

New learning initiative pioneered by Aichi

Learncation Day

(“Learncation” is a coined word combining “learning” and “vacation”)



The Aichi Prefectural Government is launching "Learncation Day" to support proactive and hands-on learning in families. By combining children's learning with the vacation time of parents/guardians, we encourage all families to start planning a new learning experience with their children on weekdays.

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What is “Learncation Day”

The Aichi Prefectural Government has been working to improve work-life balance as part of the “vacation style reform” project, which includes “Learncation Day,” a new “learning” and “vacation” initiative of Aichi.

A “Learncation Day” is a day when families plan and participate in weekday learning activities outside of school, which can be done at home or in the local area.

A “Learncation Day” is not counted as absence from school on the report card.

The school should be notified of the intent to take a “Learncation Day” at least one day in advance, and all students are eligible to take up to 3 “Learncation Days” in a year.

(Note that only 2 “Learncation Days” can be taken in the period of September 2023 to March 2024.)

How to use a “Learncation Day”

1. Planning

Talk to your children and plan what your family wish to learn. See the page on the right for examples.

(1) Visit the Aichi Prefecture’s “Learncation Day” website.

(2) Plan activities using the attached “Learncation card” with your children.

1. Date

2. Place

3. What to learn

2. Notification

Notify the school at least one day in advance via designated reporting methods such as school’s app, email, phone, or others.

3. Learncation

Take part in learning activities outside of school with your children.

4. Review

Review what you have learned and plan the next activities with your children.

Notes

- Notify the school at least one day in advance of your “Learncation Day.”
- Follow the school rules regarding the school lunch fee for the “Learncation Day.”
- Students will be tasked with making up missed class time through self-study.

Important points regarding “Learncation Day”

- Spend time together with your family.

Key words for learning activities

Nature, science, environment, experiment, observation, industry, sports, culture, arts, history, geography, traditional performance art, international understanding, welfare, SDGs, sightseeing, creative work, career, and more.

Visit this website to learn ideas for "Learncation Day."



Visit historic buildings

Spend more time looking at old buildings and listening to a tour guide on weekdays. There are many interesting places in your local area.



Learn local plants in nearby parks

Study plants growing in the garden or park with your family. There are many things you can learn in your local area.



Grow vegetables with your family



Learn how to grow vegetables. Use your imagination and try it from a farmer's perspective.

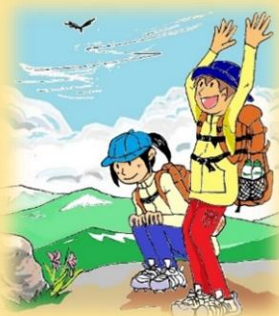
Paint with your family



There is beautiful scenery in your local area. Draw a picture with your family and discover each other's strengths.

Go out into nature

See beautiful scenery, listen to the birds sing, and observe plants. Being in nature, you will discover many things.



Cook with your family

Cook a dish you learned in home economics class with your family. It is also fun to make a family original dish.



Q1 Why did the Aichi Prefectural Government establish “Learncation Day”?

A1: The Aichi Prefectural Government has been working to improve work-life balance as part of the “vacation style reform” project. “Learncation Day” is one of this initiative. 45% of Aichi residents work on Saturdays and 30% on Sundays. There are parents/guardians who are not able to spend their time off with their children. “Learncation Day” was established for such families so they can spend time together for learning purposes even if the parents/guardians’ time off falls on weekdays.

Q2 Is it possible to take “Learncation Days” consecutively? Can unused “Learncation Days” be carried over to the next year?

A2: It is possible to take “Learncation Days” consecutively. However, unused “Learncation Days” cannot be carried over to the next year.

Q3 My time off has been given at the last minute. Can I notify the school one day before I wish to use a “Learncation Day”?

A3: You can notify the school of your “Learncation Day” one day in advance. However, it is preferable to notify the school ahead of time for them to plan study activities.

Q4 Can we go on a trip for “Learncation Day?”

A4: “Learncation” requires both learning and vacation. You can go on a trip if you will participate in learning activities. Talk to your family and plan what you want to learn, as it replaces classes in school for the day. “Learncation” can also be done while you are at home.

Q5 What activity can be regarded as “Learncation?”

A5: To be regarded as “Learncation,” it has to be 1) a learning activity and 2) done with your family. Check the key words section and suggested activities on the previous page for ideas, talk to your children and think about what your family wish to learn. You can learn many things in your local area.

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