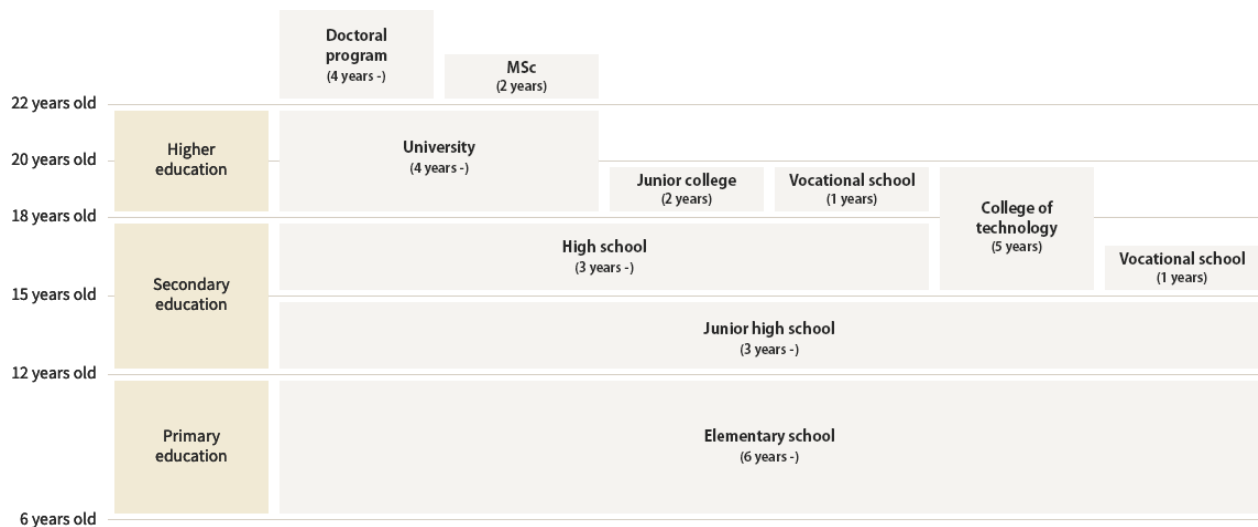


Education in Japan

Education in Japan is similar to America in many ways, both countries have a system where they go from k-12 with similar options for higher level learning. Unlike America where the compulsory education is until the age of 16, Japan's compulsory education is through Junior high school and High schools have written entrance exams necessary for attendance.



Similarities:

- Both education systems place great importance on a secondary Language system being learned.
- Standardized testing is used by both systems to teach and test materials.
- There is a large culture around extracurricular activities in both systems.

Differences:

- Elementary, Middle Schoolers and their teachers all eat the same foods, which are made by them instead of cafeteria workers. Most high schools do not have cafeterias and are required to bring food from home and eat in the classroom.
- In Japan students are required to clean the school as there are few or no janitors.
- Term structure is different in Japan, starting in the spring with a summer vacation twice as long as in America.
- Uniforms are required across Japan, while in America only private schools have uniforms.
- Japan requires students to have separate footwear for indoor areas.