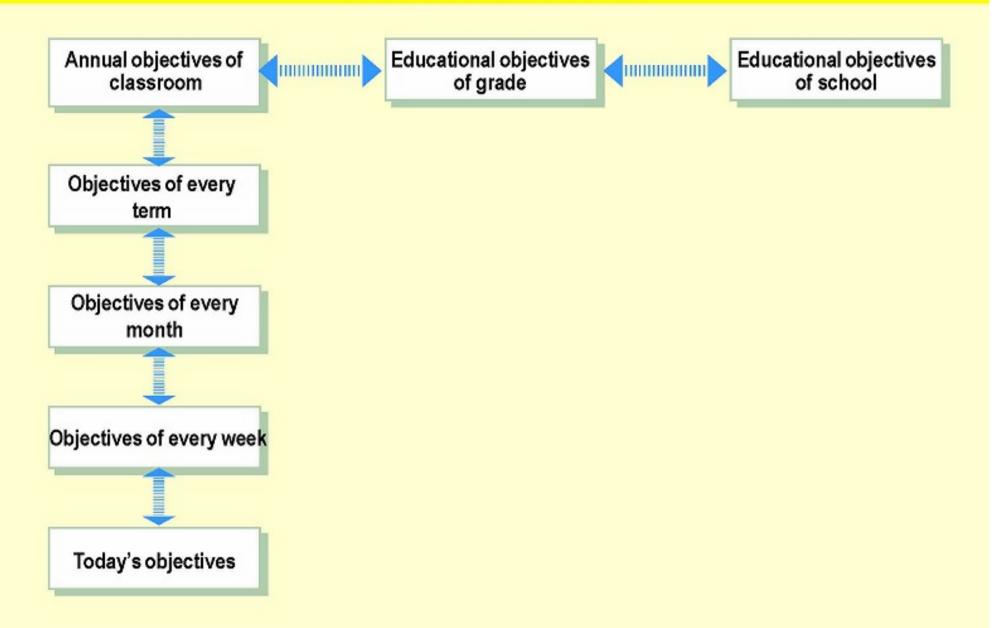
	April	May	June	•••
Each subject				
Moral				
Special activities				
Period of Integrated Study				

Class Objectives

■What are 'Class Objectives' ?

- •An objective or motto for classroom students.
- A guide for student's learning and in their life
- •It has an important role in maintaining group order and in motivating students to study.

Class Objectives



Class Objectives



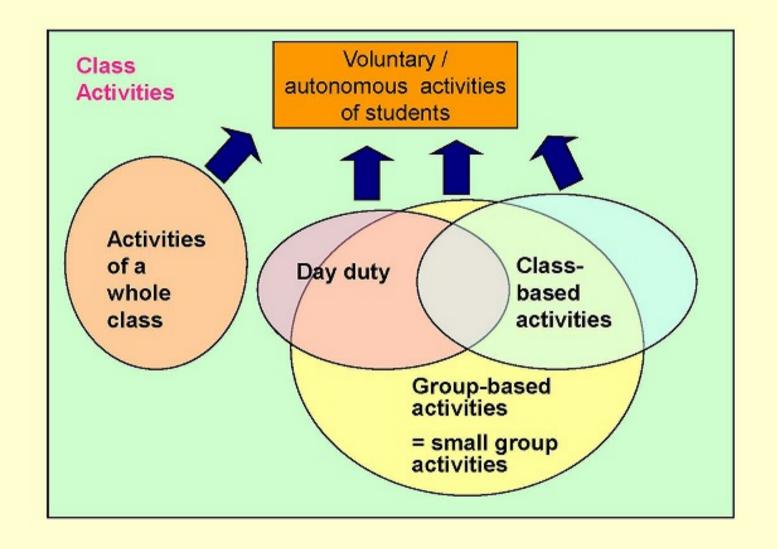


■What are class activities?

- A part of "special activities" in the curriculum
- "Activities of a class as a single unit that enrich and solidify the class and school, and that contribute to the development of a sound life style." (Excerpt from the Course of Study of elementary schools)
- Problem solving for life in schools and classes
- Emphasis on student voluntary and autonomous activities

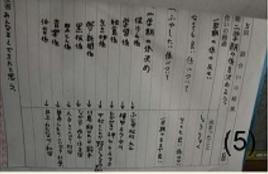
■What are class-based activities, group-based activities, and the day duty?

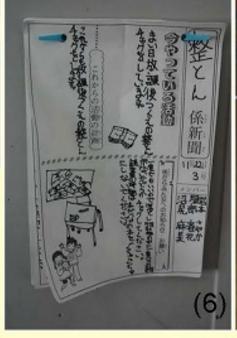
- Class-based activities are made by assigning work in a class.
- Group-based activities are organized in small groups that encourage students' spontaneous and autonomous activities.
- The day duty is a role assigned to a student to lead the classroom for the day.

























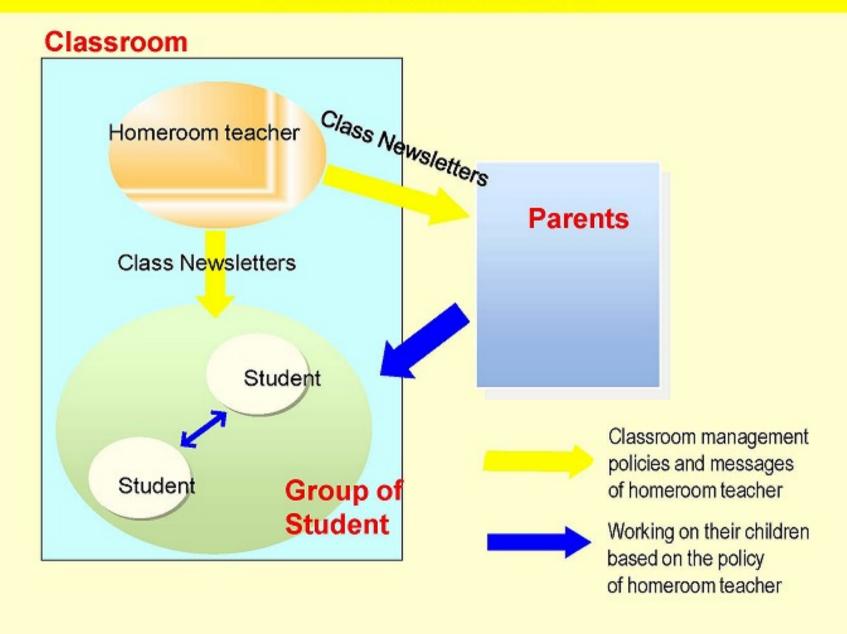
Daily duties & their activities

"Class Newsletters"

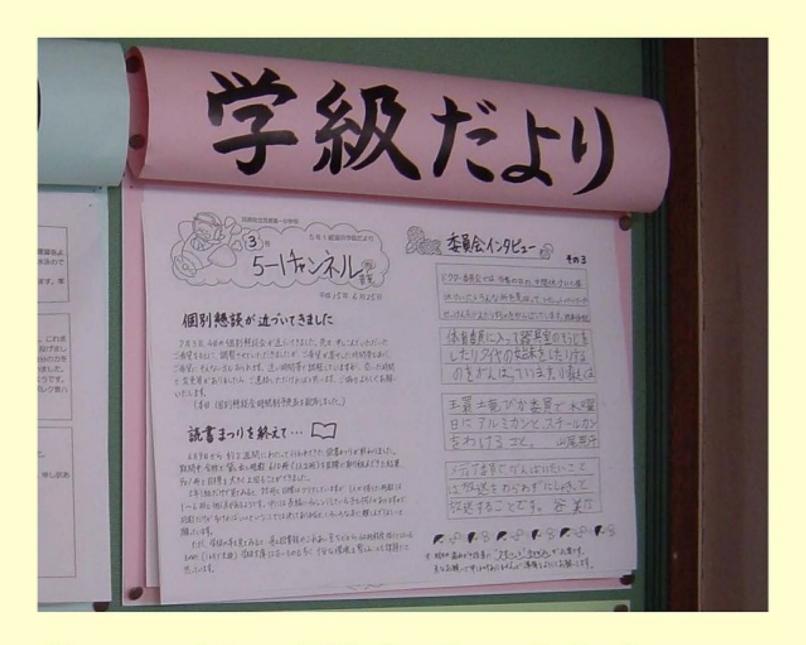
■What are Class Newsletters?

- One of the communication channels between home-room teachers and students and their parents
- •To inform parents re the class life of the students.
- To inform parents regarding a teacher's way to motivate students, to guide them, etc.
- To inform students and parents regarding a teacher's views concerning incidents in class, etc...

"Class Newsletters"



"Class Newsletters"



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Group Activities for Children of Differing Ages

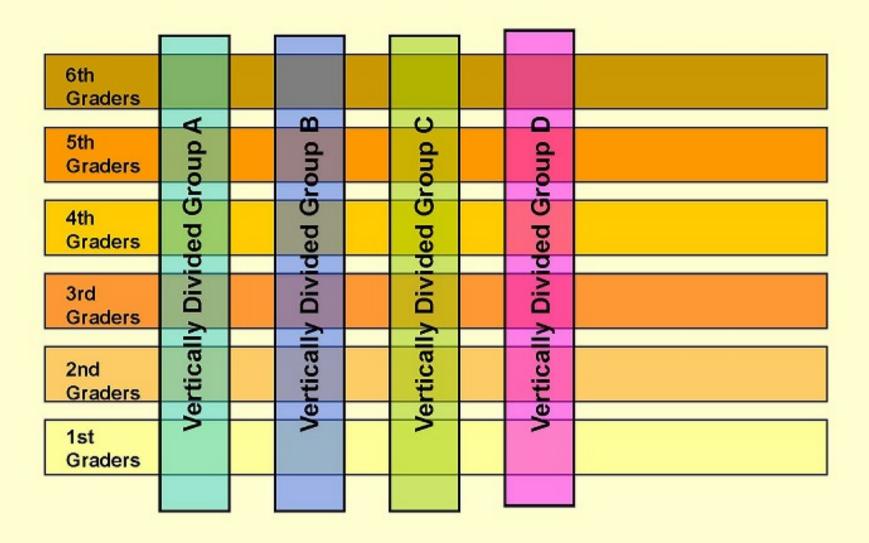
■ The conventional group activities in a school

- The homeroom as a peer group of children of similar ages
- Teaching and learning from each other as equals

■ Promotion of group activities for differing ages

- Organizing small groups that consist of different students from different grades
- Developing small groups through cleaning, school events, etc.
- Senior students become older brothers and sisters of juniors

Group Activities for Children of Differing Ages



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Group Activities for Children of Differing Ages





Planting flowers

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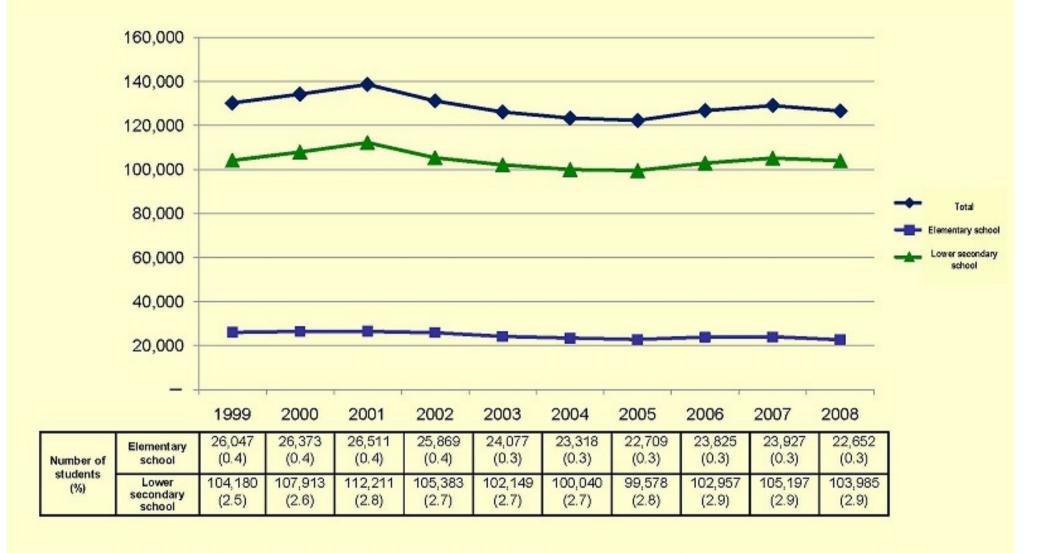
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Group Activities for Children of Differing Ages



■ What is "Non-attendance at school"?

- To be absent from school for a long time (MEXT stipulates the length of absenteeism should be more than 30 days per year) and not be due to sickness and/or economic problems.
- •While the enrollment rate in compulsory education is almost 100%, the rate of non-attendance (absenteeism) by school children continues to increase.



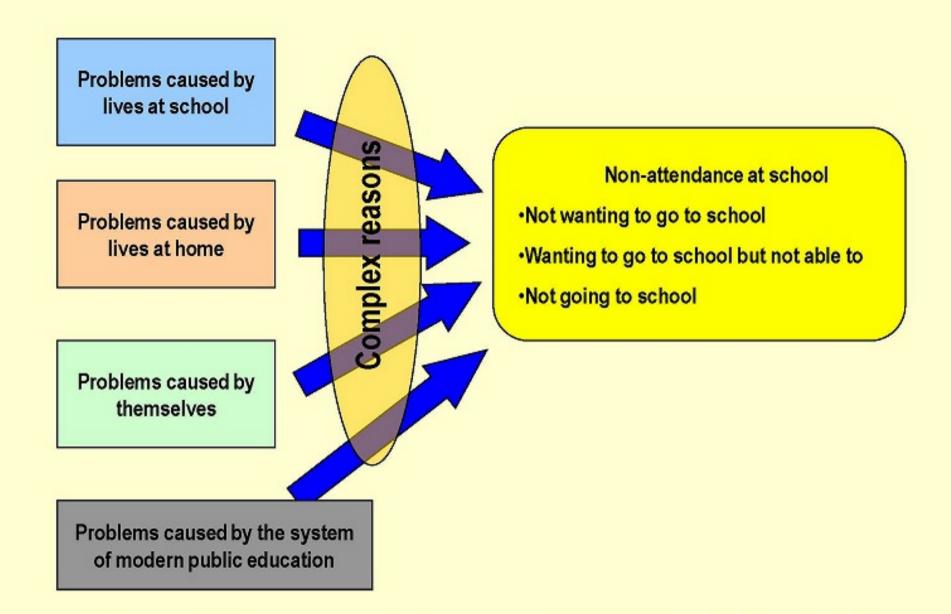
Transition in the number and proportion of non-attending students at school in national, public and private schools (1999-2008 school year)

Classification		Elementa	ry schoo	ı	Lov	wer secor	ndary sch	ool	Total			
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Bullying	5.5%	0.8%	2.2%	0.8%	1.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.0%	2.4%	1.0%	1.1%	1.0%
Relations with	8	2,064	10	2,082	55	14,459	411	14,925	63	16,523	421	17,007
friends (apart from bullying)	14.5%	9.2%	11.0%	9.2%	17.1%	14.3%	13.6%	14.3%	16.8%	13.4%	13.5%	13.4%
Relations with	4	375	6	385	3	696	29	728	7	1,071	35	1,113
teachers	7.3%	1.7%	6.6%	1.7%	0.9%	0.7%	1.0%	0.7%	1.9%	0.9%	1.1%	0.9%
Other effects on	5	1,231	2	1,238	32	7,419	262	7,713	37	8,650	264	8,951
school life	9.1%	5.5%	2.2%	5.5%	10.0%	7.4%	8.6%	7.4%	9.8%	7.0%	8.5%	7.1%
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misdemeanor	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	1.0%	2.8%	12.3%	1.4%	11.9%	2.4%	10.2%	1.3%	10.0%

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Unstableness	25	9,688	49	9,762	136	33,004	1,513	34,653	161	42,692	1,562	44,415
including anxiety	45.5%	43.0%	53.8%	43.1%	42.4%	32.7%	50.0%	33.3%	42.8%	34.6%	50.1%	35.0%
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Intentional refusal	1.8%	6.5%	5.5%	6.5%	4.0%	6.8%	4.9%	6.7%	3.7%	6.8%	4.9%	6.7%
	14	4,685	28	4,727	42	9,964	475	10,481	56	14,649	503	15,208
Others	25.5%	20.8%	30.8%	20.9%	13.1%	9.9%	15.7%	10.1%	14.9%	11.9%	16.1%	12.0%

⁽Note 1) multiple answers allowed

⁽Note 2) Percentage shows the ratio of the number of applicable students in each classification to total absentee students.



Reasons for non-attendance at school / school absenteeism





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Various measures inside and outside of school

- Visits to children's homes by teachers
- Going to the health office instead of the classroom
- Establishment of special classrooms for nonattending (absentee) school children
- Provision of school counselors, etc.

(Unit: number of schools)

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Classification	E	Elementa	ry schoo	ı	Lov	ver seco	ndary sch	ool	Total			
Classification	National	Public	Private	Total	National	Public	Private	Total	National	Public	Private	Total
To have common understanding of all teachers of the problems of non- attendance through trainings and case studies	7	2,636	12	2,655	12	3,653	88	3,753	19	6,289	100	6,408
To guide the corresponding students by school as a whole, by having various contacts with the students from all teachers	4	2,214	16	2,234	10	3,308	126	3,444	14	5,522	142	5,678
To guide the students by educational counseling teacher specially	4	1,041	5	1,050	7	2,309	67	2,383	11	3,350	72	3,433
To guide the students by school nurse	6	1,482	5	1,493	10	2,869	116	2,995	16	4,351	121	4,488
To guide the students by school counselor specially	8	2,098	9	2,115	19	5,144	280	5,443	27	7,242	289	7,558
To guide the students so that they improve relationships with friends	5	2,041	5	2,051	18	3,402	136	3,556	23	5,443	141	5,607
To improve the relationship with teacher through having more contacts	10	2,286	6	2,302	16	3,334	153	3,503	26	5,620	159	5,805
To improve the teaching methods and to have individual teaching so they understand more easily	3	1,268	8	1,279	4	1,869	62	1,935	7	3,137	70	3,214

Classification		Elementa	ry school		Lov	ver secor	ndary sch	ool	Total				
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To prepare opportunities for students to do activities independently in various situations	8	2,276	11	2,295	11	2,705	81	2,797	19	4,981	92	5,092	
To guide the students by letting them to come to special areas, such as the school infirmary	8	2,302	11	2,321	22	4,592	221	4,835	30	6,894	232	7,156	
To call at their home, or to go to meet in order to encourage the students to come to school	11	3,635	22	3,668	23	5,337	225	5,585	34	8,972	247	9,253	
To give various assistances on study and life by visiting their houses	10	3,337	7	3,354	21	5,803	196	6,020	31	9,140	203	9,374	
To improve home life or family relationship with the cooperation of guardians	9	3,005	20	3,034	22	4,317	230	4,569	31	7,322	250	7,603	
To guide students with the cooperation of counseling institutions, such as educational counseling centers	4	1,739	4	1,747	5	2,943	55	3,003	9	4,682	59	4,750	
To guide students with the cooperation of medical organizations, such as hospitals	5	717	6	728	6	1,603	126	1,735	11	2,320	132	2,463	
Others	0	292	2	294	1	543	186	730	1	835	188	1,024	

Effective measures taken by schools for students who restart going to school 28

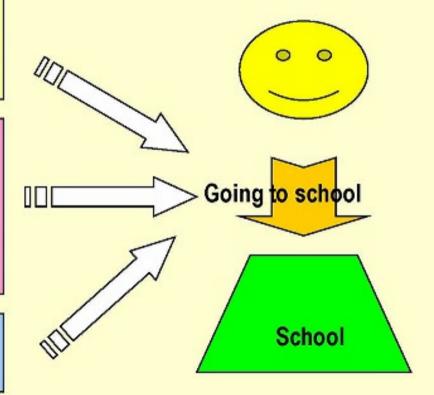
Improvement and devices on guidance within schools

- Mutual understanding among all teachers
- Guidance by a school nurse or a counselor
- Going to the health office instead of going to the classroom, etc.

Communication with homes

- Picking up at the home or calling
- Guidance by visiting the student homes
- Improvement of family relationships in home life

Cooperation with other organizations







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Visits to Children's Homes

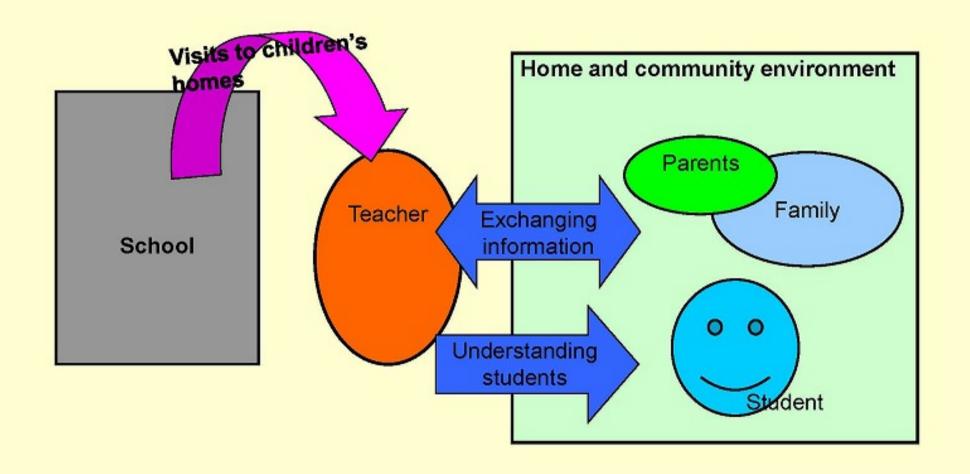
■ What are visits to children's homes?

 Home-room teachers visit their students' homes after school in order to provide student guidance

■ What are objectives of visits to children's homes?

- To build up interactions with their homes in order to have more precise understandings regarding each individual student
- To understand the living situation and learning environment of students at their homes
- To communicate and exchange information with children's parents to improve guidance to students who create problems at school

Visits to Children's Homes



Visits to Children's Homes







■ What is a school counselor?

- Specialists in counseling who are not teachers are staffed to meet the increase and diversification of distress and negative behavior by children
- In 2009 year, counselors were assigned to about 10,000 public lower secondary schools.

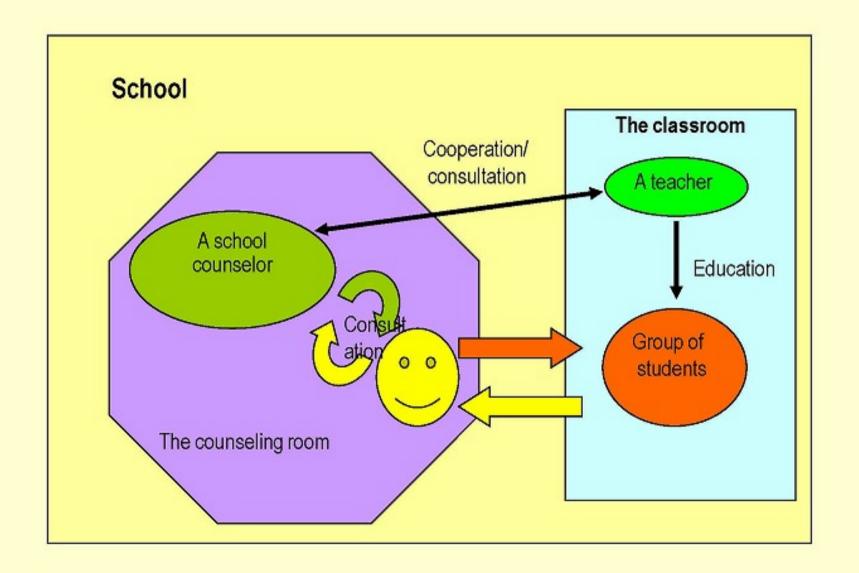
■What is a counselor of education for mental soundness?

 They are selected from such local talent as people who are experienced in the teaching profession and instructors of youths associations, etc.

What is a counselor of education for mental soundness?

- There is no official qualification for school counselors;
 School counselors are not full-time staff. School counselors are not deployed to every school;
- Counselor deployments are part-time, occurring once or twice a week and for four hours a day per school;
- School counselors provide counseling to students in school counseling rooms;
- School counselors also give advice to teachers and parents.

The School Counselor and the Counselor of Education for Sound Mental Development



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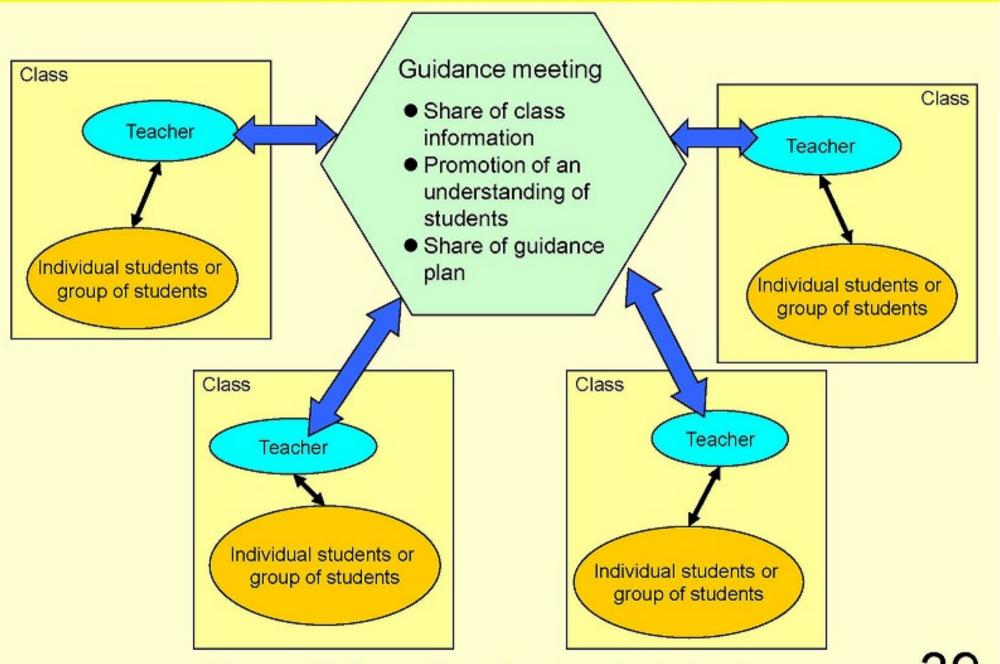


Teachers' Guidance Meetings

■What is a Teacher Guidance Meeting?

- A meeting to share information at school about problems on guidance in each class and individual problems of students
- Not only involving sharing of information, teachers also discuss methods of guidance and also provide specific guidance and teaching using cooperative methods

Teachers' Guidance Meetings



Share of information about each students

Teachers' Guidance Meetings



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Class Fees

■What are class fees?

- 26th article of the Japanese Constitution, provides that "Such compulsory education shall be free"
- •4th article of the Basic Act of Education, provides that "Tuition fees shall not be collected at compulsory education schools of the state and local autonomous bodies"

(...still class fees are collected as private expenses.)

Class Fees

1st Trimester	2nd Trimeste	er	3rd Trimester		
Items (yen)		Items	(yen)	Items	(yen)
Japanese Test	270	Japanese Test	270	Japanese Test	270
Arithmatic Test	270	Arithmatic Test	270	Arithmatic Test	270
Calculus Drill Book	320	Calculus Drill Book	320	Calculus Drill Book	320
Kanji Drill Book	320	Kanji Drill Book	320	Kanji Drill Book	320
Notebook for communication	360	Construction paper	150	Maps	150
Science kits	500			Equipment	560
Calligraphy Notebook	450				
Paper Clay	290				
Examination test	300				
Feed	300				
Total	3380	Total	1330	Total	1890
Total of 3 qu	arters	6600	Collecting amount per month 6		

(Note) 1: These are annual class fees per student of kindergarten, elementary, lower and upper secondary school

2: Public kindergarten / elementary, lower and secondary schools are considered

Class Fees







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Composition(1)

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I Outline of Japanese School System

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Part 2

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- 20 110 Homes for Children
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Part 3

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2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	(Items List) Entrance Ceremony Opening Ceremony Morning Assembly School Excursion Sports Day 1 Sports Day 2 Marathon Race Overnight Trip with Outdoor Study School Trip Medical Check-up Disaster Drill Music Festival Closing Ceremony Graduation Ceremony	17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27	(Items list) Morning meeting Preparation for Class Teaching Classes Skills to Teach Recesses School Lunch 1 School Lunch 2 Cleaning Time Meeting before going back home Teachers' Room Teacher's Desk in Class Instructions to Students	30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38	Meeting before going home Getting out of School	45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55	(Items List) Greeting Collective Discipline Name, Name Card Preparing & Clearing up School Lunch Bag Recording Indoor Shoes Lunch Time Cooperative Work for School Lunch School Lunch Menu Cooperative Work for Cleaning Places for Cleaning Keeping Animals, Growing Plants	59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70	Notice 1 Notice 2 Notice 3 Nurse's Office Co-education Health Education Students' Preferences Uniform School Emblem, School Song Testimonial National Flag, Clock Memorial for Graduation Assistant English Teacher Notice 4 Teachers' Study

About the use of teaching materials

O The background of teaching-materials development

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