

A day of learning with family and personal growth.



Makinohara City is promoting “起郷家教育”.

“まきラケ” is a system that allows students to study outside of school on weekdays with their parents or guardians .

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Makinohara City Board of Education

What is “まきラケ”?

“まきラケ” is a program that allows children to learn outside of school on weekdays with their parents, with the aim of fostering a wide range of qualities and abilities.

*This includes adults who have given their consent (grandparents, adult siblings, etc.).

Features

“まきラケ” is an independent learning activity conducted outside of school . Not attending school does not count as an absence .

You may apply for and take up to three days of leave per year. (Unused leave days cannot be carried over to the following fiscal year.)

* Applications for the 2026 fiscal year will begin on September 28

How to apply

- ① Understand the rules and create a learning plan .
- ② Complete the application form and submit it to the school at least one week before the desired acquisition date .
- ③ Participants will experience and engage in activities together with their parents or guardians .
 - * Please be sure to contact the school on the day of (or the day before) if you will be absent .
- ④ Submit the “まきラケ” report to the school within one week .
 - * These can be downloaded from each school’s website . They will also be available at each school, so please ask your homeroom teacher if you need them .

Points to note

Schools will inform you in advance of any days when you will not be able to take “まきラケ” due to school events, regular tests, etc.

Students are required to make up for the classwork missed on the day they receive “Maki-Rake” certification through their own independent study. The school will not provide individual supplementary lessons.

Point

To plan at home and have time to learn together with your children. The goal isn’t just to travel . If the purpose is clear, please use “まきラケ” for learning at home and in your community.

Q&A

Q1 What is the reason for introducing “まきラケ” ?

A1 It is important to cultivate a balanced range of qualities and abilities. These are not acquired solely through classes and school life. There is great value in having time to “learn while deepening family ties.” All of these are the reasons for introducing this system .

Q2 Can I take “まきラケ” consecutively? Also, can any remaining days be carried over to the next academic year?

A2 You can take it consecutively or one day at a time . You can take up to three days within the fiscal year, but you cannot carry it over to the following year .

Q3 Is it mandatory for all students to obtain a “まきラケ” ?

A3 Use of “まきラケ” is not mandatory; the decision to use it is left to each household. If you are considering using the service, please read the precautions carefully and ensure you understand the system before making your decision.

Q4 Is it possible to obtain the “まきラケ” certification in half-day or hourly increments?

A4 “まきラケ” is available on a daily basis; it cannot be rented by the half-day or by the hour.

Q5 If a guardian suddenly becomes able to take time off work, is it possible to submit an application even if the submission deadline for the plan has already passed?

A5 We would like you to apply as early as possible so that you can implement “まきラケ” after careful planning. However, even if the deadline has passed, we will do our best to accommodate you.

Q6 What should I do if I applied for “まきラケ” but my parent suddenly can’t take time off work?

A6 Please send your child to school as usual. However, be sure to contact the school to inform them that you are canceling your application. You can then reapply and obtain the leave on a different day.

Q7 How will school lunches be handled on days when “まきラケ” is used?

A7 Regarding school lunches, cancellations and refunds are not provided, just as in the case of an absence.

Q8 What happens if I get injured while participating in an activity using “まきラケ”?

A8 Since this activity is not under the school’s supervision, it is not covered by the school’s optional insurance . If you are concerned, we recommend that you purchase insurance at home before acquiring the “まきラケ”.

Contact Information

☆ Matters concerning the system → Board of Education TEL 0548-53-2645

☆ How to Apply → Each school

Experience

By using “まきラケ”, students can try things they wouldn’t be able to experience at school, such as agricultural experiences, interacting with and observing nature, challenging themselves with activities in nature, and participating in specialized sports training and competitions.



Exchange

Interaction with people, interaction with art, interaction with culture, interaction through language... if you look at the wider world, there are various opportunities for interaction. “まきラケ” opens the door to interaction.



Production

By participating in workshops or receiving guidance from someone close to you, you can experience the joy of creation by producing something yourself. It also leads to acquiring skills and understanding how things work. There is a possibility that new talents will blossom with “まきラケ”.



Appreciation

Witnessing and experiencing authentic art such as music, theater, calligraphy, and painting is a stimulating experience. “まきラケ” will be a place to encounter authentic art and hone your sensibilities.



Reconfirmation

The simple moments spent working on something together as a family, chatting and competing, are truly invaluable. “まきラケ” provides an opportunity to reaffirm the preciousness of time spent with family.

