

## Founding Objectives

The Center for Innovation in Educational Research and Practice sets out for itself the main objectives of performing project research that responds to the needs of contemporary society providing support operations for educational issues, increasing the exchange of academic knowledge internationally, and offering educational and research support.

In order to accomplish our objectives, our center is divided into four sections: the “Priority Research Project Unit,” the “Regional Education Support Unit,” the “International Exchange Unit,” and the “Research and Education Support Unit.” While attempting to form an expansive network with society, we are carrying out research and support operations in order to begin to solve the many issues concerning education.



Formed on April 01, 2018, the Center for Innovation in Educational Research and Practice (former Education Network Center) is a group that advances education and research in response to the needs of contemporary society.

Our center aims to advance cutting-edge research and education and reinforce cooperation with other institutions. Our center provides a broad range of support both inside and outside the Tohoku University based on our research results that have been accumulated by our research department. Our center is administered by staff comprised mainly of full-time teachers and educational research support workers as well as teachers within the Graduate School of Education.

The increasing seriousness of educational issues today and the growing requests for regional contributions by universities are causing growing expectations of our center. We must meet these expectations, and intend to further enrich the education and research support system and make an effort to solve the issues facing education.



## Priority Research Project Unit

The section is supporting the advancement of a research project to begin to solve the various issues concerning education in contemporary society.

### ■ Project Research

Project Research is an interdisciplinary collaboration of the teachers within our research department. Also working with researchers both in and outside of the country, they are performing research to begin to solve the various issues concerning education.



### ■ Graduate Student Project Type Collaborative Research

The graduate students in our research department perform the collaborative research planning and drafting themselves. Our objective is to improve the abilities of our graduate students as researchers.



## Regional Education Support Unit

The section offers assistance to the regional communities in the form of educational aid and development of aid methods.

### ■ Consultation Services

We offer advice concerning the educational support and the development of aid methods for education, targeting both regional residents (guardians, children) and education specialists (board of education, teachers).

### ■ Volunteer Services

“Tohoku University School Volunteering” provides assistance in school subject studies and supports management of extracurricular activities to elementary, middle, and high schools.



### ■ Lifelong Coaching Support Services

We offer a place called “Tohoku University Open College: Mori no manabiya (the tree-clad school)” for college students and the mentally challenged to learn from each other.

### ■ Social Education Director Training Course

Our Graduate School of Education offers a training course commissioned by MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) with the course objective of acquiring specialized knowledge and skills needed by Social Education Directors.



### ■ School Leadership Program

This conference is meant for teachers in Miyagi Prefecture and the neighboring prefectures, and offers specialized knowledge and skills needed by them, contributing to enrich school education.

## International Exchange Unit

The group deepens the international academic exchange through the support of international students and through the planning and execution of symposiums and collaborative research.

### ■ Symposiums and Seminars

We host symposiums and seminars to promote the exchange of academic knowledge with researchers from many universities and institutions around the world.



### ■ Research exchange based on Academic Exchange Agreements.

School of Education is promoting the Academic exchange with various foreign Universities, mainly focusing on Asian Countries. As of July, 2018, School of Education had signed 16 university-level academic and 18 departmental exchange agreements.

### ■ Multilingual brochures for International Students

To make the research and educational environment more fulfilling for international students, we conduct many investigations and hold social gatherings for international students. We also publish student handbooks in Chinese (both traditional and simplified characters), Mongolic, Korean, and English.



### ■ Japanese language support for international students

The support is carried out to help international students overcome Japanese language difficulties every week. It covers from student report editing and professional literature reading to language seminars.



## Research and Education Support Unit

In order to enrich research and teaching activities for instructors and students, the unit maintains healthy research and teaching environments.

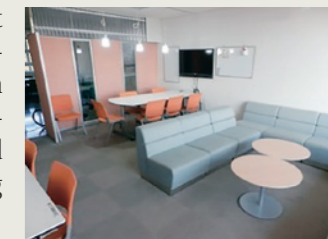
### ■ Usage of Computer Study Room, Computer Control Room

Email and webpages as well as the research department LAN network can be used in these areas. The computer study rooms are offered as facilities for the instructors and students of the School of Education and the Graduate School of Education to use.



### ■ Maintenance of the Student Support Room

We are making an effort to keep the student research and lounge areas in good condition by maintaining study rooms and break rooms and managing wireless LAN networks.



### ■ Publication of Reports

Our center publishes the “Center for Innovation in Educational Research and Practice Annual Report” (former Education Network Center Annual Report) on our research and service results.

