Affiliate Existing Program

I already have a course (or courses) that introduce students to teaching and education. Is Educators Rising an add-on? Do I have to switch my curriculum?

No … and … no! If you already have a cocurricular program of study in place, Educators Rising is a way for you to extend and amplify the learning that is already happening. The opportunities and content offered through the EdRising Virtual Campus can be incorporated into your classroom as supplemental resources for you and your students.

Though there are opportunities for your students to engage in Educators Rising outside of the typical school day — through attending conferences or participating in competitions — it’s not an “add-on” or afterschool club. The bottom line is we want to help students have substantive opportunities to try out teaching, and that occurs best when woven into a structured, cocurricular program.

What is the benefit of affiliating my existing program?

By affiliating your program with Educators Rising, you will expand the learning opportunities available to you and your students. Through Educators Rising, your students have access to:

- The EdRising Virtual Campus, a dynamic, free online community with videos and original content to help them become great teachers;
- The Educators Rising National Conference;
- Competitive events where they can demonstrate the development of their teaching craft and gain national recognition;
- Scholarships;
- Online events where they can connect with nationally renowned education leaders; and
- The Educators Rising Honor Society.
You’ll also get access to the private Teacher Leader Community within the EdRising Virtual Campus, which offers:

- Curricular materials that you can infuse into your course;
- Program resources to support learning activities available through Educators Rising; and
- Opportunities to connect with peer teacher leaders and experts.

What courses does Educators Rising have resources to support?
Any course on teaching and learning can be enhanced with resources found on the EdRising Virtual Campus. Our text and multimedia materials are anchored in the InTASC Model Core Teaching Standards developed by the Council of Chief State School Officers and are applicable to any course where the purpose is to introduce students to the teaching profession.

Can Educators Rising be part of my school’s CTE program?
Yes. Educators Rising is a board member of the National Coordinating Council of Career and Technical Student Organizations (NCC-CTSO) and is integral to CTE programs of study in the Education & Training career cluster. Many states allocate Perkins funds to support Educators Rising programs; it’s a wise investment given our current teacher recruitment crisis.

We want to participate but our program is extracurricular. Are we allowed to affiliate with Educators Rising?
Of course! Educators Rising is committed to creating quality opportunities for high school students to pursue careers in education and helping them develop their teaching craft. Though we believe cocurricular pathways are most effective at providing sustained clinical experience, we support educators who are interested in using Educators Rising resources to help students explore the profession in thoughtful and rigorous ways.

I was part of the Future Educators Association. How is this different?
With the evolution to Educators Rising, we’ve shifted our focus to offer a dramatically expanded set of resources to help students develop their teaching skills and navigate the journey to becoming a great teacher. This includes more support for you, the teacher!

By taking what was great about FEA and expanding on it, we are raising the bar for what aspiring teachers know and are able to do. In addition to doing away with national dues, we are offering a suite of new resources — like the EdRising Virtual Campus, an online community that provides cutting-edge opportunities for connecting and learning; a more robust national conference; expanded national competitions; and opportunities for you and your students to connect with national education leaders. It’s so much more than just a name change!
I’m fired up! How do I get Educators Rising started in my school?
Whether you are embedding Educators Rising into your cocurricular program or starting up an extracurricular group, it is easy — and free! — to affiliate with the Educators Rising network in 2015-2016. The teacher leader who is facilitating the course should register via the EdRising Virtual Campus. (It’s as simple as filling out a Facebook profile.) Through this process, the teacher can affiliate your school as an official Educators Rising site.

Who are Educators Rising teacher leaders?
When we say “teacher leader,” we mean you. Educators Rising teacher leaders are passionate, skilled teachers have joined the Educators Rising network and are paying forward their skills and expertise to the next generation.

Once I register, how do I get my students to affiliate with Educators Rising?
Each of your students will register himself or herself by creating profile in the EdRising Virtual Campus. This will add your students to our official roster and give them access to all resources and opportunities that Educators Rising offers.

What funding will I need to run an Educators Rising chapter?
There is no cost to join Educators Rising or start a chapter. Some states charge state dues. Field trips, conference registration, and merchandise have costs for which chapters may fundraise or use local funding streams.

Does my state have an Educators Rising coordinator and/or state dues?
Many states do. Find out if your state has a state director and if your state has a separate state dues collection process. There are no national dues for joining Educators Rising through the EdRising Virtual Campus.