Joining the Network: Frequently Asked Questions  
(For Teachers/Administrators Starting a New Program)

Starting a New Program

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 chapter.

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.

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.

My school doesn’t offer a teacher-related CTE pathway. Can I still start an  
Educators Rising chapter?  
Yes. Educators Rising has resources and opportunities to support cultivating  
highly skilled educators, regardless of the structure of the program. Non-CTE  
elective courses can be highly effective, and some extracurricular models provide  
quality experiences for aspiring educators.

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.

**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 a 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 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.

**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.

**How can I learn about other schools or districts that are running successful Educators Rising programs?**
The Teacher Leader Community in the EdRising Virtual Campus is a safe space for sharing, asking questions, and building professional relationships with your peers and counterparts around the country. As of June 2015, there were 14,500 members and 800 schools in the Future Educators Association network, which has now transitioned to become Educators Rising.