

New Learning Approach

Hikone Learcation Day

Learning and Vacation (A new system for educational absences)

Please be notified that Hikone City is scheduled to launch its **Hikone Learcation Day** system in 2025 on a trial basis, aimed at promoting proactive and hands-on learning!

Why not take advantage of this new learning and vacation system to participate in educational activities that are available only on weekdays, outside of school?

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What is Hikone Learcation Day?

Learcation (Learning and Vacation Combined) is a new learning approach coined by Aichi Prefecture. Learcation Day refers to educational absences that allow school students to take short-term trips with their parents or guardians for educational purposes during the school season.

- School children can take days off from school through this system without the absence being counted. Absences permitted under this system are treated as the same as suspension of attendance, bereavement leave, etc.
- Up to 3 days per year of educational absences are permitted under the Hikone Learcation Day System.



Step-by-Step Instructions for Applying for Hikone Learcation Day

1. Make a Plan

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Make a learning vacation plan with your child.

*Check the school's annual schedule in advance.

☐ When to go? ☐ Where to go? ☐ What to learn?

2. Apply at Least One Week in Advance

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Submit your application through either ① or ②.

① From Microsoft Forms

<https://forms.office.com/r/9mqgGGudx5>

② From the mobile app "te to ru"



I am applying for Learcation from *** to ***.

*If more than one child is going on Learcation, please submit a separate application for each one.

3. Receive a Permit

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Once your application is accepted by your child's school, a permit and report form for Learcation will be provided through your child.



ラーケーションカード(許可書 兼 報告書)(例)	
1. 許可書	
学校名	城東小学校
児童・生徒氏名	彦根 太郎
学年	5 年生
学期	4 期
「ひこねラーケーションの日」取得日数	1 日目
取得開始日	令和 6 年 10 月 10 日 (木)
取得終了日	令和 6 年 10 月 11 日 (金)
学ぶ場所	大牧・増田方郷、びわ湖ホール
学ぶこと	海外での体験活動(大ホール・アスレチック、キャンプなど)、音楽を鑑賞する活動(大牧・関西万博を訪問、日常を離れて様々なことを語り合う活動)
保護者の方の氏名	彦根 花子
上記の内容で「ひこねラーケーションの日」を取得することを認めます。	
2. 報告書	
学んだこと	
保護者から一言(取得された感想やお子さんの様子等お聞かせください。)	
※ 「ひこねラーケーションの日」取得後、1 週間を目途に学校にご提出ください。	

4. Go On Learcation

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Participate in an educational activity and/or experience that is available outside school with your child.

5. Submit a Report

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Please complete the Learcation report form with your child, and submit it to the school.

- ☐ Details of an Activity/Experience
- ☐ A Short Comment from a Parent/Guardian



Important Points

- ☐ An application for the Learcation Day System must be submitted at least **one week in advance**.
- ☐ No refund will be issued for school meals during the Learcation period, as absences under the Learcation Day System are treated in the same way as absences due to illness, etc.
- ☐ Children are required to catch up on missed classes through self-study at home.
- ☐ During specific periods of the school year, the Learcation Day System is not granted. **E.g.: Test seasons, Sports Day, and other important school events.**
 - *Please inquire with your child's school to confirm whether your child can be absent under the Learcation Day System during important events like those listed above.

Activity Examples of Hikone Learcation Day



We recognize how precious time with your family is. Please take a moment to talk with your child about what educational activity or experience piques his/her interest. Getting to know what your child is interested in is the first step in preparing for Hikone Learcation Day. You do not need to travel far. There are many hidden gems nearby that offer opportunities to learn something new. Engaging in special activities as a family may lead you to exciting new discoveries.

Rediscovery! Visiting Historic Places And Buildings in Town.

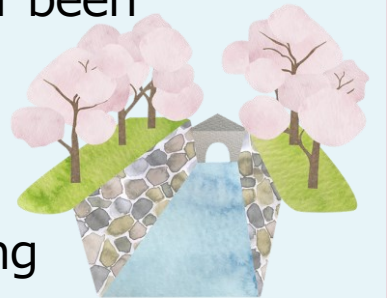
Visiting a historic place or building on a weekday allows your child to observe them closely and hear historical stories from a tour guide. There are historic places and historical experience facilities in town that you may not have discovered yet.



Artist Family! Explore Various Ways To Express Yourself.

Eye-catching scenery exists not only in places you've never been to but also in your own neighborhood.

Draw these places as a family to explore different ways of expressing what you see and share your work with each other.



Enhance Your Five Senses! Connect with Nature.

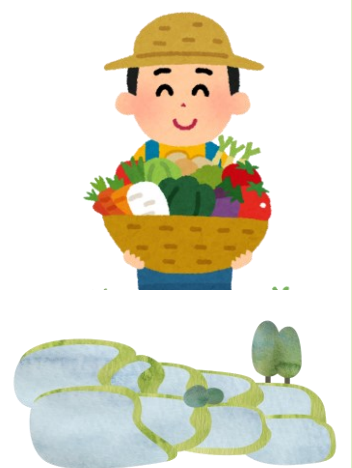
Why not expose your child to nature by enjoying beautiful scenery, listening to birds chirping, and feeling the fresh air with all five senses?

Discoveries and questions that arise from observation become valuable.



The Joy of Harvest! Join Farm-based Activities as a Family.

Have you ever wondered how the vegetables we eat are harvested and who grows them? Participating in farm-based activities, such as picking vegetables—an experience you don't usually have in daily life—as a family is a great learning opportunity.



Become A Chef! Apply What You've Learned at School.

Engage in cooking activities and apply what you have learned in home economics classes and integrated studies. You may be able to create your family's original receipt.



Take Your Mind Off Daily Life! Share Your Feelings With Your Family.

Art, films, music, plays, sports viewing, and so on can enrich and spark your daily life. Sharing and discussing how you feel when engaging in them with your family are priceless.





About the Hikone Learcation Day System



Q1. Why are you implementing “Learcation Day” on a trial basis?

Hikone City recognizes that many parents and guardians who work on weekends and holidays wish to spend more time with their families. To help them be able to spend time together as a family on a weekday, we are launching the Hikone Learcation Day System as a pilot program.

Q2. Is it possible to request Learcation for multiple days in a row?

Yes. Learcation can be taken on consecutive days.

Q3. What if my Learcation application is not approved, but my child goes on vacation anyway?

It will be counted as a school absence.

Q4. Is it possible to apply for Learcation on short notice?

As a general rule, applications for Learcation submitted the day before or after your child goes on vacation will not be accepted. Be sure to submit your Learcation application at least one week in advance.

Q5. Is it permitted to travel for Learcation?

As defined, Learcation is derived from the combination of 'Learning' and 'Vacation,' meaning educational absences. For this reason, the element of learning is essential. As long as your vacation includes educational activities, you may travel outside of Hikone. Nonetheless, the concept of Learcation is intended as a substitute for school classes, allowing children to have invaluable experiences. Please engage in meaningful discussions with your family to create a Learcation plan. Be reminded that there is no need to travel far to take advantage of Learcation. The key points are A: Engaging in an activity as a family and B: Learning or experiencing something educational. Your Learcation plan must meet both criteria.

Q6. What activities are considered to be Learcation?

Please refer to the list of activity examples for Hikone Learcation Day on a different page of this leaflet. Additionally, the concept of learning under the Learcation system is outlined below. Please take the time to discuss with your child to clarify what they want to learn. There are many places and opportunities that allow your child to discover something meaningful without having to travel far.

[Learcation Key Words]

Nature, Science, Environment, Experiment, Observation, Industry, Sports, Culture, Art, History, Geography, Traditional Art, International Understanding, Welfare, SDGs, Observation, Creation, Viewing, Career, etc.



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