

To the parent/guardians,

Hekinan City Board of Education
Hekinan city Central Elementary school principal

Concerning Hekinan elementary and junior high schools in the event of an earthquake in the Japan South Sea Trough

Hekinan elementary and junior high schools will proceed as follows
in the case that a Japan South Sea Trough (Nankai Trough) earthquake warning is issued:

- If the announcement, [**Nankai Trough Earthquake Extra Information (Under Survey)**] or [**Nankai Trough Earthquake Extra Information (Megaquake Advisory)**] is issued, there will be a temporary closure of elementary and junior high school activities.
 - As a general rule activities around the school will be postponed or cancelled.
 - In an effort to consolidate information, instructions for how to prepare for the earthquake will be made available via the parent/guardian email network.
 - In cooperation with the City Headquarters of Disaster Prevention, if it is determined that the potential for an earthquake is too high to continue school activities, the Hekinan Board of Education will declare an emergency school closing.
 - One week after an earthquake, if it is announced by the government that the potential for a megaquake is no longer high, school activities will resume as normal, keeping in mind that there is always the possibility of an earthquake.
- In the case of a [**Nankai Trough Earthquake Extra Information (Megaquake Alert)**] all educational activities will be suspended, children will be prepared to go home, and will be sent home with their parent/guardians.
 - As a general rule, the school suspension will last one week.
 - One week after the earthquake we will adjust our activity to follow subsequent announcements from the government and social conditions.
- When there is no longer the threat of megaquake or the announcement, [**Nankai Trough Earthquake Extra Information (Survey Completed)**] is issued, school activities will resume under the direction of the Board of Education.
(Families will be contacted via the school's communication network and various transmission methods.)

1. Regarding [**Nankai Trough Earthquake Extra Information**].
 - a) When an earthquake of magnitude 6.8 or higher occurs near the Nankai Trough or an abnormal phenomenon is observed along the Nankai Trough, an investigation will begin in order to determine whether the phenomenon is related to a large-scale earthquake along the Nankai Trough. An announcement will be made if the investigation continues.
 - b) This information is based on the idea that “earthquakes cannot be predicted.” Even if information is released, we do not know when it will happen. Also, an earthquake may occur even if no information is available.
2. When instructions for “temporary closure” are issued during educational activities:
 - a) Students will be sent home immediately. Please pick up your children at the elementary school. Junior high school students will be sent home.
 - b) Please take safety measures at home until you are notified of a reopening.