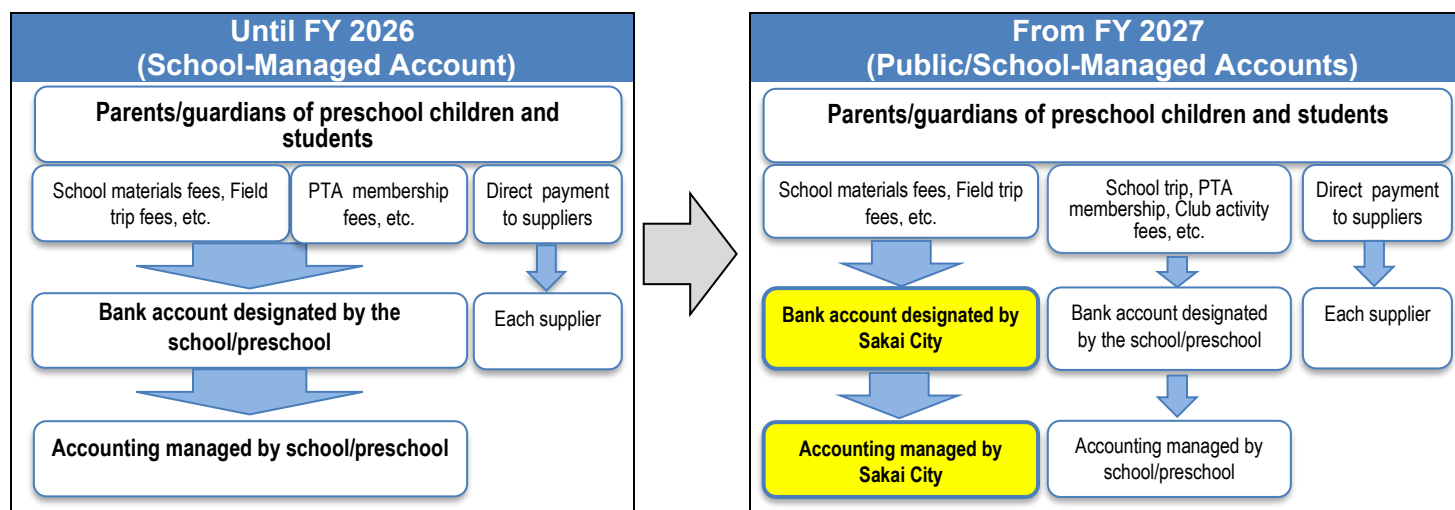


Notice on the Transition to Public Accounting for School and Preschool Materials and Related Charges

School and preschool materials fees will be transferred from the school-managed accounting system to the public accounting system starting in April 2027. Under the current school-managed accounting system, each school and preschool collects and manages these fees. Under the public accounting system, Sakai City will collect and manage the fees in order to reduce the administrative burden on school and preschool staff, improve convenience for parents and guardians, and ensure fairness and transparency in the administration of materials fees and related charges. However, some fees* will continue to be managed under the school-managed accounting system.



■ School/Preschool Materials Fees and Related Charges

School/preschool materials fees and related charges are expenses necessary for educational activities at the school/preschool and are borne by parents and guardians (for example, workbooks, reference materials, practical training materials fees, and fieldwork fees). As under the current system, each school/preschool will determine the educational materials to be used. Therefore, the amount of the fees varies depending on the school/preschool and the grade.

* Expenses that will not be transferred to the public accounting system include fees paid directly by parents/guardians to suppliers, school trip fees, PTA membership fees, and club activity fees. Some of these fees will continue to be collected and managed by schools/preschools. Details will be provided by your child's school/preschool during the next fiscal year.

■ Advantages of the Transition to the Public Accounting System for Parents/Guardians

By making payments to Sakai City, you will be able to use direct debit (automatic payment) with more financial institutions than under the current system. If you are unable to use direct debit, you can make payments at a financial institution or convenience store using a payment slip.

■ Schools and Preschools Subject to the Public Accounting System

Sakai Municipal kindergartens, elementary schools, junior high schools (except for evening classes), special needs education schools, and high schools are subject to the public accounting system.

■ Procedures for the Transition to the Public Accounting System

An application and direct debit request form, together with instructions for the procedure, will be distributed by the school/preschool during the second term. After receiving these documents, please complete the direct debit procedure.

Even if you receive public assistance (*Seikatsu Hogo* 生活保護), School Expense Subsidy (*Shugaku Enryo* 就学援助), Special Needs Class Enrollment Grant (*Tokubetsu Shien Kyoiku Shugaku Shoreihi* 特別支援教育就学奨励費), or other financial assistance, some expenses may still need to be borne by parents and guardians. Therefore, please complete the direct debit procedure.

Please note that a new direct debit application is required even if you have already set up direct debit for school lunch fees. We appreciate your continued understanding and cooperation in bearing the costs of school materials and other school/preschool-related expenses.

■ Details/Contact Information

For details, please use the following link or 2D matrix code.

https://www.city.sakai.lg.jp/kosodate/kyoiku/gakko/gakko-en_kyozaihi_kokaieika.html



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