

To parents / guardians

**Response in the event of an earthquake (seismic magnitude 5 or higher) and the announcement of the Nankai Trough earthquake contingency information, etc.**

In recent years, earthquakes have caused untold damage globally. In order to ensure the safety of children, we have prepared a list of measures to be taken in the event of an earthquake (magnitude 5 or higher) in addition to information regarding the [Nankai Trough Earthquake Temporary] (under investigation/major earthquake).

We would like to inform you that the response of public kindergartens, elementary and junior high schools in our city at the time of the announcement has been revised as follows. **[CAUTION; Mega Earthquake Warning]**

[What to do if an magnitude 5+ earthquake occurs in the city]

- If an earthquake with a magnitude of 5 or higher occurs in the city between the time students leave school and the time they return to school, all public kindergartens, elementary and junior high schools in the city will be temporarily closed. School lunches will also be canceled.
- If an earthquake with a magnitude of 5 or higher occurs in the city on a closed day or the day before the closed day, all schools will be closed on the following business day. (If an earthquake with a magnitude of 5 or higher occurs in the city on a day before a holiday, all public kindergartens and elementary/junior high schools will be temporarily closed on the weekdays following the holiday.

In addition, if it is not a work day (observed holidays, long holidays, etc.), all activities for young children and students, including club activities, will be suspended. However, if the safety of the school, school facilities, school routes, etc. is confirmed during the closure period, this will not apply.

- The Board of Education and school administrations will discuss the response of schools after an earthquake, and in the event of a reopening, parents/guardians will be notified by email or online (via website).
- Even if the magnitude is less than 5, schools may be temporarily closed depending on the damage sustained by schools and neighboring areas. During this temporary closure, school lunch will be canceled.

[Response to Nankai Trough Earthquake Temporary Information Announcements]

- If the Nankai Trough Earthquake Temporary Information [Great Earthquake Warning] is announced, schools will be temporarily closed.
  - School lunch will be canceled.
- Ideally, schools will resume after a week, However, depending on the disaster and evacuation situation, an extension to the temporary closure may occur. If school resumes, parents/guardians will be notified by email or online (via website).

- If the Nankai Trough Earthquake Temporary Information [Under Investigation, Warning of Large Earthquake] is announced, the BOE will consider the temporary closure of schools and will contact school administration.
  - School lunch will be canceled.
- If the Nankai Trough Earthquake Temporary Information is announced [The Safety Investigation is completed], schools will confirm the preparations for earthquakes are complete and will operate as usual.