

MEXT FY 2020 First Supplementary Budget: 276.3 billion yen (approved by the Diet on April 30, 2020)

Support for reopening of schools

➤ **Coronavirus countermeasures at schools: 13.7 billion yen**

Support for purchasing of masks and disinfectants needed for thorough conducting of basic coronavirus countermeasures at schools.

➤ **Improvement of hygienic environment at schools, etc. (restrooms, school lunch facilities, etc.): 10.6 billion yen**

Improvement of hygienic environment of school facilities, including maintaining restrooms, school lunch facilities, etc., as well as preparing and maintaining ventilation fans in gymnasiums and sports facilities, with the aim of preventing the spread of infectious diseases, including COVID-19.

➤ **Placement of lecturers and tutors: 800 million yen**

Additional placement of lecturers and tutors to support students' supplementary learning in order to complete unfinished parts of the curriculum at the end of the school year.

➤ **Support for experiential activities for children (nature, sports, culture): 2.1 billion yen**

Creation of opportunities for nature-experience and sports activities as well as enhancement of opportunities to experience cultural arts activities that had been lost due to the spread of COVID-19.

➤ **Support for cancellation fees, etc., arising from cancellation or postponement of school excursions: 600 million yen**

Provision of financial support to lessen the financial burden on parents for cancellation fees, etc., due to canceled or postponed school excursions.

➤ **Support for students whose household finances dramatically changed: 700 million yen**

Support for waiving tuitions and other fees for students whose household finances changed significantly due to the impact of COVID-19.

➤ **Smooth conducting of Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students: 100 million yen**

Support to cover necessary expenses for anti-coronavirus measures so that the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (taken by most persons who want to enter a Japanese university as an international student) can be held without delay.

Ensuring Learning for students during school closures

➤ **Ensuring learning through the acceleration of the GIGA School Program: 229.2 billion yen**

Through the acceleration of the integrated preparation of hardware, software, and human resources under the GIGA School Program, which calls for the prompt provision of "one computer per student" and the preparation of communications environments that connect even to students' homes, MEXT will support the prompt realization of an environment that ensures learning for all children through using ICT.

➤ **Ensuring learning opportunities at universities through the accelerated building of environments for distance learning classes : 2.7 billion yen**

MEXT will promote the preparation of environments enabling all universities, technical colleges, and specialized training colleges to prepare the facilities and systems for distance learning classes and provide advanced education using digital technology.

Support for coronavirus research, and university hospitals

➤ **Acceleration of R&D for finding countermeasures to the novel coronavirus: 6.4 billion yen**

MEXT will support strengthening the research foundation at universities and other institutions that are contributing to the development of treatment drugs and vaccines and the establishment of new testing methods and for the development of rapid COVID-19 testing systems.

➤ **Preparation of systems at university hospitals for accepting COVID-19 patients: 2.5 billion yen**

To overcome COVID-19, which is still not completely understood, MEXT will support providing and maintaining medical equipment at university hospitals as well as the training of needed advanced medical personnel.

➤ **Using national youth education facilities to combat COVID-19: 1.2 billion yen**

To receive Japanese students returning from overseas, MEXT will support the preparation of hygienic environments at existing accommodations at convenient and large facilities owned by the National Institution for Youth Education.

Support for sports and cultural arts activities

➤ **Coronavirus countermeasures at the Japan High Performance Sport Center: 200 million yen**

MEXT will support the installation of ventilating equipment to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at the Japan Institute of Sports Sciences in the run-up to the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics.

➤ **Support for holding of events to recover interest in and enthusiasm for sports and cultural arts: 2.2 billion yen**

MEXT will promote the smooth and full-fledged resumption of sports events through its support for COVID-19 countermeasures and publicity activities to attract spectators. MEXT will also support cultural organizations and freelance artists in holding lectures, exhibits and exhibitions, etc., in order to heighten interest in culture and the arts.

➤ **Improvement to viewing environments by using cutting-edge technology and strengthening the earning capacity of cultural facilities: 1.4 billion yen**

MEXT will promote the independent operation of cultural facilities by supporting the creation of new appreciation and viewing models—taking advantage of the special characteristics of each genre in the performing arts—and the development of model projects such as exhibitions that use high-definition visual contents.

➤ **Support for COVID-19 countermeasures for the reopening cultural facilities: 2.1 billion yen**

MEXT will fund coronavirus countermeasures at cultural facilities, the preparation of the correct environment for the restarting performances, etc., and the introduction of a time-reserved visitor system to minimize the risk of infection.