EdRising Academy

Attracting the Next Generation of Skilled Teachers

EdRising 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. EdRising 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. 

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.

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 “Aspiring to Teach” Micro-credential system. Interns submit portfolios of artifacts — such as classroom videos, work they produce in their classrooms under the guidance of a cooperating teacher. Allowing students to gain real-world experience and practice and reﬁne their teaching practice in a context of the Academy program.

Implementation Support

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

Bringing the EdRising Academy to Your State, District, or School Today.

The EdRising Academy program 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 how 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.

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The EdRising Academy program and Educators Rising's micro-credentials are made possible through partnerships with the National Education Association, American Federation of Teachers, Digital Promise, and National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

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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.

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Clinical Experience

Educators Rising 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 in a context of the Academy program.

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