

**FEBRUARY  
2026**



# Happy Educators Rising Week!

## February 2-6th

**Celebrate Educators Rising with your Students** and recruit the next generation of educators.

This is the time to recruit for next year. Showcase what you and your students are doing in the Education Pathway within your school district.

- Are you teaching the courses dual credit?
- Are you partnering with your elementary and intermediate schools so high school students get field experience?
- Do teachers in your district know how they can help the education pathway program?
- Ask your students to create recruitment materials
- Ask your students to create a video/presentation to share with your school board and/or on social media
- Host “Twin with your favorite teacher” day
- Have your education pathway students recognize the teachers that inspired them to become a teacher
- Treat your education pathway students one day to celebrate the week!

## State Conference Information

**Agenda for State Conference-** [link](#)  
**Competition and Contest times-** [link](#)

The competition and Contest times are tentative. **We are still looking for 4 more judges.** If you have any administrators that can come and judge please reach out to [amitchell@nedubois.k12.in.us](mailto:amitchell@nedubois.k12.in.us)

We are asking students who are not 1<sup>st</sup> to be judged to arrive 10 minutes prior to their assigned time incase the judges are ready a head of time. There will be chairs outside each room for the students to sit and wait. All students that have prescore items that are not digital need to be turned in by 8:50am February 13<sup>th</sup>. \*\*The next page gives you reference for what needs to be submitted before hand.

Each School attending the state conference will need to identify a student delegate to vote for the state officers as well as the [Indiana Educators Rising Constitution and Bylaws](#). Please have your students select the schools student delegate. PLease fill out this [Google form](#) with your schools delegate.

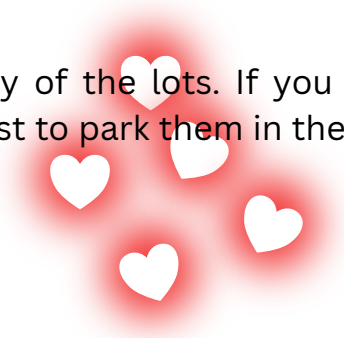
Please have your members read over the constitution and bylaws and provide your delegate with input. If they would like to see any changes the delegate will need to bring that up during discussion and make a motion if necessary. (This will take place during the lunch business meeting.)

Parking info:

The gym is in the Ruxer Student Center which is at 866 College Avenue. (Building 3 on map)

The rest of the rooms are in the Center for Technology, Innovation and Manufacturing building at 961 College Avenue. (Building 5 on map) These two buildings are about a football field's length apart.

All parking on the campus is free and people can park in any of the lots. If you are expecting students to arrive via school buses, it might be easiest to park them in the lot in front of the Ruxer Student Center.



## State Conference Prescored Material

Make sure to send all prescored material to Delayne Graham by Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>:  
dgraham@ista-in.org

- Children's Literature- statement of originality- \*\*Book will be turned in upon arrival at conference.
- Creative Lecture- Written copy of speech
- Educators Rising Leadership award- essay \*\*Artifacts will be turned in upon arrival at conference
- Educators Rising Moment- Written copy of speech
- Ethical Dilemma- Written analysis of the dilemma
- Exploring Ed Careers- All sections- Verification forms and interview forms
- Inside our Schools- Video
- Job Interview- Resume and Cover letter
- Lesson Planning & Delivery- All sections- Video and lesson plan
- Outstanding Chapter- \*\*Portfolio of documentation will be turned in upon arrival at conference
- Public Service Announcement- Video
- Public Speaking- Written copy of speech
- Researching Learning Challenges- Paper
- Interactive Bulletin Board- Summary sheet
- Project Visualize- Service Project- Summary sheet
- Teacher Created Material- Summary Sheet

## National Conference information:

### **Students Qualifying for Nationals:**

Teacher leaders and students will know February 13<sup>th</sup> at the end of the conference!

Registration opens February 1<sup>st</sup>- be sure to be registered before April 6<sup>th</sup> to get the early bird discount.

Booking a hotel from the conference list gets you another discount as well as transportation passes for free.

Registration link: <https://educatorsrising.org/conference-registration/>

Hotel information: <https://educatorsrising.org/conference-hotel/>

Teacher leaders- We will have a zoom on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 EST

Here is the zoom link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73301066318?pwd=uJ9mtVRNXZqN22w9qr29L2yrbRVleN.1>

**\*\*Agenda for zoom:** Indiana hotel, Registration

National Ed Rising Conference quick glance:

June 19- 1pm State officer meeting

June 20- 1-7pm Competitions, College Fair, Breakout sessions

June 21- 8am-7pm Competitions, Break out sessions

June 22- 8-12pm Competitions, Breakout sessions

June 23- 10-12:30pm- Closing Session and awards- Breakfast provided

Link for tenative agenda

## Advisor Updates

- **Chapter Leader Handbook!**
  - PDK has released a new guide to help advisors and chapter officers build, recruit, lead, fundraise, and much more.
  - Advisors - the link to the PDF is on the Educators Rising webpage - Educators Rising High School Resources-Teacher Leader Resources-Quick links.
- **Scholarships**
  - PDK student scholarships opened December 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - The link to the scholarships will be on the Educators Rising website, under student and teacher resources.

### National Signing Event

Each year, Educators Rising celebrates upcoming high school graduates who have committed to pursuing a postsecondary degree in education by encouraging them to participate in an Educators Rising National Signing Day at the local level.

The 2026 Educators Rising National Signing Day is on May 5, 2026!

Teacher leaders can print out customizable template certificates (found in the Teacher Leader Resources section of the Member Portal) for each student. Then, students will gather and sign the certificate to celebrate their commitment to the education profession. Take pictures, share them on social media, tag @educatorsrising and use #FutureEducator and #EdRising.

Following these local events, each year at the Educators Rising National Conference, a ceremony is held for all seniors in attendance to sign national certificates. Learn more on your Membership Portal.

### Important Dates:

- February 1 - National Educators Rising Conference registration opens
- February 2 - Student pre-scored items for state conference due
- February 13 - State Conference-VUJC Jasper, IN
- April 6 - National Educators Rising Conference: early-bird registration closes
- May 5- Educators Rising National Signing Day
- June 20-23 - National Educators Rising Conference in Portland, OR

