



EdRising Academy

Attracting the Next Generation
of Skilled Teachers

Educators Rising, powered by PDK International, is a national network of students, teachers, and education leaders who are working together to recruit and prepare the next generation of highly-skilled teachers. Educators Rising partners with states, districts, and schools to implement the EdRising Academy, a gold-standard, secondary-based high school program of study where students explore teaching through rigorous coursework and meaningful clinical internships.

Designed to be a flexible model that can be implemented in a variety of educational contexts, the EdRising Academy focuses on three key areas: (1) curriculum, (2) clinical experiences, and (3) implementation support for establishing and growing an Academy.

EdRising Academy Curriculum

The EdRising Academy curriculum emphasizes high-leverage teaching practices that are critical for high school students to master as they take their first steps on the path to becoming accomplished professionals.

In addition to the curriculum, Educators Rising also offers performance-based assessments through the Educators Rising “Beginning to Teach” Micro-credentials. To earn a micro-credential, students submit portfolios of artifacts — such as classroom videos, work they produce in their internship, or project plans — that demonstrate their competence in a particular teaching skill. Submissions are reviewed by experts, ensuring that micro-credentials are relevant and rigorous,

so colleges, scholarship committees, employers, and other evaluators can be confident in recognizing them.

Clinical Experience

The EdRising Academy experience is centered around offering students hands-on opportunities to experience teaching. In addition to rigorous coursework, students enrolled in an EdRising Academy have the opportunity to work in real classrooms under the guidance of a cooperating teacher. Allowing students to gain real-world experience and practice and refine their teaching practice is a cornerstone of the Academy program.

Implementation Support

Educators Rising works closely with states, districts, and schools to help establish local EdRising Academies. We provide a variety of supports, including technical assistance and program evaluation tools, to ensure that Academies will succeed and provide sustained value to their communities.

The EdRising Academy program of study is anchored by the Educators Rising Standards. These seven 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.



Standard I: Understanding the Profession

Rising educators learn about the profession to explore career opportunities, develop skills they need, and make informed decisions about pathways to accomplished teaching.



Standard II: Learning About Students

Rising educators learn about themselves and their students for the purpose of building relationships and supporting student development.



Standard III: Building Content Knowledge

Rising educators learn how to build content knowledge for the purpose of creating relevant learning opportunities for their students.



Standard IV: Engaging in Responsive Planning

Rising educators learn how to respond to students' needs through thoughtful planning.



Standard V: Implementing Instruction

Rising educators learn effective instructional strategies to engage students and promote learning.



Standard VI: Using Assessments and Data

Rising educators learn to use assessments and interpret data for the purpose of making decisions that will advance teaching and learning.



Standard VII: Engaging in Reflective Practice

Rising educators learn how reflective practice enables them to advance student learning and grow professionally.

About Educators Rising

Educators Rising is transforming how America develops aspiring teachers. Starting with high school students, we provide passionate young people with hands-on teaching experience, sustain their interest in the profession, and help 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 — not only in the lives of their students, but also in the field of teaching more broadly.

Why Now?

Strengthening the teacher recruitment pipeline is an urgent issue nationally and in every community across the country. We face persistent shortages of STEM and special education teachers, bilingual educators, male educators, teachers of color, and teachers who are willing and qualified to teach in urban and rural areas that often serve low-income student populations. Unfortunately, our existing teacher recruitment pipeline is not positioned to meet expanding demand.

Since over 60 percent of teachers teach within 20 miles of where they went to high school, communities are growing their own local teaching workforces. Through the EdRising Academy program, Educators Rising is providing communities with a powerful, low-cost mechanism to cultivate a diverse, high-quality teacher workforce for the future.

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STATE, DISTRICT, OR SCHOOL TODAY.**



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