## Important Announcement Regarding School Lunch Fee

#### School Lunch Fee Payment Change to Public Accounting

Since April 2024, Sakai City has changed the payee of school lunch fees from each school to Sakai City. Starting from June 2025, the Universal School Lunch Provision System will be implemented at Sakai municipal junior high schools. Under this system, Sakai City will be the payee for school lunch fees at all Sakai municipal junior high schools except for Oizumi Junior High School.

You need to submit a School Lunch Application and Direct Debit Request Form to receive school lunches and to make payments via direct debit. Once you complete these procedures, no additional steps will be required even if your child advances to higher levels of education or changes schools within Sakai municipal schools (elementary, junior high, or special needs education schools).

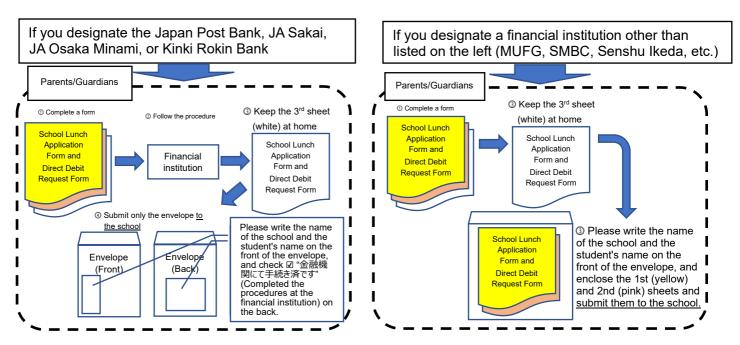
## School Lunch Application Form and Direct Debit Request Form

- Please complete the required fields by referring to the example on the last page. A separate form needs to be submitted for each student.
- Even if your direct debit account for school expenses has been registered, additional procedures are required.
- In general, school lunch expenses must be paid via direct debit.

Accepted Financial Institutions: For underlined institutions, ensure you follow the procedures directly at their counter.

| Banks                                    | <i>Shinkin</i> Banks             | Others                                         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Mizuho, MUFG, SMBC, Resona,              | Osaka, Osaka Co-sei, Osaka City, | Daido Shinyo Kumiai, Seikyo                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| San ju San, Bank of Kyoto, Kansai        | Osaka Shoko, Eiwa, Amagasaki     | Shinyo Kumiai, Nozomi Shinyo                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mirai, Senshu Ikeda, Nanto, Kiyo,        |                                  | Kumiai, Kinki Sangyo Shinyo                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Awa, Iyo, Tokushima Taisho, <u>Japan</u> |                                  | Kumiai, Mire Shinyo Kumiai, <mark>Kinki</mark> |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <u>Post</u>                              |                                  | Rokin, JA Sakai, JA Osaka                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                          |                                  | <u>Minami</u>                                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Current Students:** Procedures vary depending on the financial institution with which you wish to set up direct debit.

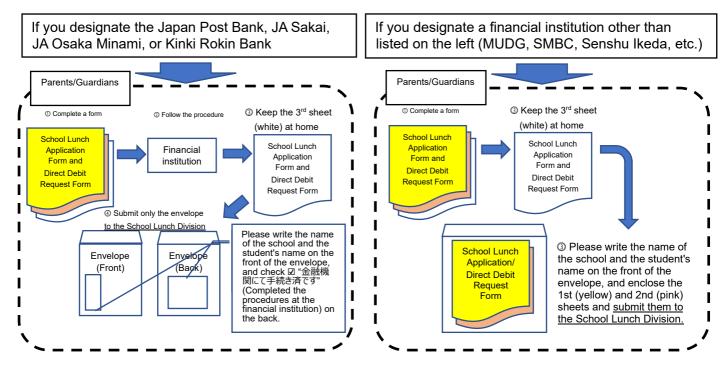


Where to submit: Your child's school

**Deadline** for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade junior high school students: <u>Friday, September 27, 2024</u>

1<sup>st</sup> grade junior high school students: <u>Friday, October 25, 2024</u>

New 1st grade students: Procedures vary depending on the financial institution with which you wish to set up direct debit.



Where to submit/Deadline for new 1st graders: to the School Lunch Division by Friday, December 20, 2024

#### 3. School Lunch Fee

The school lunch fees and direct debit dates (payment due dates) for the 2025 school year are as follows (9 times a year). This amount is the current estimate (including the amount of the Support Benefit for Soaring Prices). **The** school lunch fee amount may change in the future.

|                                     |                                   | First   | est Second Third Fourt |          | Fourth  | Fifth Sixth |         | Seventh | Eighth  | Ninth   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|------------------------|----------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Direct Debit Date<br>(Payment date) |                                   | Jul. 25 | Aug. 25                | Sept. 25 | Oct. 27 | Nov. 25     | Dec. 25 | Jan. 26 | Feb. 25 | Mar. 25 |
| Fee                                 | Elementary<br>School              | ¥5,610  | ¥5,610                 | ¥5,610   | ¥5,610  | ¥5,610      | ¥5,610  | ¥5,610  | ¥5,610  | TBD     |
|                                     | Junior High<br>School             | ¥5,325  | ¥5,325                 | ¥5,325   | ¥5,325  | ¥5,325      | ¥5,325  | ¥5,325  | ¥5,325  | TBD     |
|                                     | Special Needs<br>Education School | ¥5,355  | ¥5,355                 | ¥5,355   | ¥5,355  | ¥5,355      | ¥5,355  | ¥5,355  | ¥5,355  | TBD     |

- The school lunch fee is ultimately paid based on the number of times it's served during the year. The last school lunch payment will be decided during the final billing period.
- If the direct debit date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, the withdrawal will be carried out on the following business day of the designated financial institution.
- If the direct debit cannot be made due to insufficient balance or other reasons on the designated payment date, the withdrawal will be attempted again on the 10th of the following month (or the next business day if it is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday)\*.
  - \*There may be some months when it will not be possible to reschedule withdrawals.
- The annual payment amount and the payment amount for each billing period will be notified around mid-July each year.
- If you wish to stop receiving all or part of a school lunch due to a food allergy or other reason, please consult with the student's school.
- If opting out of milk, bread, or rice due to food allergies or other reasons, the fee amount may be reduced for elementary or special needs education students. For junior high school students, the reduction applies if opting out of milk or rice.

### School Lunch Fee Payment Procedures Q&A

#### Q1 What happens if I fail to submit documents by the deadline?

A1 If the documents are not submitted by the deadline, direct debit may not be available. In this case, please <u>pay</u> at a financial institution or convenience store using the payment slip issued by Sakai City. Please note that you cannot combine this month's payment with the next payment period's direct debit payment.

#### Q2 What procedures are required to opt out of milk, bread, or rice due to food allergy or other reason?

A2 A Food Allergy Accommodation Form (*Tabemono Arerugi Taiou Iraisho* 食物アレルギー対応依頼書) and a School Life Management Guidance Form (*Gakkoseikatsu Kanri Shidohyo* 学校生活管理指導表) must be submitted to the school by the date specified by each school. Please consult each elementary or special needs education school for details. Details for junior high schools will be provided later by each school. If you opt out of milk, bread, or rice, you will also need to submit a School Lunch Change, Suspension, or Resumption Notification (*Gakkou Kyusyoku Henko/Teishi/Saikai Todoke* 学校給食(変更・停止・再開)届) to the city.

# Q3 What about if you are receiving public assistance (*Seikatsu Hogo* 生活保護) or School Expense Subsidy (*Shugaku Enjyo* 就学援助)?

A3 Even if you are receiving assistance for school lunch fee from either of the above, you must still apply to receive school lunch and register for an account for any refunds for school lunch fee, etc. Please submit a School Lunch Application and Direct Debit Request Form.

#### Q4 How should I write the details of my Japan Post Bank account if I use Japan Post Bank?

A4 Please refer to the information below on how to write the details of your account when using Japan Post Bank.

1. The account number will have up to 8 digits, those less than 8 digits have a "0" (zero) automatically redacted. It will end in "1".

2. The code number has 5 digits, starting with "1" and ending in "0". E.g. the bankbook details to the right would be filled in as shown below.

Code Number: Align to the left

Account Number\*: Align to the right

\*If the account number is not 8 digits, please add a "0" (zero) at the start to make it 8 digits exactly.

| Bankbook                     | (Example)                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Code Number<br>11940<br>Name | (Account Number 1234561) |

| ゆうちょ銀行 | 契約種別    |                | 通 | 帳記 | 号 |   | *       | 通帳番号(右づめでご記入ください。) |   |   |         |   |   |   |   |
|--------|---------|----------------|---|----|---|---|---------|--------------------|---|---|---------|---|---|---|---|
|        | 30      | 1              | 1 | 9  | 4 | 0 |         | 0                  | 1 | 2 | 3       | 4 | 5 | 6 | 1 |
|        | 払込先口座番号 | 00910-9-961068 |   |    |   |   | 払込先加入者名 |                    |   |   | 堺市会計管理者 |   |   |   |   |

※欄は、通帳の記号の後にハイフン(-)と数字がある場合のみご記入ください。

Visit the city's website for more Q&As

For any questions or inquiries, please contact:

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URL (https://www.city.sakai.lg.jp/kosodate/kyoiku/gakko/yutakana/hoken/gakkou kyuushoku/reiwa6nenn4gatsukara.html)



If you are using an account created without

registering a seal, seek advice from your

financial institution.

## School Lunch Application Form and Direct Debit Request Form Example

堺市学校給食費の管理に関する要綱様式第1号(第3条関係) ① 金融機関控 堺市学校給食費口座振替事務取扱要綱様式第1号(第5条、第6条関係) Enter the date on which you 殿 [学校給食申込] Enter the name of a filled out the form. 公金取扱金融機関 御中「口座振替・自動払込] parent/guardian (with 預金口座搋替依頼書 katakana above), 学校給食申込書 兼 堺市学校給食費 relationship to the student, 自動払込利用申込書 address, and contact details\* は、下記の児童・生徒に学校給食を受けさせるため、下記のとおり申し込みします。学校給食費は、 D支払方法でお支払いします。また、申し込みにあたり、裏面の注意事項及<u>び同意事項を厳守</u>します。 \*A cell phone number is 記入日 【令和 6年 9 月 recommended. 1日 590 - 0078堺区南瓦町3番1号 保 Enter the student's サカイ タロウ フリガナ 児童・牛徒 護 school, grade, class, から見た 名 堺 太郎 氏 and student number. 者 Enter the student's (日中に連絡がつく番号) 080 - 1234 -5678 ※ご記入の連絡先(父)・母・ 連絡先 name (with katakana above). □ 小学校 ☑ 中学校 校 名 堺市立 堺第一 □ 支援学校(分校) [ □ 小学部 □ 中学部 ] サカイ ジロウ フリガナ □ 新入生、転入生( 年) 学年組 Check √ either "Direct 出席番号 氏 名 次郎 ☑ 2 年 3 組 8 番 debit/automatic payment" (口座振替・ ★学校給食費の支払方法を図してください。(「口座振替・自動払込」が原則です。) 自動払込) or "payment slip" (納 付 書). In  $\overline{\mathbf{V}}$ 口座振替・自動払込 (裏面の約定(ゆうちょ銀行 general, "direct debit" Complete the form following the example. 納付書(後日郵送する納付書にてお支払いし should be selected. 「ゆうちょ銀行以外の金融機関」又は「ゆうちょ銀行」のどちらか一方に保護者名義の口座とご記入ください。 金融機関CD 7年7月 払込開始年月 令和 支店CD Enter the ordinary deposit account 行 本 店 預金種目 口座番号(右づめでご記入ください。) 支店支所 信用金庫 ゆうちょ銀行以外 number under the 信用組合 parent's name (Either の金融機関 3 6 1. 普通 5 出張所 労働金庫 parent's account name 農業協同組合 党業部 is acceptable.) 通帳番号(右づめでご記入ください。) 契約種別 诵帳記号 Align the account/bankbook 30 ゆうちょ銀行 number to the right 払込先口座番 when filling it in. 00910-9-961068 払込先加入者名 堺市会計管理者 If you make a mistake, ※欄は、通帳の記号の後にハイフン(-)と数字がある場合のみご記入ください。 draw a double line 児童・生徒 から見た 続 柄 リガナ through the error and ハナコ サカイ affix your registered seal when you opened 口座名義人 花子 the account. 預金者住所 If you designate a 振<del>琴(払</del>込)日は、7月から3月までの各月25 **Japan Post Bank** 振替(払込)日が金融機関の休業日となる場合 account: Ensure that the seal impression is clear. (不備事由)ゆうちょ銀行を除く - Please refer to the 金 - If it is not clear, affix on the blank space on the example on the center 融 1. 預金取引なし 5. その 機 spread page for filling in 2. 記載事項等相違 - If you are unsure about your registered seal, 関 the 店名、預金種目、口座番号、口座名 please ask the financial institution in advance. 使 parent's/guardian's 用 3. 印鑑相違 - If you have lost your seal, please register a new account details. 4. 印鑑不鮮明

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Make sure to write your

address.