

Subway and Bus Commuting Guide

For a Safe & Pleasant Student Life



! The Sendai Tozai Subway Line opened in December 2015.

There are Tozai Line stations on the Kawauchi and Aobayama campuses. Therefore, we recommend you use of the subway lines for a safer, more pleasant commute.



Sendai Transportation Bureau website:
<http://www.kotsu.city.sendai.jp/subway/index.html>



! Use Subways and Buses for a Safe, Pleasant Commute

The first thing to consider in terms of having a safe student life is how you will commute to the university. Commuting by bicycle or motorcycle carries many risks. One serious accident could derail your entire college career. **Please consider using the subway or bus to commute! The Gakuto Sendai City Bus/Subway Free Pass (a discounted pass for students) provides an economical option for using subways and buses. It is also extremely flexible, as you are allowed to get on/off at any stop on the eligible lines.**

● Gakuto Sendai City Bus/Subway Free Pass (per month)

City Bus : JPY 5,940 (Fares applicable from October 1, 2018)

Subway + City Bus (Fares applicable from October 1, 2018)

- Subway**
- Tozai Line : JPY 6,950
 - Namboku Line : JPY 6,950
 - Tozai/Namboku Lines : JPY 8,340

- Tozai Line + City Bus : JPY 11,080
- Namboku Line + City Bus : JPY 11,080
- Tozai/Namboku Lines + City Bus : JPY 12,260

Gakuto Sendai Free Pass for City Bus/Subway website:

http://www.kotsu.city.sendai.jp/fare/freepass/hanbai_index.html



Kawauchi Station



Kawauchi Station (interior)



Aobayama Station

! Observe Traffic Laws

Commuting by bicycle or motorcycle always carries certain risks. When road conditions are poor due to rain, snow, or ice, accidents are more likely to occur on hills, and even flat stretches of road. Please observe traffic laws to lessen the likelihood of accidents, and always drive carefully.



Rain/Snow/Ice

Drive slowly
Be careful of skidding/falling

Examples of penalties for unsafe cycling!



Cycling while wearing headphones
Cycling while using mobile devices

Fine of up to JPY 50,000



Failure to obey stoplights/stop signs

**Up to 3 months imprisonment or
Fine of up to JPY 50,000**



Failure to use bicycle light at night

Fine of up to JPY 50,000



Riding one-handed
(holding an umbrella etc.)

Fine of up to JPY 50,000

* Repeat offenders will be required to attend a safety class.

Commuting by bicycle or motorcycle carries large risks.
Please consider using public transportation or walking instead.

! Useful Subway / Bus Commuting Information

■ Sendai City Bus & Subway Navi

You can view Sendai City Subway/Bus routes, fares, and timetables at the website below:
<http://www.navi.kotsu.city.sendai.jp/>



■ IC Card (icsca)

Instructions on how to use the icsca IC card to pay public transportation fares can be found here:
<http://www.kotsu.city.sendai.jp/icsca/index.html>



■ Doko Bus Sendai

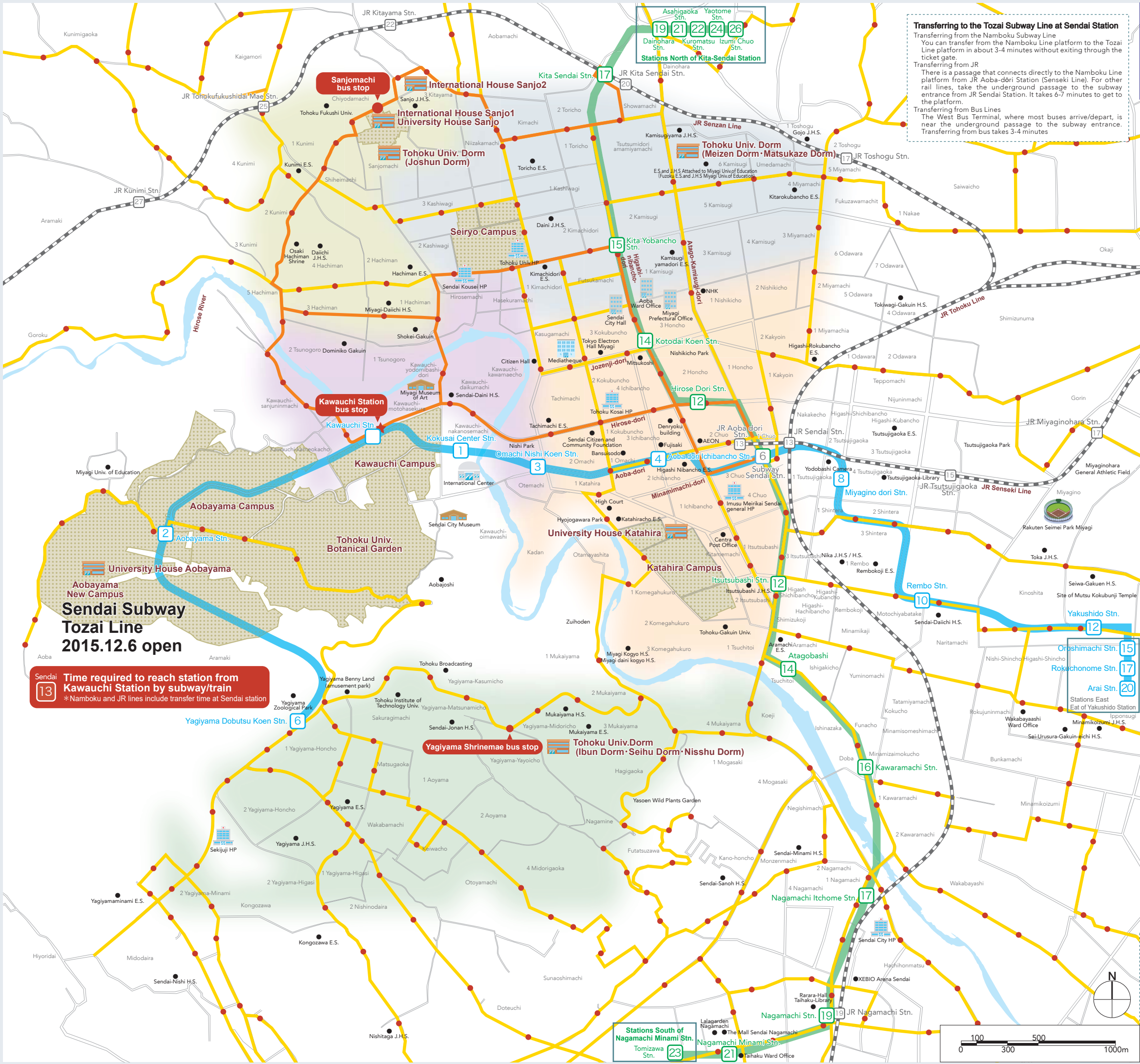
This Internet-based service provides information on nearby buses:
<http://www.dokobasu.kotsu.city.sendai.jp>



■ Campus Bus

This bus service links the Katahira, Seiryō, and Kawauchi/Aobayama campuses.
<http://www.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/shisan/campusbus/campusbus.html>





Commuting to Kawauchi Campus/ Choosing a Residential Area

Here we will look at public transportation convenient to Kawauchi Campus and think about choosing a place to live with regards to the living environment.

- Area 1: Near Kawauchi Campus**
 - Convenient to Kawauchi Campus. Possible to commute on foot.
 - Generally gentle terrain, but there are steep hills in some places.
 - There are not many supermarkets etc. in this area.
- Area 2: Sendai City Center (UH Katahira)**
 - Can reach campus in 4 minutes using the Tozai Subway Line from Aoba-dori Ichibancho Station.
 - Near Katahira Campus.
 - Rent is more expensive than in other parts of the city.
 - Many retail shops and restaurants.
- Area 3: Hachiman/Sanjo/Kunimi (UH Sanjo/Jyoshun Dormitory)**
 - There are buses to Kawauchi Campus.
 - The Hachiman area is relatively flat. On the other hand, Kunimi is very hilly.
 - There are many supermarkets and other shops along the major road (Route 48).
- Area 4: Kamisugi/Kashiwagi/Kimachidori (Meizen/Matsukaze Dormitories)**
 - Sendai Station can be reached by the Namboku Subway Line and many buses. From there, Kawauchi Station can be reached in 6 minutes by transferring to the Tozai Subway Line.
 - Near Seiryō Campus.
 - There are many supermarkets and other shops in this area.
- Area 5: Yagyiyama/Mukaiyama (Ibun/Seifu/Nisshu Dormitories)**
 - Near Aobayama Campus. -Can reach Kawauchi Station in 6 minutes using the Tozai Subway Line from Yagyiyama Zoological Park Station.
 - Rent is less expensive than in other parts of the city.
 - Many steep hills. Beware of snowy/icy road conditions in winter.

Area of Subway Coverage

- Subway lines can be used to reach Tohoku University's campuses.
- Residential neighborhoods in areas served by the new Tozai Subway Line are expected to develop in the near future.
- The areas south of Kawaramachi Station and north of Dainohara Station on the Namboku Subway Line already have well-developed residential neighborhoods.

Katahira Campus
Head Office, Institute for Materials Research, Institute of Fluid Science, Research Institute of Electrical Communication, Institute of Multidisciplinary Research for Advanced Materials, professional graduate schools, other graduate schools, etc.

Kawauchi Campus
Faculty of Arts and Letters, Faculty of Education, School of Law, Faculty of Economics, graduate schools, extracurricular facilities, etc.

Aobayama Campus
School of Engineering, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, graduate schools, etc.

Aobayama New Campus
Faculty of Agriculture (from AY 2017), International Research Institute of Disaster Science, etc.

Seiryō Campus
School of Medicine, School of Dentistry, University Hospital, Institute of Development, Aging and Cancer, graduate schools, etc.

For details, please see the Tohoku University website.
<http://www.tohoku.ac.jp/japanese/profile>

(For Reference) Commuting to Kawauchi Campus by Subway

- Using the Namboku Line
 - 26 min. from the northernmost station (Izumi Chuo Station)
 - 23 min. from the southernmost station (Tomizawa Station)
- Using the Tozai Line
 - 6 min. from the westernmost station (Yagyiyama Zoological Park)
 - 20 min. from the easternmost station (Arai Station)

Notes: Transportation to Kawauchi Campus

- Sendai Namboku Subway Line
- Sendai Tozai Subway Line (opened December 6, 2015)
- Direct Bus Routes
- Bus Stops
- Bus Routes

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