

#### **Educators Rising Arizona**

Educators Rising Arizona is a Career and Technical Student Organization dedicated to ensuring that the future is full of high quality educators starting in high school. EdRising Arizona provides students with the opportunities to take what they learn in their Early Childhood Education and Education Professions classes and apply them in relevant, scenario based competitions at the annual State Leadership Conference. Educators Rising Arizona also offers multitude of professional development opportunities for students who aspire to enter education by providing them with engaging breakout sessions centered around best teaching practices and leadership development.

#### Who can belong to this organization?

Any student who is enrolled in an Education Professions or Early Childhood Development class can join EdRising. In classrooms throughout the country, students form their own chapters and elect officers. Here in Arizona, EdRising is a crucial part of a successful Education Professions or Early Childhood Education program. Fully supported by the Department of Education and a long-time partner of Career and Technical Education, EdRising Arizona allows teachers to bring the classroom to the real-world. Our trainings, conferences, and resources make EdRising Arizona a natural fit for your Education Professions or Early Childhood Education program!

# Attention Administrators

Why should school districts support Educators Rising? First of all, CTSO's are a required part of many funding applications with Career and Technical Education programs. Since these programs must have a CTSO associated with them, let's take a look at all the reasons why administration should support EdRising.

- --> It's inexpensive. We're not your average career-readiness program. Educators Rising is easy to implement without significant investment in overhead costs or equipment. You already have the assets you need to make it successful: the talent, passion, and opportunity!
- --> It's an investment. You can "grow your own"! Our programs are a long-term investment in your district's education workforce over 60% of teachers work at schools less than 20 miles from where they grew up. Your district's human resources department is aware of this need to grow your own future teachers. Make the connection to EdRising to help meet this need.
- --> It's a leadership opportunity. Our programs offer the most talented, experienced teachers in you district a meaningful opportunity to show leadership without leaving the classroom by having an EdRising chapter and mentoring the next generation of educators.

## Twelve Scholarships tied to Competitive Events

Children's Literature K-3 - Northern Arizona University \$7,000
Children's Literature Pre-K - Northern Arizona University \$7,000
E-Portfolio - Northern Arizona University \$7,000
Early Childhood Language & Literacy - Northern Arizona University \$7,000
Early Childhood Instructional Support - Northern Arizona University \$7,000
Spotlight on Special Education - Arizona Dept. of Education \$1,000
Public Speaking - Grand Canyon University \$2,500
Educators Rising Leadership Award - Grand Canyon University \$5,000
Educators Rising Moment - Grand Canyon University \$5,000
Creative Lecture (TED talk) - Grand Canyon University \$2,500
Lesson Planning & Delivery STEM - Grand Canyon University \$2,500
Job Interview - Grand Canyon University \$2,500





# **Engaging Students in Opportunities**

- --> Fall Leadership Conference
- --> State Leadership Conference
- --> Competitive Events
- --> National Competitions
- --> National Conference
- --> Micro-credentials with digital badges
- --> Honor Society
- --> Scholarships
- --> Leadership Opportunities as a State or National Officer
- --> EdRising Virtual Campus
- --> Adapting leadership and public speaking skills
- --> Building a resume and portfolio
- --> Work-based learning experiences
- --> Mentor/Mentee relationship
- --> Hands-on experience







#### **Grow Your Own!**

More than 60% of teachers currently teach within 20 miles of where they attended high school. Communities depend on homegrown teachers. Despite this fact, it is striking that 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 to allow them to explore the profession, gain hands-on experience in the classroom and cultivate identities as young educators.

# Why are Educators Rising Teacher Leaders invaluable?

Administrators can show their appreciation for strong teachers by asking them to be a teacher leader. Teacher leaders are often times the most effective teachers in the building. These effective teachers will make great role models for our rising educators. Through Educators Rising, you can help shape the future of teaching and advance you own career. You, more than anyone else, know how rewarding and inspiring teaching can be - and how challenging. As an experienced educator, your best teachers have a unique opportunity to mentor aspiring teachers and offer invaluable insight into the profession.

### Starting an EdRising Chapter

Starting an EdRising Chapter is easy! Educators Rising's competitive events are aligned with Education Professions and Early Childhood Standards making it even easier for teachers to implement a CTSO into their daily lessons! If you have a teacher for a new or existing Early Childhood Development or Education Professions program, you need to start an EdRising Chapter! Check out our website at www.edrisingaz.org to download our Step-by-Step Guide to Starting a Chapter.

Without our fantastic teacher leaders and wonderful students, our organization would not be as strong as it is today. One way to keep us strong is to increase our state's membership each year. Educators Rising Arizona looks forward to working with all of you!



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