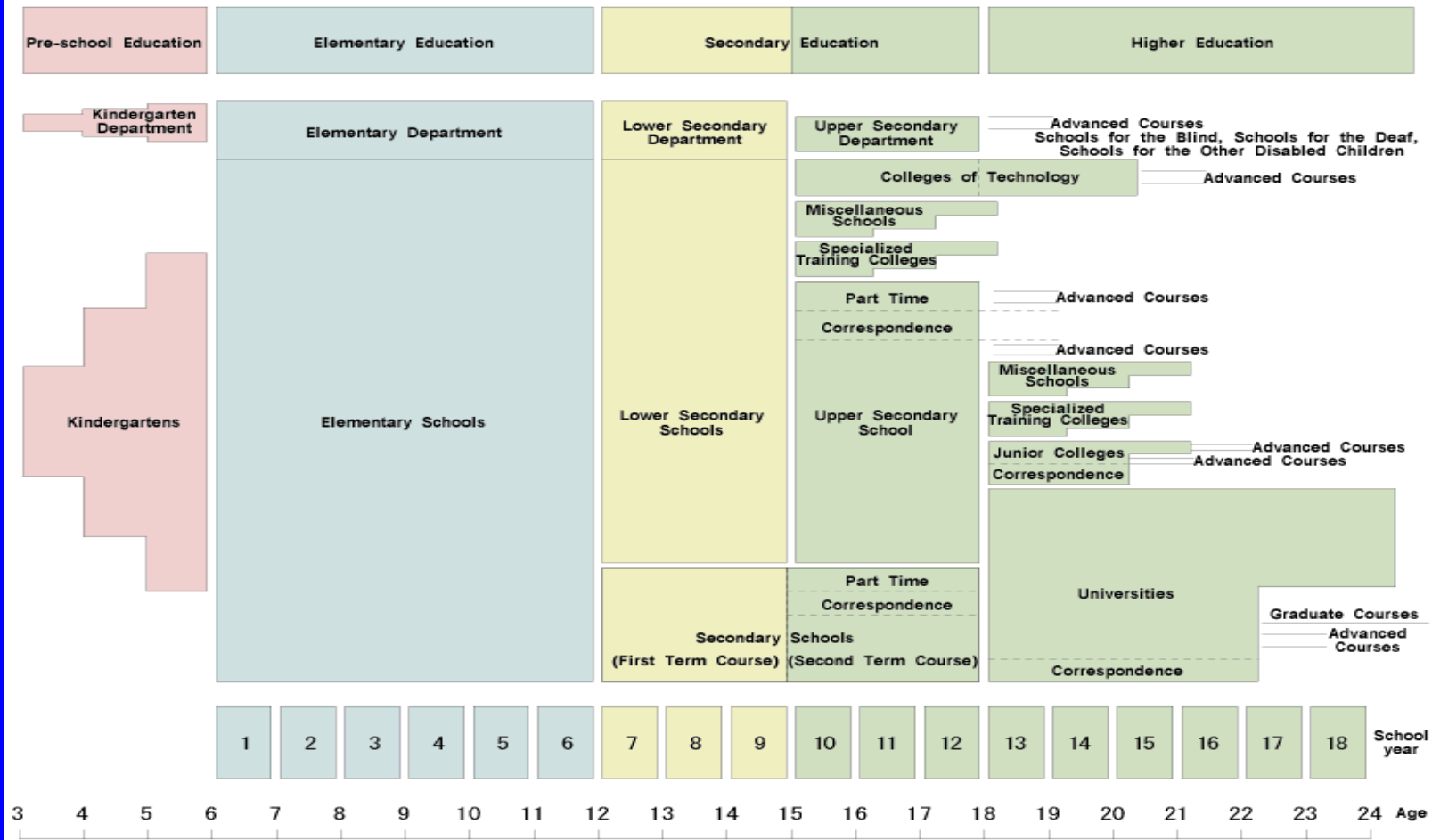


Education system in Japan

Organization of the School System in Japan



School Counseling Service in Japan

What	Who&Where	How	Concerns
“Mini-clinic model”	Special teachers with counseling skill @ counseling room at school	Remedial approach, clinical counseling type service on school site for students only having problems	No developmental perspective
“Counseling Mind” model	All teachers with counseling mind @ everywhere at school	Counseling oriented teachers. Based on the idea that counseling should be done for all students	Only covers on philosophical side of teachers' attitude
Functional Guidance model	All teachers with guidance skill knowing their boundaries	guidance oriented services to educate all students in their life span development.	Yet system building is not in place

Modified from Seiichi Ono, Japanese Journal of Counseling Science, 1997

Bell Schedule in a Japanese school

Monday through Friday	
Staff Meeting	8 : 15 ~ 8 : 25
Quiet time book reading Short Homeroom	8 : 30 ~ 8 : 50
First Period	8 : 55 ~ 9 : 45
Second Period	9 : 55 ~ 10 : 45
Third Period	10 : 55 ~ 11 : 45
Fourth Period	11 : 55 ~ 12 : 45
Lunch Break	12 : 45 ~ 13 : 30
Fifth Period	13 : 30 ~ 14 : 20
Sixth Period	14 : 30 ~ 15 : 20
Cleaning (All teachers & students)	15 : 20 ~ 15 : 40
Short Homeroom	15 : 40 ~ 15 : 50
Seventh Period College bound students only	16 : 00 ~ 16 : 50

Sample Timetable for Form4(10th Grade)

College Bound Class					
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	Math	Japanese	English	PE	Biology
2	Math A	ESL	Math	Health Education	Math
3	Japanese	Home Economics	World History B	World History B	PE
4	Social Science	Home Economics	Japanese	Japanese	Music
5	Chemistry B	English	Chemistry B	ESL	Japanese
6	Biology IB	Long Homeroom	PE	Math A	Math A
7		Math	Social Science	English	English

Translated from Okayama Gakugeikan High School (Private)

People Involved in School Counseling

Regular Teacher

: has their homeroom with more or less than 40 students. They have to take care with all aspects of their students.

Teacher at Sick Bay

: stays at Sick Bay to assist students suffering from pain or other medical concerns. Students with social phobia or other symptoms go there and stay for good sometimes.

School Counselor at public school

(Part time, placed by National Ministry of Ed.)

: Certified Clinical Psychologist

(No formal requirement to work at school)

Teacher Counselor at public schools

: appointed by public educational office. Often their teaching hours are reduced.

Teacher of school counseling & guidance

: Teacher who has to be responsible with school counseling & guidance, but not a position but one of assignment school offers. No clear guideline for their formal tasks.

Other support figures

: Provide listening services for the students & parents who are having difficulties.