EDUCATORS RISING

NEWSLETTER

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EDUCATORS RISING ILLINOIS

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

- Annual Conference Save the Date
- Looking for past Newsletters, find them here!
- Request a speaker for an upcoming event! Speaker Request Form
- Educators Rising Nationals Annual Calendar

FALL REGIONAL EVENTS - REGISTRATION IS OPEN

NOVEMBER 13, 2026

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL

Registration Link

Registration Deadline: October 8

Event Questions: Maeve Kirk, maeve.kirk@siu.edu

NOVEMBER 17, 2026

Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

Registration Link

Registration Deadline: October 21

Event Questions: Kate Swope, kswope@niu.edu

HAPPY NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR!

Membership in the Educators Rising Middle/High School division runs annually, following the academic year from July through June, and must be renewed each year to stay active. Teacher Leader and Middle School student memberships are free. High School student membership is $25.

Please remember to update your membership rosters regularly so they stay current. This information is essential: we rely on accurate, up to date rosters when applying for grant funding and when tracking data as a Career and Technical Student Organization.

Thank you so much for keeping your rosters current, and for everything you do to support the next generation of our profession!

Sign-up for Educators Rising Membership

Check your School Roster

Please feel free to reach out to Educators Rising at info@educatorsrising.org, with any membership or roster questions!!

CHAPTER ENGAGEMENT IDEAS

- Check out the new Teacher Leader Handbook
- Monthly Service Project Ideas can be found here!
- Have a new teacher leader? Find the Teacher Leader Orientation here!
- Access your Educators Rising Road Map (and print it out to hang in your classroom) here!
- Need some fundraising ideas? Here you go!
- Access Teaching Channel Videos here!

ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Competition Date: March 8, 2027

Location: DeGarmo Hall, Illinois State University

- Registration opens October 15th and will close January 24th
- Competitions include Job Interview, Ed Rising Moment, Children's Literature and Lesson Planning & Delivery
- **NEW THIS YEAR!** Teacher Leader Competition Guide
- The 2027 State Competitions Teacher Leader Guide is your go to reference for preparing students for the Educators Rising Illinois State Competitions. Inside, teacher leaders will find eligibility guidelines along with registration and waitlist links. The guide covers all four competitions, with a summary, languages offered, presentation format, what to bring, and Junior Varsity and Varsity rubrics for each.

Conference Date: March 9, 2027

Location: Bone Student Center, Illinois State University

- Conference Registration opens on October 15th and will close on February 15th
- Cost per individual will be $15
- Interested in presenting a breakout session? Submit an RFP here!
- Would you like to host a vendor table or be a competition judge? Fill out our Interest Form!

STUDENT T-SHIRT DESIGN COMPETITION



Calling all Illinois Educators Rising students! Show off your creativity and design this year's official conference t-shirt. This competition is a chance to celebrate the incredible creativity of aspiring educators from every corner of Illinois, and to put your talent on display for the entire Educators Rising community. Your design should capture the spirit of Illinois Educators Rising and celebrate our community of future teachers.

The winning design will be printed on t shirts for every attendee at the Annual Conference in March, and the winning student will be recognized for their work. By submitting a design, students grant Illinois Educators Rising and IEA permission to print, reproduce, and use the winning design for the conference and future promotional materials. Get creative and submit your design today. We can't wait to see what you come up with!

Submissions are due on December 1st

SUBMIT YOUR DESIGN TODAY!

TEACHER LEADER QUICK LINKS

- Teacher Leader Handbook
- Illinois Educators Rising Past Newsletters
- Join the Teacher Leader Facebook Group
- Request a speaker for an upcoming event! Speaker Request Form
- Additional program information can be found on our website!

IMPORTANT ED RISING ILLINOIS DATES

- August 1 – November 1: Fall recruitment open, don't forget to Register Members!
- October 15: Illinois Ed. Rising Competition Registration Opens
- October 15: Educations Rising Illinois Annual Conference Registration Opens
- November 13: Educators Rising Southern Regional Event, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
- November 17: Educators Rising Norther Regional Event, Northern Illinois University
- December 1: Last day to submit a design for the conference t-shirt contest. Submit your design today!
- December 1 – February 1: Spring recruitment opens, don't for to Register Members!
- December 15: Last day to submit an RFP for the Annual State Conference
- January 24: Last day to register for Illinois Ed. Rising Competitions
- February 15: Last day to register for the Illinois Ed. Rising Annual Conference
- March 8: Illinois State Competition Day, Illinois State University
- March 9: Educators Rising Illinois Annual Conference, Illinois State University

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

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