What We Do

Starting in middle school and high school, Educators Rising provides passionate young people with hands-on teaching experience, sustains their interest in the profession, and helps them cultivate the skills they need to be successful educators. The result is a pipeline of accomplished teachers who are positioned to make a lasting difference.

Research shows 60% of current teachers work within 20 miles of where they graduated from high school. Future teachers for your district sit on the student side of the desk right now!

Educators Rising, powered by PDK International, is approved by the U.S. Department of Education as an official career and technical student organization for the education career pathway. In some schools, Educators Rising is an extracurricular club.

Educators Rising Standards

The journey to accomplished teaching is a marathon. *What should the first steps look like?* Educators Rising Standards are the teaching profession’s answer to this vital question. Created with support from the National Education Association, who provided a generous grant award for their development, the standards will form the backbone for secondary-based “grow your own” efforts across the country. The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards guided the development of these standards. The standards are available free on at [www.educatorsrising.org](http://www.educatorsrising.org). You may have to log in as a registered leader.

History

Educators Rising is an evolution of the Future Teachers of America.

1937-1980s Future Teachers of America  
1980-2000 Future Educators of America  
1990-2015 Future Educators Association  
2000-2015 Future Educators Association  
2016-present Educators Rising

Dues

No fees to charter your chapter. Active high school and middle school members pay $10 national dues, and are eligible to apply for Phi Delta Kappa scholarships, attend the state and national conferences, enter competitions, and be named as a honor society member. Chapter teacher leader joins first for free at [http://www.educatorsrising.org](http://www.educatorsrising.org), then their student members also go online to join. High school and middle school students do not pay 2020-2021 state dues in Missouri. Missouri National Education Association provides staff support, and MNEA delegates approved a modest budget for Educators Rising Missouri. Participants in Educators Rising Missouri events pay a modest fee. Collegiate members pay $25 national dues and $17 state dues. State dues includes membership in MNEA’s Aspiring Educators, which provides liability coverage for field experiences.

Go to [www.educatorsrising.org](http://www.educatorsrising.org) for more information and to join.

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Benefits for Educators Rising Chapters

- Teacher leader resources and online discussions
- More than 100 high quality articles specifically for teenage future educators on college planning, teaching skills and job hunting
- Prospective educator scholarships
- 19 state and national competitions
- State and national conferences
- Educators Rising Standards
- Regional fall conference for Missouri members in late September or October.
- Inspirational videos
- Micro-credentials/achievement badges for students (optional and $35-$45 per student)
- State and national student officers
- Honor society
- Monthly discussion guides based on articles in PDK’s magazine Kappan
- Quarterly teacher leader calls
- Videos of National Board Certified Teachers providing instruction, along with their written reflections
- Educators Rising Curriculum (optional, has a cost)

Scholarships

Phi Delta Kappa sponsors Educators Rising, and student members are eligible for Phi Delta Kappa scholarships. Through Missouri NEA, a generous donor provides a $500 scholarship for a high school senior member of Educators Rising Missouri.

Educators Rising Missouri

Missouri NEA is the state coordinator for Educators Rising Missouri. Get email updates when you sign up for the Educators Rising email listserv at www.mnea.org. Click on “Join Email Lists” at the top of the page. You can join this list even if you are not ready to start an Educators Rising chapter, and you do not have to be a member of Missouri NEA. Find current Educators Rising Missouri information at www.mnea.org/EdRising.

Once you register as a teacher leader on the Educators Rising national website, you can also ask to join the private online Educators Rising Missouri group found at www.myNEA360.org. Just create a free account, complete your profile and identify where your chapter is, then use the search feature to find the group and click on “Ask to join”.

In 2020-2021, high school and middle students will pay $10 in national dues, similar to other career and technical student organizations.
Educators Rising 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.

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

Who We Are: Educators Rising is a national network of students and teacher leaders who are inspired and excited by the teaching profession.

How We Do It: In high school, Educators Rising supports curricular programs and extracurricular clubs where students explore the teaching profession and gain hands-on teaching experience. We provide teachers and school leaders with the resources they need to establish and teach these classes. Educators Rising also helps students and teachers connect and deepen their learning through the EdRising Virtual Campus, a cutting-edge online community that offers rigorous resources to support the development of great teachers.