



**EDUCATORS  
RISING**  
There's power in teaching

A Division of  
**PDK**  
INTERNATIONAL

## MISSION

**Educators Rising cultivates highly skilled educators by guiding young people on a path to becoming accomplished teachers, beginning in high school and extending through college and into the profession.**

## VISION

**Every teacher in America has the skills and experience to help all students achieve their potential.**

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Educators Rising is a national membership organization that provides students with authentic opportunities to experience teaching and build the skills they need to be successful educators. Educators Rising offers resources and opportunities that integrate directly into the academic programs of “teacher academy” career and technical education courses at the high-school level.

By joining Educators Rising, those leading or participating in school-based programs that help young people explore teaching — in secondary or postsecondary — are connected to more than 48,000 members across the country. This network includes more than 20,000 rising educators, and 24 states and regions have become official Educators Rising affiliates. We're actively working to diversify the teaching profession; our student membership is comprised of 50% students of color.

These aspiring educators and their mentors connect and deepen their learning through connections at the local, state and national level. Our many opportunities for students and teachers range from virtual networking opportunities, to national competitions that allow rising educators to demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and leadership in education to a customizable curriculum\* that fits any teacher leader's needs. **To join Educators Rising and discover the power in teaching, please visit [educatorsrising.org](https://educatorsrising.org).**

*\*Fee required to access the EdRising Academy curriculum.*

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**“Educators Rising makes students aware of important, current issues in education today. I hope to be someone my future students can look up to and inspire them to be whatever they want to be.”**

—Dajsha Williams, 2019-2020 Educators Rising National Student Officer

There is no fee for Teacher Leaders to participate in Educators Rising. For students, there are two levels of membership: Base-level (free) membership open to all EdRising community members, and Active-level membership (a \$10 fee per student per academic year) for those students who wish to take on a more active role.

## BASE-LEVEL MEMBERSHIP

### Co-curricular Resources and Activities

Educators Rising students have access to a suite of activities throughout the year, including guided monthly discussion topics and monthly standards-based activities to help students to explore what it means to be a great teacher today.

### Standards

Developed with support from the National Education Association (NEA), the seven Educators Rising Standards define what high school students exploring teaching need to know and be able to do to take their first steps on the path to accomplished teaching.

### National Board Videos

Watch videos of National Board Certified Teachers in action to see what accomplished teaching looks like, and read the accompanying commentary to gain a better understanding of how accomplished teachers think.

### Educators Rising Membership Portal

All students and Teacher Leaders will have access to the Educators Rising membership portal where you'll receive access to original content to help students develop teaching skills and prepare for college, access to the latest research through Kappan magazine, and guidelines and toolkits to help facilitate conversation within your chapter.

## ACTIVE-LEVEL MEMBERSHIP

### Student Leadership

Educators Rising offers several opportunities for students to take leadership roles and represent the future of the teaching profession.

### Scholarships

Educators Rising is a division of PDK International and the PDK Educational Foundation awards more than 30 scholarships each year to rising educators.

### Competitions

National competitions are performance-based competitive events in which students demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and leadership in education.

### National Conference

Students and educators from across the country will come together for the Educators Rising National Conference in Washington, D.C.! Students will have the opportunity to attend (and lead!) breakout sessions, compete for national titles in more than 20 competitive events, and get inspired by keynote presentations from education leaders.

### EdRising Honor Society

High school juniors and seniors with a GPA of 3.50 or higher are eligible to apply for the Educators Rising Honor Society (\$5 application fee). This honor serves to elevate the image of teaching by highlighting high-achieving students who are dedicated to a career path in education.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### EdRising Academy Curriculum\*

Rooted in the Educators Rising Standards, the EdRising Academy curriculum emphasizes fundamental teaching practices that are critical for high school students beginning their journey to become skilled professionals. This flexible curriculum includes nearly 60 lessons with lesson plans of varying lengths, which allows teacher leaders to customize them to fit their needs.

### Micro-Credentials\*

The five Educators Rising "Beginning to Teach" micro-credentials are performance-based assessments in which students can demonstrate their development of the skills, knowledge, and dispositions embedded in the Educators Rising Standards. These digital badges help students boost their résumés and showcase their growing skills.

\* Fee required to access the EdRising Academy curriculum and "Beginning to Teach" micro-credentials.