

9-6-2-II-a Peer Support Program

A “peer” is a colleague or comrade. The Peer Support Program is a system in which students assist each other. Sometimes problems are not serious enough to go talk to a teacher or office staff member, but could be taken to a more senior student or a friend. This makes “The Peer Support Program” an important student support system.

In the Department of Letters and Education, a senior student supporter provides assistance to new students in each course so that the new students do not have problems academically or in daily living. In the Department of Human Life and Environmental Sciences and the Department of Science as well, senior students in each division provide learning support to underclass students. Student Council members are selected from each class year, and those Student Council members take the lead in interaction with other class years, the exchange of information regarding job hunting activities and future tracks, etc. At the Center for Global Education, graduate student tutors also provide support for international students by correcting Japanese language reports and papers, preparing for classes, and providing information at the International Student Counseling Room, while the International Exchange Group (TEA) of international and Japanese students is also actively involved in exchange activities. Peer support activities consist of “support for students by students,” but there are faculty members assigned in each faculty and in the Center for International Education to provide support to students. Students and faculty members involved in peer support can use a studio on the first floor of the Student Commons for the planning of interaction/support activities, meetings, etc. Contact the Student Commons Office to request the room.