Educators Rising
Idaho Handbook
THANK YOU

We applaud your interest in Educators Rising Idaho and your efforts in developing aspiring teachers. We have designed this handbook to provide helpful guidelines and useful information to assist you with your chapter’s pursuits. The Idaho State University College of Education looks forward to working with you in establishing your Educators Rising Idaho chapter and helping prepare effective teachers for every classroom in every community today, tomorrow, and well into the future.

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INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE

Building on a tradition of excellence, the College of Education at Idaho State University works continuously to improve education. By facilitating chapters of Educators Rising (EdRising), a national organization for high school students interested in education careers, we continue that tradition throughout Idaho. By elevating the perception of teaching, Educators Rising and Idaho State University seeks to attract dynamic and diverse students from across Idaho who will become tomorrow’s great educators. Our mission is to foster the recruitment and development of prospective educators by strengthening relationships and disseminating innovative programming.

Educators Rising is a national network of more than 43,000 students and teacher/mentor participants in school-based, grow-your-own teacher programs. The mission of this organization is to cultivate 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. Teacher recruitment and preparation are community-based issues and EdRising offers a self-sustaining development model that empowers local teacher leaders.

Educators Rising is transforming how America develops aspiring teachers. Starting with high school students, we provide passionate young people with hands-on teaching experiences, sustain their interest in the profession, and help them cultivate the skills they need to become successful educators. The result is a pipeline of accomplished teachers positioned to make a lasting difference — not only in the lives of their students, but also in the field of teaching. Every teacher should enter the profession with the necessary skills. Educators Rising is a powerful way to help communities grow the next generation of well-prepared teachers.

This guide highlights the benefits of joining the Educators Rising community, including the EdRising Membership Portal, scholarships, national competitions, and leadership opportunities. We look forward to collaborating with you and your students.
WHY EDUCATORS RISING?

Great teachers are built, not born.
Statistics show that America is on track to hire 300,000 new teachers every year. Since only five percent of high school graduates who took the ACT indicated a plan to pursue a career in education, it is imperative that we proactively recruit passionate young people into the field of education and provide them with the skills necessary to become accomplished teachers. As a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO), 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.

The need for high quality, prepared educators is greater than ever.
Studies have shown that 62% of new teachers report that they graduated from their preparation program under prepared. In addition, one-third of teachers leave the profession within the first three years. All students regardless of their background deserve effective teachers and Educators Rising is working to fill this growing need.

More than 60% of teachers currently teach within 20 miles of where they attended high school.
Communities depend on homegrown teachers. Despite this fact, relatively few communities have taken purposeful steps to build pipelines for recruiting and developing their future teachers.

States, districts, and schools need to engage students on a rigorous path to effective teaching as early as possible.
Educators Rising allows students to explore the profession, gain hands-on experience in the classroom, and cultivate identities as young educators.

Educators Rising can elevate student voices into the conversation.
This includes conversations about teaching excellence and the future of education and provide a much-needed, student-centered perspective.

Involvement in local Educators Rising programs can increase student engagement and performance.
Research shows that high school students engaged in courses that highlight specific career paths and incorporate academics with relevant, real-world learning opportunities demonstrate higher academic motivation, grades, career self-efficacy, college aspirations and employable skills.
GETTING STARTED

Setting up an Educators Rising Idaho chapter is relatively easy. Currently, we have over 15 Educators Rising Idaho chapters established throughout Southeast Idaho and through EdRising, many students are on the path to becoming accomplished teachers. Sometimes there is a group of students who want such a chapter, but are not sure how to begin, so here are a few steps to getting an Educators Rising Idaho chapter started in your school.

Get administration on board

In order for an Educators Rising Idaho chapter to be successful, the school administration must be supportive. Schedule a meeting with the school principal and be mindful of his/her time demands. All chapters must be approved by the principal, so his/her consent is crucial. A committed principal can help your EdRising Idaho chapter prosper and students will benefit from this support. When first visiting with a principal about the possibility of starting an EdRising Idaho chapter, be enthusiastic. Demonstrate the need and interest for such a chapter and point to the EdRising Idaho successes of other schools in the area. Principals sometimes are hesitant to adopt a chapter because of time commitments, competition with other school clubs, and financial concerns. The state coordinator for Educators Rising Idaho will help address these concerns and will work closely with your school to ensure that each chapter receives the proper support. Be sure to keep your principal informed and involved. Report to him/her frequently on the successes of the chapter and always respond quickly to any issues or concerns.
See Appendix A: Sample Agreement Form

Find an advisor

Each Educators Rising Idaho chapter needs to have a designated faculty or staff advisor. This individual works with the Educators Rising Idaho state coordinator to facilitate chapter activities and events. The advisor helps direct the operations of the chapter and ensures that the policies set forth in the chapter constitution/by-laws are followed. He/She provides key leadership by serving as a role model and mentor for chapter members while encouraging chapter officers to assume their respective leadership roles. Advisors need to be proactive; the clubs that struggle are the ones in which the advisor is not actively involved. Successful EdRising Idaho advisors have a passion for teaching and are committed to the overall success of the club. The faculty/staff advisor is awarded Idaho State University Affiliate Faculty status for the duration of his/her service.
See Appendix B: Affiliate Faculty Form
Chapter meetings

Meeting times will vary by chapter to accommodate the school schedule. Most chapters have found that having monthly lunch meetings works best. Whether the meetings are during lunch or after school, establishing a regular meeting schedule is the key to a successful chapter. Meetings should start on time and an agenda should be prepared prior to the meeting. The advisor should prepare a sign-in sheet and each student who attends should sign in. The agenda needs to be shared with all members and time should be provided for each student to share ideas. To ensure attendance at meetings, advisors can publish meeting announcements through the school student bulletin. It is recommended that the advisor run the announcement for several days in advance of the meeting.

See Appendix D: Sample Agenda Form
See Appendix E: Sample Minutes Form

Elect officers

Students who are interested in serving as chapter officers should submit their names to the advisor during the first meeting of the school year. The most successful chapters are driven by motivated students who are invested in the overall mission of Educators Rising. Advisors should let students lead chapter activities and offer support when and where needed. The advisor should organize an election and all participating EdRising members should vote for students to fill the following positions:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

More officer positions and committees can be created depending on the needs of each chapter and according to each chapter’s constitution. Elected officers are required to fulfill their duties and help recruit new members. The responsibilities of each officer are as follows:
President

- Calls and conducts meetings under the direction of his/her advisor
- Manages the general operations of the chapter
- Supervises and directs chapter officers
- Creates agendas for all chapter meetings

Vice-President

- Acts as the chapter leader in absence of the President
- Assists the President as needed with the general operations of the chapter
- Assists other officers in completion of their tasks

Secretary

- Records minutes for each meeting and communicates them to all chapter members
- Coordinates and communicates with chapter members all agendas and minutes
- Acts as communication liaison within chapter

Treasurer

- Directs the fundraising efforts of the chapter
- Keeps accurate and timely records of all financial transactions and accounts
- Disburses funds for payment and reimbursement
- Prepares and manages chapter budget

Appoint committees

Depending on the size of the Educators Rising Idaho chapter, it may be appropriate to appoint chapter committees to better serve the needs of the chapter. One committee that may be a good idea is a membership committee. This committee is charged with the responsibility of recruiting and retaining EdRising Idaho members. It is also involved in building loyalty and pride among EdRising Idaho members in the chapter and in the school. One way to do this is to promote EdRising Idaho chapter activities within the school and community. This increases the visibility of the chapter and may spark an interest in other students who are not members.
Create a constitution

Each Educators Rising Idaho chapter should create and maintain a constitution. A constitution contains the fundamental principles that govern the chapter's operation. The development of a constitution will serve to clarify expectations of members and rules of conduct should be put forth. This will allow potential members to have a better understanding of the chapter's goals and will assist in the continuity of the chapter from year to year.

Develop by-laws

Educators Rising Idaho students should also work together to create by-laws, which contain the organizational details omitted from the constitution. By-laws provide an overall blueprint for the chapter and can be referenced when problems arise. It is a good idea to involve students in the development of a constitution and by-laws as this will create a sense of ownership in the chapter for the students. They will have a leadership voice in shaping the establishment of the chapter and directing its future.

See Appendix C: Sample Constitution and By-Laws Form
ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

In order to accomplish the mission of Educators Rising Idaho and the Idaho State’s College of Education, all parties must work together to provide a positive experience for EdRising Idaho students. The following contributions and commitments are needed in order to achieve collective success for the program.

Idaho State’s College of Education roles & responsibilities
- Maintain affiliation with Educators Rising national network
- Coordinate communication through the Educators Rising Idaho state coordinator
- Assist with the recruitment of members
- Collaborate in the planning and execution of activities
- Hold and partially fund Future Educators Day
- Cover partial costs of materials and supplies

School roles & responsibilities
- Recruit a faculty/staff member to serve as Educators Rising Idaho advisor
- Support advisors (meetings, organization, recruiting, etc.)
- Provide public relations for Educators Rising Idaho program
- Solicit financial support from interested groups
- Provide logistical help for students to attend Future Educators Day at Idaho State University

Advisor roles & responsibilities
- Recruit new Educators Rising Idaho members
- Organize and attend monthly meetings/activities/fundraisers
- Keep sign-in sheets for chapter meetings
- Create teacher leader profile through Educators Rising Membership Portal
- Complete a yearly action plan form
- Track EdRising expenses and manage budget
- Attend Future Educators Day at Idaho State University

Student roles & responsibilities
- Meet academic standards required by the school for participation in extracurricular activities
- Recruit new Educators Rising Idaho members
- Attend monthly meetings/activities/fundraisers
- Create student profile through Educators Rising Membership Portal
- Participate in Educators Rising Membership Portal activities
- Participate in college workshops or conferences as able
- Attend and participate in Future Educators Day at Idaho State University
RECRUITMENT

It is important that advisors and chapter members work together to recruit new Educators Rising Idaho members in order to support students interested in education careers. In order to be successful in recruiting new members, it is essential to highlight the positional aspects of a career in education and help students understand that teaching is a distinguished profession. Educators have the capacity to shape the minds and futures of individuals in any field. Students who “give EdRising a try,” may discover a passion they never knew existed. Here are a few ideas that may assist in recruitment efforts:

See Appendix K: Membership Roster Form
See Appendix M: Student Application Form

Personal invitation

You may know students who you think would make fine teachers. Chapter members may themselves know of friends who have expressed an interest in teaching. Offering some sort of incentive for the student who recruits the most members might help motivate current Educators Rising Idaho members in their recruitment efforts. Extending a personal invitation to these students goes a long way towards encouraging them to join Educators Rising Idaho.

Marketing materials

With the permission of the principal, recruitment flyers and posters can be distributed around the school. These materials can be requested from the Educators Rising state coordinator or Educators Rising members can create their own. Additional marketing materials can also be found in the Teacher Leader Resources section of the Edrising Membership Portal.

See Appendix P: Sample Recruitment Flyer

Child development & peer tutor classes

Many schools implement child development and peer tutor classes in their curriculum. Most students take these classes because they like to work with children and are considering a career in a similar field. Joining Educators Rising Idaho may be the next logical step in helping them work towards their career goals.
Dual credit

Idaho State's College of Education faculty has teamed up with IDLA to create four (4) courses available to high school students for dual credit. These courses are equivalent to the four that are required for admission into the Teacher Preparation Program in the College of Education (COE). This means disciplined and dedicated students can graduate high school and immediately apply to the COE to begin their junior-level courses bringing them that much closer to becoming a teacher. Please visit with your IDLA school representative to find out more information and to register students. Courses include Development and Individual Differences; Educational Field Practicum; Families, Community, Culture; and Foundations of American Education.

See Appendix N: Dual Credit Flyer

Counselor referral

Counselors assist students when they select classes related to their career goals. Working with the counseling department in the school can be a great asset in discovering which students are considering a career in teaching.

Chapter fair/career day

Organizing a chapter fair or a career day is a great way to introduce students to Educators Rising Idaho and recruit new members. You can invite other student clubs to participate as well.

Chapter bulletin board/website

Maintain a chapter bulletin board or website with information about the chapter. Highlight chapter activities as well as information about careers in education and college planning. Keep this bulletin board up to date and include any other information that may be meaningful to your audience.

Hold a get-to-know Educators Rising Idaho event

Plan an introductory event where students can come and learn more about Educators Rising Idaho. Ask each of your chapter members to bring one or two other students who might be interested. Also, be sure to bring pizza or snacks and plan some fun activities. Talk about the upcoming events you have planned and highlight all of the benefits that come from Educators Rising Idaho membership.
CHAPTER FUNCTIONS

While each chapter may have some activities unique to their members or location, most activities fall into the following categories:

- Regular meetings
- Guest speakers
- School/community service
- College/University field trips
- Fundraisers
- Tutoring in local schools

IDEAS FOR CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

The selection of meaningful activities is a key component of a successful chapter. At the beginning of each school year, EdRising Idaho advisors should create a “yearly action plan” with chapter members to plan the year’s activities and events. Advisors and students can be creative in organizing activities that will be most beneficial for their group. Chapter officers are responsible for helping the chapter maintain its focus and pursue the goals presented in the action plan. Copies of the action plan should be shared with faculty, administrators, and other appropriate individuals. Here are some ideas for potential chapter activities.

See Appendix F: Yearly Action Plan Form
See Appendix G: Budgeting for Activities Form

School-related activities

- Create member profiles through the Educators Rising Membership Portal
- Sponsor a career fair with an emphasis on teaching
- Tutor students at local elementary or middle schools
- Write a feature story on Educators Rising Idaho for the school newspaper
- Review “teacher in action” videos through the Educators Rising Membership Portal
- Job shadow a teacher or school administrator
- Work with school counselors to research college and career information on teaching
- Launch a social media campaign focused on teaching for your school
- Develop lesson plans to be used in practice teaching sessions
- Connect with other EdRising students through the Educators Rising Membership Portal
- Organize an “adopt-a-teacher” program where members learn from local teachers
- Complete case studies focused on potential teaching scenarios
- Read and discuss teaching and education-based articles
- Send birthday cards to teachers from Educators Rising members
• Watch and discuss a teacher documentary video
• Research and create an education-focused newsletter
• Hold a chapter fair and invite other student clubs to participate
• Complete performance-based microcredentials, available through the EdRising Membership Portal
• Organize a poster day and make posters focused on teaching to be displayed around school
• Create EdRising Idaho bulletin boards focused on recruitment in teacher’s classrooms
• Conduct orientation activities for new students as a chapter service activity
• Start a mentor program where chapter members assist students with special needs
• Plan a school assembly focused on teaching during American Education Week
• Develop an “adopt-a-student” program to assist new students in their transition to school
• Make Educators Rising Idaho t-shirts to wear throughout the year
• Create teaching portfolios
• Start a “feature teacher” each week and invite all school faculty to participate
• Participate in Educators Rising Week as part of National CTE month
• Read and comment on the PDK Blog to engage with other EdRising members and the larger PDK community

See Appendix I: Feature Teacher Form
See Appendix J: Tutor Request Form
See Appendix L: Request for Release Time Form

Community-related activities

• Organize a community “back to school night”
• Start a book drive and donate books to underprivileged school/children
• Establish a scholarship fund through the assistance of community organizations
• Arrange to have a chapter booth at appropriate community functions
• Participate in various community service activities
• Organize a community Easter-egg hunt
• Raise awareness about “teacher recognition week” and ask for support from local businesses and community organizations
University-related activities

- Attend Future Educators Day hosted by Idaho State’s College of Education
- Investigate college admission requirements and financial aid opportunities
- Visit Idaho State University and take a campus tour
- Invite a faculty member from Idaho State’s College of Education to be a guest speaker
- Arrange for Idaho State’s College of Education student teachers to participate and become involved with EdRising Idaho chapter activities
- Take part in Idaho State University’s student activities as a chapter
- Arrange for individual chapter members to spend a day with an Idaho State’s College of Education Career Path Intern (CPI)
- Plan an event night at Idaho State for chapter members to rock climb, bowl, or swim
- Organize opportunities for chapter members to participate in and partner with Idaho State’s College of Education clubs

Fundraising activities

- Run concession stand operations as a chapter during school extra-curricular and athletic events
- Hold a book fair at a local elementary school
- Organize a bake sale
- Plan a flower sale fundraiser for Valentine’s Day
- Make and sell buttons to teachers (proud to be a teacher, etc.)
- Organize a Halloween carnival for local elementary school kids
- Sell recipe books consisting of teachers’ favorite recipes
- Plan a student serve-a-thon in the community and invite supporters to pledge money
- Sponsor a community-wide yard sale and sell booths to other school organizations
- Ask local businesses to consider donating money or services to EdRising Idaho
- Organize a talent show and sell tickets to students, teachers, and community members
- Start a crowdfunding campaign and encourage everyone to share via social media
- Partner with a discount card provider to sell discount cards to community
- Plan a community car wash
- Create a school calendar to sell that includes student artwork and photos of school events
- Hold a raffle and ask local business to donate products to be raffled off
- Sponsor a read-a-thon and invite other schools in the area to participate
Additional activities

- Attend the Educators Rising National Conference
- Compete in a regional or national Educators Rising competition
- Visit the State Department of Education and arrange for a tour
- Organize area contests (essay, impromptu speech) between EdRising Idaho chapters
- Plan Ted Talk conference focused on education and invite other EdRising Idaho chapters
- Attend and report on a meeting of the local school board

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES TIMELINE

These suggestions are provided as examples of possible activities that your chapter may choose to undertake in addition to regular chapter meetings. It is not meant to be a comprehensive list and you are encouraged to be creative in developing meaningful activities that best suit your chapter.

See Appendix H: Budget Approval Form

September
- School chapter fair participation
- Help with back-to-school night
- Membership drive (flyers, posters, announcements in school bulletin, etc.)
- Begin regular meetings
- Elect officers
- Plan yearly activity schedule

October
- Participate in Idaho State's Education Appreciation Week #ISUEdWeek campaign
- Homecoming activities (float, fundraiser, etc.)
- Organize classroom volunteer opportunities in elementary schools (tutoring, reading, small group instruction) and continue for several months
- Plan a service project for Thanksgiving (food/blanket/coat drive for local shelter)

November
- Professional educator guest speaker
- Service project for Thanksgiving
- Plan a community activity for Holiday season (toy drive, adopt-a-family, etc.)
- Submit a proposal to present a session at the Educators Rising National Conference
December
- Volunteer to help elementary teachers with Holiday parties
- Service project for Holiday season
- Holiday party

January
- Register for Future Educators Day at Idaho State University
- College planning activities and guest speaker
- Winter encouragement gifts for teachers
- Apply to be an Educators Rising National Student Officer
- Apply for a Phi Delta Kappa (PDK) scholarship

February
- Prepare for Future Educators Day at Idaho State University
- Flower sale fundraiser for Valentine’s Day
- Hold a career day for all school organizations
- Participate in Educators Rising Week
- Register for the Educators Rising National Conference

March
- Attend Future Educators Day at Idaho State University
- St. Patrick’s Day surprise for teachers
- Community Easter egg hunt

April
- Debrief Future Educators Day event
- Plan activities for teacher appreciation week
- Plan activities for national teacher day

May
- Teacher appreciation week activities
- National teacher day activities
- End of year social

June
- Prepare for national competitions
- Attend the national conference

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SUPPORT & RESOURCES

There are many resources readily available to assist you in your efforts. Below you will find a list of major resources to be used to support your Educators Rising Idaho chapter:

- School administration and counseling staff
- Educators Rising Idaho Advisors at other schools
- Idaho State University College of Education: isu.edu/education
- Educators Rising National Organization: educatorsrising.org
- YouthTEACH2Learn: tomorrow.org/programs/yt2l.html
- Careers in education: teacher.org
- CAEP: caepnet.org

FUTURE EDUCATORS DAY

The culminating event each year for Educators Rising Idaho students is the opportunity to visit Idaho State University for Future Educators Day. Future Educators Day is a day-long initiative hosted by Idaho State’s College of Education. The objective is to provide students with opportunities to explore a career in teaching, as well as experience other aspects of college life. The event is for students who attend a school that is chapter-affiliated with Educators Rising Idaho. The Future Educators Day experience includes:

- Entry-level college classroom experiences facilitated by COE and other university faculty and K-12 teachers
- Classroom planning and management from the educator’s perspective
- Instruction of elementary, secondary early childhood, and special education concepts
- Current student-led panel and discussion of education and university life
- Personal, scholastic, and professional exploration and growth
- Practice teaching and learn classroom management skills
- Presentations on college planning, scholarships, admission, and financial aid
- Idaho State University campus tour

Advisors and EdRising Idaho students who have been active participants in their chapter throughout the year are encouraged to attend. The goal is that each chapter will be able to cover some of the costs associated with participating in Future Educators Day through their fundraising efforts throughout the year. By doing this, students will better appreciate their Future Educators Day experience because they will have played a part in helping facilitate the event.
By providing students this opportunity to experience teaching, an interest in the profession may be sparked which can lead students to Idaho State’s College of Education. Of the 75 students who attended the 2016 event, about 60% of the high school seniors matriculated into Idaho State University and are currently education majors. The success of Future Educators Day has spread throughout the area resulting in more interested high schools and students the following year.

Over 200 students representing 15 area high schools attended the 2018 and 2019 Future Educators Day. Of the high school seniors that attended these events, about 30% matriculated to Idaho State. The College of Education plans to continue this event each year and appreciates your support in helping interested EdRising Idaho students attend.

This relationship will become mutually beneficial to students and Idaho State’s College of Education. EdRising Idaho students come to the College of Education seeking teacher certification and may then return to their communities to begin their teaching careers. These students can then give back as professional educators to their local Educators Rising Idaho chapters and make a difference in the lives of future EdRising Idaho students. Idaho State’s College of Education continues to take a leading role in creating a new generation of teachers for Idaho schools by helping to fill the “teacher pipeline” and addressing the teacher shortage.

**EDUCATORS RISING**

Educators Rising exists to help you guide your students toward a high-quality, hands-on exploration of teaching. As a national network, we are able to build resources and create connections that can significantly boost your impact day-in and day-out and help you avoid “reinventing the wheel.”

Educators Rising resources are designed to be integrated directly into elective courses and Career Technical Education (CTE) programs of study or used in extracurricular programs. Whether your program is co-curricular or extracurricular, these resources have been carefully crafted and curated to help students take their first steps on the path to great teaching.
EdRising is a powerful and cost-effective way to prepare students for college and careers and is a meaningful investment in a community’s future teaching workforce. Students who become members of EdRising enjoy many advantages that will assist them in learning more about the teaching profession as well as helping them achieve their goal. Some of the opportunities include:

- Participate in field trips to local schools and Idaho State University
- Listen to speakers on the teaching profession
- Receive college planning assistance
- Benefit from scholarship opportunities
- Be part of a national network of like-minded individuals

Educators Rising exists to help guide future educators toward a high quality, hands-on exploration of teaching. Through Educators Rising, students will become members of the EdRising national network and will benefit from the resources available. Joining the national network costs only $10 for students to access all resources and opportunities while Teacher Leaders are always free. Educators Rising has developed seven standards that define what high school students need to know and be able to do to take their first steps on the path to accomplished teaching. The standards consist of:

- Standard I: Understanding the Profession
- Standard II: Learning About Students
- Standard III: Building Content Knowledge
- Standard IV: Engaging in Responsive Planning
- Standard V: Implementing Instruction
- Standard VI: Using Assessment and Data
- Standard VII: Engaging in Reflective Practice

EdRising members have the opportunity to learn more about these standards and engage in professional development activities that help develop competency in each standard. The standards serve to guide future teachers as they strive to understand major concepts, develop educator mindsets, and practice their skills.

See Appendix O: EdRising Informational Flyer
EDUCATORS RISING MEMBERSHIP PORTAL

EdRising members benefit from all the resources available through the Educators Rising national organization. Educators Rising offers a dynamic, online community for students and teacher leaders. Some of the resources available through this site include videos of National Board Certified Teachers in action, original content to help students develop teaching skills, and resources to help students prepare for college.

Through the Educators Rising Membership Portal, students have the opportunity to complete performance-based assessments. Through these assessments, students demonstrate their development of the skills, knowledge, and dispositions embedded in the Educators Rising Standards. By receiving these digital badges, students boost their resumes and showcase their growing skills.

EdRising members can take advantage of the Educators Rising Membership Portal by creating an educator profile through the Educators Rising website. A valid email address is needed to sign up. When signing up, the student will select their school, which will connect him/her to their chapter.

The Educators Rising advisor must then login and approve each student’s application, which will then grant the student access to the available resources. Idaho State’s College of Education liaison will approve new EdRising chapters and this will link the chapter with all of the other Idaho State-Educators Rising affiliated high schools in the area. This interconnected network will provide EdRising members from across Idaho the ability to network with each other and exchange ideas. Returning students will need to update their existing profiles by logging in at the beginning of each school year to stay connected to their chapter.

TEACHER LEADER COMMUNITY

EdRising Idaho Advisors can connect with other peers through the Educators Rising Membership Portal and have access to many powerful program resources. Here, advisors will find a variety of co-curricular resources and activities used by teachers across the country. There are also resources to support chapter growth including templates, best practices for marketing, activity planning, fundraising, and discussion boards to ask questions or share ideas.
WEBINARS

EdRising Idaho members will have the opportunity to participate in live webinars through the Educators Rising website. Students will be able to learn more about the teaching profession and be inspired by education experts from across the nation. These webinars are offered monthly and range in a variety of topics from classroom management skills to the latest trends in education.

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Educators Rising competitions offer developing educators exciting, authentic opportunities to measure their creativity, skills, and initiative against their peers from across the country. EdRising members can participate in a variety of competitions in many different educator preparation fields including science, arts, language, math, and business. Idaho is working to develop a regional and state-wide competition to use as preliminary rounds for the Educators Rising National Conference.

NATIONAL CONFERENCES

EdRising Idaho members can work towards attending the yearly Educators Rising National Conference. Students from across the country compete for national titles in more than 20 competitive events, connect and learn from each other through breakout workshops, and are inspired by keynote presentations from education leaders. At the national conference, students can implement the skills and competencies they developed throughout the school year to compete for prizes and scholarship money. Registration dates and other important conference information can be found on the Educators Rising website.

SCHOLARSHIPS

There are scholarship opportunities for Educators Rising Idaho members through Educators Rising, an organization sponsored by Phi Delta Kappa (PDK) International. The PDK Educational Foundations awards more than 30 scholarships each year to rising educators. The annual deadline to apply for Prospective Educator Scholarships is April 1. Application information and directions can be found on the Educators Rising website.
MOVING FORWARD

All of us in Idaho State’s College of Education want to make your Educators Rising Idaho chapter experience as positive as possible. Please feel free to share any ideas, questions, concerns, or comments so that we may better serve your chapter needs. We appreciate your efforts in providing our future educators with the mentoring and support they need to pursue their career aspirations. The result will be a pipeline of accomplished teachers, poised to make a lasting difference in the lives of their students and in the field of education. We look forward to working with you!

REFERENCES


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