Organization of the School System in Japan Miscellaneous **Professional Graduate Schools** Schools Graduate Standard School Professional and Schools Specialized Training College **Specialized Training College** Age Year **Vocational Universities Post-Secondary Courses General Courses** 18 Professional and Vocational 23 Specialized Training College **Junior Colleges** Correspondence 17 Upper Secondary Courses Correspondence Courses Colleges of Courses Higher Education 22 Technology(KOSEN) 16 21 Correspondence Special 15 Courses Universities Needs 20 Education 14 **Schools** Junior 19 Correspondence Colleges 13 Courses 18 12 (Upper Div.) 17 Part-Upper 11 **Upper Secondary Schools** time Sec. Part-Education Courses Dept. 16 time 10 Courses Secondary 15 Education 9 **Schools** 14 Lower 8 **Lower Secondary Schools** (Upper Div.) (Lower Div.) Sec. 13 Dept. 7 Compulsory Education 12 6 **Schools** 11 5 Primary Education 10 4 Element. (Lower Div.) **Elementary Schools** Dept. 9 3 8 2 7 1 6 Education 5 **Integrated Centers for** Kindergartens Early Childhood Kinder. **Education and Care** Dept.

(Notes)

- (1) The gray sections are compulsory education.
- (2) * indicates advanced courses
- (3) Upper secondary schools, upper division of Secondary Education Schools, universities, junior colleges, and upper secondary department of Schools for Special Needs Education can have separate courses with course terms of 1 year or more.
- (4) A child aged from 0 to 2 years old can attend Integrated Centers for Early Childhood Education and Care because it functions as school as well as child welfare institution.
- (5) Age and admission requirements for Specialized Training College General Courses and Miscellaneous Schools are not defined uniformly.