

令和6（2024）年度第1学年入学・第2学年4月編入学選抜検査

Spring Entrance Examination 2024 for 1st and 2nd Grade Applicants

外国語作文（英語）

Foreign Language Essay (English)

令和6（2024）年2月3日（土）実施

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Attention

- 1 Keep your test booklet closed until you are instructed to open this booklet.
- 2 Remain silent during test time.
- 3 You will be given 45 minutes to complete the Foreign Language Essay.
- 4 Write your name and registration number on the test booklet, and write your registration number on your answer sheet.
- 5 There is a separate answer sheet. The essay should be written within the space provided on the answer sheet **in English**.
- 6 You may freely use the blank space in the booklet. Any marks in this booklet will not be scored.
- 7 No questions concerning the test content will be answered.
- 8 Both your test booklet and your answer sheet will be collected after the test.

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氏名

Name

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Read the passage below and write an essay answering the following question.

More and more municipalities in Japan are forgoing renovating their aging public-school pools, and are instead outsourcing swimming lessons to the private sector.

In 2020, the Shiki Municipal Government in Saitama Prefecture formulated a basic policy regarding swimming lessons. In principle, the city decided not to renovate pools that have reached the end of their useful life. It then entrusted lessons at all eight municipal elementary schools to Tokyo-based Konami Sports Co. in the 2022 academic year. The students travel by bus to the sports club and take classes in the indoor heated pool. One instructor is assigned to a group of 15 to 20 children, and swimming techniques are taught in accordance with government-set curriculum guidelines.

According to the municipal board of education, operating a renovated swimming pool would cost 5.36 million yen per school per year, including maintenance and management costs. On the other hand, the cost of outsourcing to the private sector, including bus transportation, was 5.25 million yen per school, about the same amount. Aside from the cost, outsourcing allows the children to improve their swimming ability under the guidance of highly specialized instructors, and also allows classes to be held without worrying about the weather.

Until now, swimming classes were held in June and July, but were often canceled due to concerns about the risk of heat stroke. An official of the Fujimino Municipal Government's school education division expressed hope that "indoor pools will allow for systematic classes from May to December, regardless of weather and temperature, as well as protecting the health of the children."

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Similar to the case described above, many schools around the world have begun to outsource some of their services and activities.

QUESTION

Do you think schools outsourcing services and activities is a good idea? State your opinion with reasons, explaining possible risks and benefits (at least one of each). Be sure to include your own viewpoints not mentioned in the passage as well.

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外国語作文（英語） 解答用紙 / Foreign Language Essay (English) Answer Sheet

This section is a large rectangular area with a solid black border, intended for writing the answer. It contains 20 horizontal dotted lines spaced evenly down the page.

