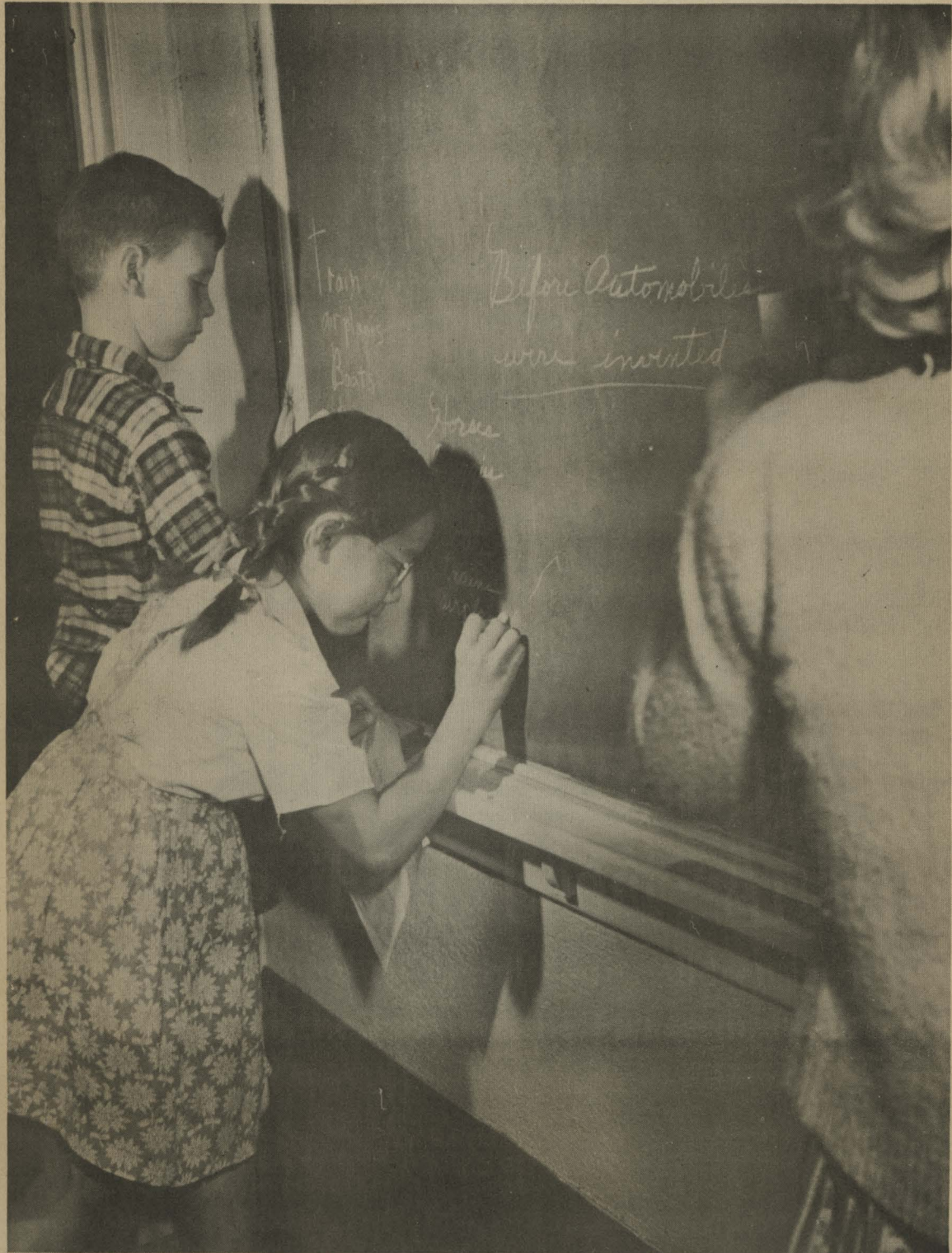


# SCHOOLS FOR YOUR CHILDREN in the East Coast Area

When, where, and how to enroll your children in the public schools of the East for the Fall term, 1945.



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BRIDGETON HIGH SCHOOL  
Bridgeton, New Jersey

May 25, 1945

Office of the Principal

Mr. H. Leon Yeager  
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War Relocation Authority  
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Philadelphia, 7, Pa.

My dear Mr. Yeager:

During the present school year, we have had between 70 and 80 American born Japanese boys and girls enrolled in our High School. These boys and girls came to us at what might be considered a critical time. Prior to their entry into High school, there had been one incident in town that had provoked some feeling toward those of the Japanese race. I want to say also that we do have quite a number of colored boys and girls in our High School student body.

From the very first when these boys and girls joined our student body, they have been received very well by the other pupils. They have made friends with both white and colored. So far as I have been able to observe, there is absolutely no friction.

In their scholastic achievements, almost without exception, they are all turning in very creditable records. We can expect some failures but I believe that the percentage in this particular group is well below what might be expected if we took a group of pupils at random from our student body. We find these boys and girls to be obedient, respectful, courteous and appreciative.

So far as I know, there have been only one or two cases of any of these pupils being sent to the office for discipline. This one particular instance was really not discipline had it not been for some other boys. This particular one probably would not have cut school for the afternoon when our basketball team happened to play out of town.

Members of the faculty are high in their praise of the attitude of all of these children. If the boys and girls which we have are typical of all American born Japanese then they are a credit and an asset to any student body.

Two of the boys were members of our varsity basketball squad. One of them played quite regularly. On the girls' basketball team, we also had two of these pupils. There are three boys on our baseball team. Not long ago, our boys' glee club put on a minstrel show act as a part of an evening musical program. One of the end men in this group was a boy of Japanese parentage.

Perhaps, there are other things that I could say to the credit of these boys and girls but the different things which I have enumerated, I trust are sufficient to satisfy any one that there should be no hesitancy about admitting them to our public schools in the east. I realize, of course, that the student body of this high school may not have the same idea of tolerance and the attitude which is to be found in another high school. I want to say further that the attitude and feeling which these boys and girls have created among the student body has done much so far as the merchants in our town are concerned. I know that the school attitude has certainly changed the thinking of many of the adults. I might add further that I have talked with some of our merchants and they, too, have been extremely well pleased in their dealings with the parents of these boys and girls. As a group, they are modest, quiet and appreciative.

Sincerely yours,

Harry C. Smalley  
Principal



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With the beginning of the school year in September 1945, the doors of some of the finest public schools in the country - those of the East Coast Area - will be open to resettler children, along with their fellow-students.

This pamphlet presents facts which evacuee families concerned with the schooling of their children will need and want to keep for reference. It contains two sections:

Section I - gives the dates on which kindergartens, elementary, and high schools will open for the new school year in the East Coast cities and communities; ages at which children beginning school will be accepted; where nursery and other pre-school facilities will be found; what types of vocational schools will be open and where; and what special training is available for the handicapped, hard of hearing, blind, etc.

Section II - describes briefly some experiences which Nisei students - from first graders through high school graduates - have had in the public schools of the East. In the list of names beginning on page 14 you may recognize several youngsters who are getting their schooling in the high-standard institutions of the East.

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Section I

Information about how, where, and when to enroll, and other facts about the public schools will be found on the following pages:

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THE COVER PICTURE shows Chieko Anne Shimomura and a classmate at the Westfield Friends School near Riverton, N. J., which is 10 miles from Philadelphia. Her sister Mariko and her brothers David, Joshua, and Lincoln also attend schools in or near Riverton. They settled on a farm there in August 1944 with their Issei parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shungo Shimomura, after relocating from Poston. The family lived before evacuation at Salinas, Calif.



## BOSTON, MASS., DISTRICT

State laws in all the New England states require that all children be given the opportunity of a free public school education through high school grades. In rural areas, children must be transported at public cost from their homes to and from the school regardless of where a family lives. Good primary, grammar, and high schools are provided free for all children.

### Opening Date

Grammar and high schools will open on September 5. Registration takes place on the opening day of school. A child who is transferring from a center school should have with him a transcription of his school record to date. A child newly entering school must present evidence of having been vaccinated and should have a birth certificate as evidence of age.

### Enrollment Age

The age of school entrance is five years. This may vary slightly in some towns, depending on the number of students entering and the school facilities.

### Nursery and Kindergarten Classes

There are nursery and kindergarten classes, usually run as private enterprises, in numerous New England cities and towns. Many of them maintain nursery schools for the young children of parents engaged in war work. There may be a small weekly charge for food in these public school nurseries, since lunches are usually provided.

### Vocational and Other Special Training

There are many vocational trade schools in Massachusetts and other parts of New England. They are usually run in connection with the local high school, although there are state-maintained trade schools in many of the large cities for training in industrial and mechanical work. These are free public schools open to all. The towns also provide free transportation for anyone electing to go to a trade school. In some of the counties in Massachusetts, there are county agricultural schools which are equivalent to the regular high schools, except that they specialize in agricultural subjects. There is no tuition charge or other cost to children attending these schools, and the town provides the transportation.

There are many educational opportunities for handicapped children in state schools. The cost is borne by the town or city in which the parents live. Education for handicapped children is provided for by state law, and each city or town must provide proper facilities.

### Fees

None, for children living with their parents or a close relative.



## HARTFORD, CONN.

### Opening Date

All schools, September 5. Prospective students will register in the school offices during the preceding week.

### Enrollment Age

To be eligible for the first grade a pupil must reach the age of 6 by December 1.

### Nursery and Kindergarten Classes

There are 6 nurseries for children from 2 to 4 years of age whose mothers are employed. Kindergartens are available in all elementary schools and will admit children who reach the age of 4 on or before December 1. The schools operate two years of kindergarten.

### Vocational and Other Special Training

While some vocational opportunities are provided in all schools above the sixth grade, trade education in Hartford is available at the State Trade School.

There are special classes for youngsters with vision difficulties and for the hard of hearing. The Hooker School is designed for children with health difficulties. Buses provided by the Board of Education bring children from all over the city to this plant where a special program of feeding and rest is provided.

### Fees

The Hartford public schools are open without cost to all residents of the city.

## SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

Opening Date: September 5.

### Enrollment Age

Kindergarten - 4 years and 6 months as of September 1.  
First Grade - 5 years and 6 months as of September 1.

### Nursery and Kindergarten Classes

Kindergarten classes are available in almost all elementary schools.  
Nursery schools in eight centers.



### Vocational and Other Special Training

Vocational training - available in the Springfield Trade School  
Adult education - day and evening classes  
Special classes for handicapped - Springfield Trade School  
Sight-saving classes and hard-of-hearing classes are also available.

Fees: None

### NEW HAVEN, CONN.

#### Opening Dates

Elementary - September 5; junior high - September 5; high schools - September 6

#### Enrollment Age

First grade - 5 years and 8 months

#### Nursery and Kindergarten Classes

There are 20 kindergarten classes operating throughout the city. Several nursery classes are being carried on with Federal Works Agency funds by the Board of Education and the State Teachers College. New Haven also has a number of private nurseries.

### Vocational and Other Special Training

New Haven has a Trade School, a Commercial High School, and separate classes for visually handicapped, crippled, and mentally deficient children.

#### Fees

Practically all textbooks and supplies are free under the state law.

#### Other Information

Pupils who have not graduated from grammar school or who do not have their diploma or other proof of having completed the eighth grade may take examinations for high school entrance on September 4 at the New Haven High School.

### NEW YORK, N. Y.

#### Opening Date

New York City public schools will open for the fall term on September 10.



### Enrollment Age

In New York City children are accepted for the first grade at the age of 5 years and 9 months.

### Nursery and Kindergarten Classes

Most elementary schools have free kindergarten classes. In addition, in every section of New York City there are nursery schools maintained by the Mayor's Committee on Wartime Care of Children. This committee has an Information and Counseling Service to help mothers who are working, or planning to work, in making arrangements for the care of their children during the mothers' absence from home.

Children are accepted from ages 2 to 5 years. There is a slight charge, based on a sliding scale according to ability to pay. This covers the child's hot lunch and use of cots for afternoon naps. The charge is about 25¢ a day per child.

There are also many private day nurseries in New York, some of which are outstanding in pre-school education. The average charge for attendance at one of these private nurseries is \$1.00 a day per child.

School children between the ages of 6 and 14 are eligible for free after-school care in city neighborhood settlement houses throughout the city. A very small charge per day is made, but even this can be waived if the parents are unable to pay. The children attend clubs and recreational activities under supervision. They can use daily the indoor gymnasiums and club rooms and outdoor playgrounds which belong to these settlement houses. This service is helpful to working parents, for it assures them that the children not only are off the streets, but are having their recreation in a wholesome environment.

### Vocational and Other Special Training

Opportunities for vocational and trade education under the New York public school system are among the best in the United States. There are day classes and evening classes for persons of all ages. Training for practically every known trade is given. Among the subjects offered are the following:

Architectural Drawing

Beauty Culture

Business English

Chemistry for Industry

Dental Mechanics

Dressmaking

English for Foreign Born

Fur Cutting and Operating

Leather Goods Manufacturing

Machine Shop Practice

Millinery

Photography

Power Machine Operating

Printing Press Work

Shoe Manufacturing and Repairing

Shorthand

Tailoring

Typing

Upholstery

Weaving and Loom Fixing



A directory of opportunities for vocational training in New York City has been published by the Vocational Advisory Service, 95 Madison Avenue, New York City. The New York City WRA office has supplied each center with two copies of this helpful directory. These reference books can be consulted in the center relocation office.

### Opportunities for Handicapped Children

Provision is made for the free education and guidance of children who have defective vision or who are physically handicapped, hard of hearing, or mentally retarded. The New York City Board of Education provides a free psychological adjustment service for children in need of special attention.

### Fees

Public education from kindergarten through the municipal colleges is free in New York City. There are no special fees for laboratory work, text books, etc.

### Free City Colleges

New York City has four free colleges for young men and women. These are The College of the City of New York, Brooklyn College, Queens College, and Hunter College. To be eligible for free college education, a person must establish residence in New York City. For non-residents the tuition cost is only about one-third the usual fee charged by a private tuition college.

## NEW JERSEY

The entrance age for children in the State of New Jersey is 5 years of age for kindergarten and 6 years of age for first grade. There are no charges made by public schools for schooling, textbooks, or special classes if pupils (including newly arrived resettlers) are residents of the county or township in which the school is located.

### Newark and Other Northern New Jersey Communities

#### Opening Date

Nursery, grade, and high schools - September 10.

Students not previously enrolled should register in the office of the school principal about a week before the opening of the fall session.

#### Enrollment Age

The average age of admission into public grade schools is 6 years. Children 5 years and 9 months and over may, however, be admitted at the discretion of the principal.



### Nursery and Kindergarten Classes

There are kindergartens in practically all the public schools. Most elementary schools in the larger cities and all of them in Newark maintain nursery classes. There are also such classes in some rural schools. Newark also has child-care nursery schools operated by the Board of Education and financed by the Federal government, open only to children of war workers. There is a weekly fee of \$3.00 for the first child of a family entered in the school and \$1.50 for each additional child.

### Vocational and Other Special Training

Vocational schools are operated in Newark and in the other large cities of New Jersey. The public schools have special classes for the deaf, the blind, the undernourished, and the handicapped.

### New Jersey Counties Near Philadelphia

#### Camden County, N. J.

Near Philadelphia, which is just across the Delaware River. Includes the following places where evacuee children have been attending school: Camden, Haddonfield, Gloucester, and Merchantville.

<u>Public Schools</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>	<u>Opening Date</u>
78 (approx.) Kindergartens	Sept. 4-8	Sept. 5-10
121 Elementary Schools	Sept. 4-8	Sept. 5-10
8 Junior High Schools	Sept. 4-8	Sept. 5-10
9 Senior High Schools	Sept. 4-8	Sept. 5-10
1 Regional High School	Sept. 4-8	Sept. 5-10
1 Vocational School (Camden, N.J.)	Sept. 4-8	Sept. 5-10
Special classes for handicapped and retarded children, etc.		

### Day Nurseries and Day Care Centers

Entrance Age:	2 years
Number of Day Nurseries:	3
Hours:	7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Charges:	Up to \$5.00 a week depending on income

#### Burlington County, N. J.

Near Philadelphia, across Delaware River. Includes the following towns where evacuee children have been attending school: Palmyra, Riverton, Moorestown, Mt. Holly, and Vincentown.



<u>Public Schools</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>	<u>Opening Date</u>
72 Elementary Schools	Sept. 4-8	Sept. 5-10
8 Senior High Schools	Sept. 4-8	Sept. 5-10
3 Special Kindergartens, but sub-primary for 5 year olds in all elementary schools		
Special classes for handicapped and retarded children, etc.		

Cumberland County, N. J. (includes Seabrook Farms)

<u>Public Schools</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>	<u>Opening Date</u>
Seabrook School, Upper Deerfield Township	Upon Arrival	Sept. 5
(95 evacuee children now enrolled)		
Bridgeton High School	Upon Arrival	Sept. 5
(72 evacuee children now enrolled)		(9th grade)
		Sept. 6
		(10,11,12th gr.)
Seabrook Farms Kindergarten will enroll children at any time		

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT

Pennsylvania Public Schools

In general the entrance age for children in Pennsylvania is 5 years of age for kindergarten and 6 years of age for first grade. However, the pupil is admitted to either kindergarten or first grade if he attains the required age before January 31 of the first attendance year. There are no charges made by public schools for schooling, textbooks, or special classes to pupils (including newly arrived resettlers) who have set up residence in the county or township in which the school is located

Philadelphia County (City of Philadelphia)

<u>Public Schools</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>	<u>Opening Date</u>
160 (approx.) Kindergartens	Sept. 10	Sept. 11
185 Elementary Schools	Sept. 10	Sept. 11
24 Junior High Schools	Sept. 10 & 11	Sept. 12
16 Senior High Schools	Sept. 10 & 11	Sept. 12
4 Vocational Schools	Sept. 10 & 11	Sept. 12
1 School for Crippled and Handicapped Children		
Several classes each - sightsaving, hard of hearing, cardiac, backward, correctional, nutrition (undernourished).		
70 Summer playgrounds with activity programs		
open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.		



Day Nurseries and Day Care Centers (under the auspices of the Philadelphia Association of Day Nurseries, Board of Education)

Entrance Age:	2 to 12 years
Number of Nurseries:	39
Hours:	7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Charges:	Weekly charge usually from \$1.50 to \$3.00 (for families with large incomes the charge ranges up to \$7.00 weekly)

Private and Parochial Schools and Kindergartens

About 15 evacuee children are attending private schools in the area. Some of the children have received partial or full scholarship aid.

Public Vocational Schools

There are four modern, excellently equipped public vocational schools in Philadelphia, with no tuition charge for those living within the city limits. Classes are offered either part time or full time and either during the day or evening. Some of the classes are open to high school graduates. Certificates are awarded showing the units of work satisfactorily completed by the pupil, and a successful job placement service is maintained. The following courses are offered:

Automotive Maintenance	Millinery
Beauty Culture	Music
Industrial Chemistry	Optical Mechanics
Child Care	Painting and Decorating
Commercial Art	Patternmaking
Commercial Courses (business preparation)	Photography
Commercial Course (adv. office practice)	Plumbing
Drafting and Machine Design	Power Sewing Machine
Dressmaking	Letterpress Printing
Applied Electricity	Restaurant Practice
Electric Refrigeration, Oil Heat, and Appliance Service	Sheet Metal Work
Foods Merchandising	Tailoring
Foundry Practice	Custom Upholstery and Drapery
Home Economics	Watchmaking and Engraving
Machine Shop Practice	Welding
	General Woodwork
	Vocational-Technical Courses

Bucks County, Pa.

Near Philadelphia. Includes the following towns where evacuee children have been attending school: Doylestown, Newtown, New Hope, Bristol, Cornwells Heights, Croyden.



<u>Public Schools</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>	<u>Opening Date</u>
2 Special Kindergartens	Sept. 4	Sept. 5
102 Elementary Schools	Sept. 4	Sept. 5
33 Junior High Schools	Sept. 4	Sept. 5
21 Senior High Schools	Sept. 4	Sept. 5
Several classes for handicapped, crippled, etc.		

Delaware County, Pa.

Near Philadelphia. Includes the following towns where evacuee children have been attending school: Wayne, Villa Nova, Haverford, Media, Wallingford, Swarthmore, Drexel Hill, and Lansdowne.

<u>Public Schools</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>	<u>Opening Date</u>
25 Kindergartens	Sept. 4-8	Sept. 5-10
95 Elementary Schools	Sept. 4-8	Sept. 5-10
10 Junior High Schools	Sept. 4-8	Sept. 5-10
21 Senior High Schools	Sept. 4-8	Sept. 5-10
1 Vocational (Chester)	Sept. 4-8	Sept. 5-10
Some special classes for handicapped, sightsaving, etc.		

Day Nurseries and Day Care Centers

Entrance Age:	2 to 12 years
Number of Day Nurseries:	6
Hours:	7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Charges:	Approximately \$3.00 a week

Montgomery County, Pa.

Near Philadelphia. Includes the following towns where evacuee children have been attending school: Bala-Cynwyd, Narberth, Ardmore, Bryn Mawr, Elkins Park, Wyncote, Meadowbrook, Ambler, Hatboro, and Lansdale.

<u>Public Schools</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>	<u>Opening Date</u>
35 (approx.) Kindergartens	Sept. 4-10	Sept. 5-11
157 Elementary Schools (some include all 12 grades)	Sept. 4-10	Sept. 5-11
13 Junior High Schools	Sept. 4-10	Sept. 5-11
16 Senior High Schools	Sept. 4-10	Sept. 5-11
Some special classes for handicapped, sightsaving, etc.		



## Day Nurseries and Day Care Centers

Entrance Age:	2 to 12 years
Number of Day Nurseries:	3
Hours:	7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Charges:	\$3.00 to \$5.00 a week

WASHINGTON, D. C.

### Opening Date

Elementary and high schools - September 17.

Registration for the elementary schools will be on September 14-15, 1945. Incoming high school students may apply directly to the school principal after September 1.

All new students must have been vaccinated for smallpox. A transcript or transfer from the center schools will be necessary.

### Enrollment Age

New pupils will be admitted to the kindergarten if they become 5 years old by November 1, and to the first grade if they become 6 years old by that date.

### Nursery and Kindergarten Classes

Kindergarten classes - available in elementary schools.

Nursery schools - available to children of working mothers only. The child must be 2 years old and not more than 5 years old. The fee is based on a sliding scale, depending on the income of the parents, and ranges from \$2 to \$8 a week per child.

Kindergarten children of working parents may also be members of nursery classes on the same fee basis.

Nursery classes run from approximately 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The children are given a hot lunch and a snack in the morning and afternoon.

### Vocational and Other Special Training

There are 3 vocational high schools in Washington, D. C. - the Bell Vocational High School for boys, the Burdick Vocational School for girls, and the Chamberlain High School for both boys and girls.

The following classes are available for handicapped children: orthopedically handicapped, hard of hearing, sightsaving, Braille class. There are approximately 20 classes for mentally retarded children in the elementary and junior high schools.

Fees - None



## Montgomery County, Md.

Near Washington. These include the public schools for the following Maryland towns: Silver Spring, Takoma Park, Chevy Chase, and Bethesda.

### Opening Date

Both elementary and high schools will open about September 10 for the fall term. New high school students should register on Thursday or Friday preceding the opening of the school for the fall semester.

Each new student must have been vaccinated for smallpox and should bring with him his transcript or transfer.

### Enrollment Age

To enter the first grade the child must be 6 years or older by December 1, 1945.

### Nursery and Kindergarten Classes

Wartime nursery schools for children of working parents are available in Montgomery County. The children must be at least 2 years old and not older than 5 years. The fee per child is \$3.00 a week. The school hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The children are given a hot lunch and a snack in the morning and afternoon.

Kindergarten classes are available in almost all of the schools in the county. To enter the child must be 5 by next December 1.

### Vocational and Other Special Training

The high schools have vocational classes, but there are no special classes for handicapped children. Handicapped children or those interested in attending vocational schools may attend the schools of the District of Columbia on the payment of a fee. The exact figure for the school year of 1945 is not available at the present time, but the following figures for the 1944-1945 school year will indicate the approximate cost:

Senior High School	\$161.47 per year
Elementary School	70.44 per year
Vocational High School	180.67 per year

These fees may be waived if either the child's father or mother is employed by the Federal government or is permanently employed by some other employer in the District of Columbia.

Fees - None. The Montgomery County Schools provide free textbooks.



### Fairfax County, Va.

Near Washington. These include the schools for the following Virginia towns: Arlington, Fairfax, and Falls Church.

#### Opening Date

The opening date for the fall school term in Fairfax County is usually the first day after Labor Day. The child must be vaccinated for smallpox and should present either a transcript or transfer at the time of entering school.

Enrollment Age - The child must be 6 years or older on October 1.

#### Nursery and Kindergarten Classes

Wartime nurseries for children of working mothers are available in Arlington and the various housing projects located close to Washington, D. C. The children must be between the ages of 2 and 5. The fee is \$3.00 a week per child.

Kindergarten classes are available at the elementary schools. To enter the child must be 5 years old on or before October 1.

#### Vocational and Other Special Training

The only classes available for handicapped children are those for children unable to attend school. Under the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, home teaching is provided. There are no vocational high schools. However, the handicapped child or the vocationally interested child will be able to utilize the schools of the District of Columbia upon the payment of a fee as indicated above for Montgomery County. The fee may be waived if either the child's father or mother is employed by the Federal government or is permanently employed by some other employer in the District of Columbia.

#### Fees

Textbooks are furnished by the State of Virginia, and there are no special fees.

### BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

#### Opening Dates

All elementary and high schools in Baltimore will open on September 6 for the fall term. New students must present a birth certificate and must have been vaccinated for smallpox. For students who are transferring, a transfer - in case of high school, a transcript - will be necessary.

#### Enrollment Age

Children entering the first grade must be 6 years old by November 15.



### Nursery and Kindergarten Classes

Wartime nurseries are available for children of working mothers. The age limit is from 2 to 5 years, and each child must be vaccinated for smallpox. A birth certificate must also be presented. The fee is approximately \$3.00 per week for each child.

### Vocational and Other Special Training

The Baltimore School System offers a well-balanced vocational school program. At the Senior High School levels there are three vocational courses: Printing Vocational School, Girls Vocational School, and Boys Vocational School. At the Junior High School level there are General Vocational Schools. There are also Occupational Schools for students from 4th to 6th grades who may be slightly retarded academically.

### Fees

There are no textbook fees for the Baltimore Public Schools.

If your questions about school enrollment are not answered in the section above, please ask your student relocation counsellor or relocation program officer for further information.
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## SECTION II

### RESETTLER CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOLS IN THE EAST COAST AREA

Below are a few brief notes on pupils who are "making good" in the public schools of the East. Their experiences are typical of the hundreds of evacuee children attending the public schools of the East.

#### New England

Elliot Horikoshi, 6, first went to school at Lexington, Mass. and is now living in Somerville, Mass. He has been a favorite with his classmates and has made excellent progress in his studies. Elliot is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Horikoshi, formerly of Heart Mountain and Salem, Ore.



Joyce and Janet Sugimoto, twin orphan sisters, living in Hanover, N. H., entered high school classes there in the middle of last winter. They were able to pick up their school work exactly where they had left off at Manzanar. They have made many friends among their classmates in this college town.

Aichi and Kiyoke Miyoshi brother and sister, are living in Seekonk, Mass. They go to separate schools by bus, which picks them up at their door. Aichi entered his seventh grade in the middle of the term and has been able to pick up his studies without difficulty. He is completely accepted by the other pupils and takes part in all the school activities. Kiyoke is in the fifth grade. With their father, Frank Miyoshi, they formerly lived at Granada and Los Angeles, Calif.

### Philadelphia and Vicinity

Donald Abe, 16, came to Philadelphia from Poston I in September 1944 to join his brother, Frank Abe. He entered the Bensalem Township Public School where he has made many friends and achieved a distinguished scholastic record. He was elected one of the four members of the school's Student Council and is on the ballot for next year's school president. Donald was joined in October 1944 by his mother, Mrs. Akino Abe; sister Kay; Mrs. Frank Abe and her three children, and more recently by George Abe, who was wounded in France while a member of the 442nd Combat Team. Two other Abe brothers are still in the United States Army. Prior to evacuation the Abe family lived in Seal Beach, Calif.

Atsushi Yamane, 14, came to Arden, Del., from Gila River with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Toraji Yamane, and three sisters in June 1944. Atsushi is active in the local Boy Scout troop and president of the 9th grade at the Alfred DuPont Public School. He is the pitcher on the school's baseball team and also plays basketball. His 11-year-old sister, Michiko, was elected treasurer of the 6th grade at the same school. The Yamanes formerly lived in Huntington, Calif.

Mitsuo Ikeda, 18, arrived in Philadelphia with his brother, Kazuo, from Poston II in June 1944. He entered the senior class of Friends Central School. In addition to having done well in his studies, he won his letter in four sports: soccer, basketball, track, and baseball. He received a gold basketball because his team won the co-championship of the Inter Academic League, and was voted a member of the All-Star Philadelphia Interscholastic Soccer Team by a committee of school coaches. He is secretary of the senior class and is also on the Year Book committee. "Mits" is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Ikeda, now in Poston II. His family formerly lived in Salinas, Calif.

Setsuko Florence Ozaki, 15, came to Philadelphia from Minidoka in December 1944 to join her sister, Mariko, a secretary in the Philadelphia WRA office. "Sets" first attended the Shaw Junior High School where a speech she made on evacuation and the relocation centers aroused much interest among her classmates. With the arrival of her mother, Mrs. Komatsu Ozaki; her brothers, George and Henry; and her cousin, Grace Nitta, in May 1945, the family moved to



a larger apartment. "Sets" is now attending Penn Treaty High School where her closest friends are three girls of Greek, Irish, and Austrian descent. "Sets," like many other Nisei children, has been getting top grades in her studies. She formerly attended school in Seattle, Wash.

Ruby Kaneda, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tsunayoshi Kaneda, Issei, attends the Philadelphia Girls High School, whose students are picked from other schools for college preparatory work. At Girls High she is manager of the Tennis Club. The Kaneda family, consisting of 9 members, came to Philadelphia from Rohwer in April 1944. Roy Kaneda, 18, Ruby's brother, was graduated in February 1945 from South Philadelphia High School for Boys, where he was on the honor roll. Three of the other Kaneda children are attending schools, too. Ben is a freshman at Temple University in Philadelphia; Toshio is attending the Yale University School of Music at New Haven, Conn.; and Kay is at the Presbyterian Assembly School at Richmond, Va.

Herbert, 14, and Gene Izuno, 10, came from Heart Mountain in June 1944 with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Izuno. Prior to evacuation, they lived in Berkeley, Calif. Both boys are keenly interested in sports. Herbert entered the 8th grade at the Swarthmore, Pa., Junior High School where he is active in baseball, basketball, and track. He is a member of the Swarthmore Boy Scout Troop and hopes to go to the big Pennsylvania scout camp this summer. Gene is in the 5th grade of the Rutger's Avenue Grade School, where he has made many friends, and plays on the class basketball team. He is also a member of the Boy Scout Cubs. Mrs. Izuno recently said: "The boys have encountered no unpleasantness. They are entertained frequently in the homes of their many Caucasian friends, and are accepted without question by pupils and teachers alike."

Shinobu Yamamoto, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Choichi Yamamoto, Issei, formerly of Gila River and Brentwood, Calif., was graduated on May 29 from the Newtown High School in Bucks County, Pa., where her father is now operating a 50-acre truck farm on a share-crop basis. Shinobu's brother Kinzo, 14, has just completed the first year at the same high school. Two other Yamamoto children Yuri, 12, and Tetsuo, 10, attend grade school in Newtown.

"The children are getting along fine, more than they expected," Mr. Yamamoto recently said. "They have good friends here and think it's wonderful."

Mr. Yamamoto was the leader of the group of five Issei farmers who left a farm at Great Meadows, N. J., in April 1944 when neighbors protested their employment. Shortly thereafter, they all went to work as farmhands at the Heston Farm in Bucks County, Pa., - only 50 miles from Great Meadows - where the entire Yamamoto family is now living.

#### Washington, D. C.

Among the June graduates from Eastern High School, Washington, D. C., were two young Nisei: Calvin Machida, formerly of Seattle and Minidoka, and Teddy Ikeuchi, formerly of Los Angeles and Poston. Calvin and Teddy, both 18, are the only Nisei members of the Kenilworth Boys Club, composed of boys living in their neighborhood at the Lily Ponds Housing Project.



Teddy came to Washington in February 1944 with his father, Yoshiaki Ikeuchi, from Poston, where they resided at 19013-A. Before evacuation they lived at 2636 East 3rd Street, Los Angeles, Calif.

Calvin's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Jonathan Machida, and his 4-year-old sister Joyce Ayako recently returned to Seattle, where Rev. Machida has resumed the pastorate of the Japanese Methodist Church at 1236 Washington Street.

James Yamasaki, 17-year-old senior at Hyattsville, Md., High School, has made a name for himself as a member of the school's football and basketball teams. Not long ago he was elected to the All-Star County Basketball Team for Prince George County, Md. He is also a member of the Varsity Club and Hi-Y. Before evacuation, Jimmie attended Modesto, Calif., High School. He came to Hyattsville from Granada and is now living at 4703 Ravenswood Road, Riverdale, Md., with his sister Miye. She is employed as an assistant in soil chemistry at the University of Maryland.

George Higa, 14, of 3416 - 13th St., N. W., Washington, D. C., is completing his first year at the Bell Vocational High School in that city. He is majoring in electricity and welding, and is a member of the inter-shop basketball team. He came to the Nation's capital from Heart Mountain, where he lived at 8-23-D with his mother, Mrs. Kana Higa. Before evacuation he lived at Covina, Calif., and attended the Covina Grammar School.

Another June graduate in the Nation's capital is 18-year-old Dollie Nagai, former Rohwerite, who is just completing her studies at Roosevelt High School. She next plans to attend Wilson Teachers College, which is operated by the District of Columbia. Dollie has been employed at the high school cafeteria during lunch hours. Recently she made two speeches to the school assembly about the Nisei soldiers of the 442nd Infantry Regiment.

Before evacuation Dollie lived at 905 Inyo St., Fresno, Calif., with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nagai. They now reside at 29-5-E, Rohwer. Dollie is now living at 3244 Q St., N. W., Washington, D. C., with her sister Kiyo, who is employed by WRA.

Johnny Katsu, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kiyahai Katsu, Issei, formerly from Topaz and now living in the Nation's capital, was recently voted the most popular boy in the senior class of nearly 300 students at Coolidge High School, where he is the only Nisei student. He was also president of his home room and vice-chairman of the District of Columbia high school fraternity council. Last fall he was second-string quarterback on Coolidge High's football team.

#### Baltimore, Md.

Virginia Takahashi, 17-year-old junior at Eastern High School, Baltimore, recently won the high school contest for water-color painting. Her water colors have been exhibited along with the paintings of other Maryland artists at the



Baltimore Museum of Fine Arts. She formerly lived at 6-E-3, Heart Mountain, and at 1529 West 11th Street, Los Angeles, where she attended the Belmont School. She now lives at 4700 Catalpha Road, Baltimore, with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tazo Inui.

Two of the Inui children, Mary, 16, and Lloyd, 14, also attend Baltimore schools. Mary has been attending the sophomore class at Eastern High School. Lloyd has just completed his last semester at the Hamilton Junior High School. Next semester he plans to attend the Baltimore City College (a public high school for boys).

May Koda, 17, was graduated this June from the Eastern High School in Baltimore, Md., and is planning to attend the Maryland Institute of Arts and Crafts. Her younger brother Richard has just completed the 8th grade at Clifton Junior High School, Baltimore. He was selected to attend Baltimore's Polytechnic High School.

May and Richard live with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sakae Koda, at 1904 Kennedy Avenue, Baltimore. The Koda family relocated from Heart Mountain (7-13-C) in September 1944, and previously lived at 374 Elm St., Coalinga, Calif.

Eugene Matsushige, 18, formerly of 53-11-C, Colorado River, is now a student at the Baltimore City College (high school for boys) and has one more semester before graduation. His sister Opal, 15, is a sophomore at the Western High School for girls. They live with their widowed mother, Mrs. Manuela Matsushige, at 59 N. Catherine St., Baltimore. They formerly resided at Holtville, Calif.

#### New York City

Mitsuko Nakamizo, formerly of Central Utah and San Francisco, Calif., Sumiye Konoshima, from Heart Mountain and Santa Clara, Calif., and Mary Ikeda, from Minidoka and Seattle, Wash., were among the 450 students who were graduated from the George Washington High School in New York City on June 27. Miss Nakamizo was elected Council President of the Girl Reserves and last summer attended the YWCA camp on a scholarship.

Kathleen Yoshizawa, 17, a senior at Catholic Girls High School, recently said "this is the friendliest school I have ever attended." Before evacuation to Manzanar, Kathleen lived with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kichinosuke Yoshizawa, her sister Dorothy, and her brother Arnold at 2636 East First Street, Los Angeles. The Yoshizawas now have an apartment at 930 West End Avenue, New York City.

Ken Shimizu, 17, is a student at George Washington High School. Last March he represented the young people of New York City's famous Riverside Church at a city-wide Unity Conference which was sponsored by the Interracial Youth Committee. He was one of several hundred young people from approximately 60 high schools and private schools who attended the conference as delegates from various youth groups. Ken is now working at Camp Jened, Harrison, N. Y. He and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nobukichi Shimizu, formerly lived at Los Angeles and Gila River. They came to New York City in June 1944 and now reside at 606 West 122nd Street.

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