GENERAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

All students wishing to compete at the Educators Rising Missouri state conference must complete these steps:

1. Be a registered member of Educators Rising, either basic or active status. Register at www.educatorsrising.org
2. Register to attend Missouri state conference held Wednesday, March 4 in Columbia. Must register by deadline of Wed., Jan. 22. Registration is $30 and includes lunch.
3. Complete the online entry application by Wed., Jan. 22, and use links to upload any required materials for your competition.

Conference registration and link to entry application will be found at www.mnea.org/edrising by early December.

- All individual competitions are open to Educators Rising members in high school. All team competitions are open to Educators Rising programs in high school.
- All competitors must attend the EdRising, Missouri Conference on March 4, 2020 in Columbia, MO. Registration to attend conference does not enter you to compete. You must submit an entry form. Submitting a competition entry form does not register you for the conference. You must do both in order to compete.
- Students must first qualify in that given event at their state conference before competing in that event at the Educators Rising National Conference.
- In order to be scheduled to compete in a state competition, all competitor required materials must be submitted by Jan. 22, 2020. Each competition will identify what materials are required for submission prior to the competition. Failure to submit required materials by the submission deadline will result in disqualification. Students who have won state-level competitions also must submit their entries on the national website by the deadline April 20 to compete at the national conference. Your state does not do this for you.
- The top five places in each competition offered by the state will be eligible to compete at the Educators Rising National Conference; no other entrants from states that offer the competition at the state level will be eligible for those state-level-offered competitions. State winners choose whether or not they want to compete at nationals.
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• For entries in Missouri and national competitions, competitors must submit or bring to the event all required materials described in the national competition guidelines. Any material or forms submitted at previous state or local presentations need to be resubmitted for the national competition in order to count in national competitions.

• All video files that are submitted in advance must be in .mp4 format. Videos that are not in this file format will not be accepted and will be immediately disqualified. Videos will not be accepted by mail. The maximum file size for any video submitted in advance is 2 GB. **All competitors should also bring a copy of the video file on a USB drive to the conference.** Educators Rising competitions comply with FERPA in regard to student privacy and video security. Competitors are responsible for ensuring that their competition videos comply with local and state requirements regarding student privacy.

• Except when explicitly specified, the Internet may not be used during a competition presentation at the Educators Rising Missouri Conference OR National Conference. All relevant files and resources should be brought to the competition site on a labeled USB drive. All Prezi files should be downloaded to the USB drive. Internet access may not be available during the competition. Students should bring their own pointing device, if needed.

• Students may enter up to a total of two combined events.

• Teacher leaders may enter up to two students per school in each individual event and one team for team events. **All team events must have at least two students (and no more than four) per school to qualify.**

• For both of the Children’s Literature events, if two students create one book together, that counts as an event for each of the two students, but only counts as one entry in that event from their chapter.

• Competitors must report to their assigned areas on time. Failure to report at their scheduled time can result in disqualification. Competition schedules will be sent to teacher leaders prior to the conference. Be sure to check these schedules prior to your arrival.

• Spectators may not coach or offer any verbal or nonverbal assistance to a contestant during that contestant's assigned time slot with the judges. A breach of this guideline may result in disqualification of the contestant.

• Spectators may not record any competition without prior consent of the competitors and judges.

• While all national competitions are closed to spectators, most Missouri competitions will be open to spectators. Students may not be a spectator at any time in the competition they entered. No spectators allowed for the following events: Job Interview, Impromptu Speaking, Impromptu Lesson Plan, and all four of the Lesson Planning and Delivery competitions.

• Competitors are expected to dress in business-casual attire. *(For a detailed explanation of what is and is not permissible as “business casual,” see here: humanresources.about.com/od/workrelationships/a/dress_code.htm .)* Points will be deducted from the entrant's score for failure to follow the stated dress code.

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• Certificates and medals will be awarded to the top 5 entries in each category.
• Entrants grant Phi Delta Kappa International, and Missouri National Education Association, the sponsoring organizations for Educators Rising, the right to use and publish the submission in print, online, or in any media without compensation.
• Entrants grant Phi Delta Kappa International, and Missouri National Education Association, the sponsoring organizations for Educators Rising, the right to post photos of students for promotional purposes on the Educators Rising website, EdRising Virtual Campus, Missouri NEA website and social media pages.
• All source media used for the competition must be cited in competition submissions.
• All submitted materials must reflect original work from the 2019-2020 school year. Material that may have been created or submitted in previous years is ineligible.
• Competitors are strongly discouraged from using copyrighted material in their competitive entries. If copyrighted material is used, written permissions must be obtained for the rights to display and present media-related materials at the Educators Rising Missouri and National Conferences and to post media-related materials on the Educators Rising and Missouri National Education Association websites. All permissions obtained to use copyrighted material must be included with entry submission. (Note: This requirement applies to music used in videos, graphics taken from the web, and other media-related materials. It does not apply to artifacts collected for a project.)
• Plagiarism is strictly prohibited in all documents submitted. Judges can disqualify students competing if it is determined that any part of their documents have been plagiarized.
• Teacher leaders are prohibited from approaching judges to discuss scoring or feedback. All questions or concerns should be brought to the attention of a staff member.
• Failure to follow the stated guidelines could result in disqualification of student competing.

Missouri entries will be submitted through the links found at www.mnea.org/edrising. National entries will be submitted through links at www.educatorsrising.org. *(This link is expected to change to some version of PDKintl.org under Educators Rising High School, Student Resources.)*

For Missouri-specific questions, email Laurie.Bernskoetter@mnea.org, or call 800 392 0236 and ask for Laurie or Ann Jarrett.

For questions about national requirements, send an email to INFO@EDUCATORSRISING.ORG.