



**EDUCATORS
RISING**

COMPETITION OVERVIEW

Changes for 2025



Point spread changes
for most competitions



All competitions now
have a prescored
component



DISCONTINUED
Impromptu Speaking



General guidelines
changes

- Added normalization expectations
- Added statement to ban the use of AI
- Added inquiry period following release of the scoring rubrics



Specific guidelines
changes

Competitions vs. Contest

COMPETITIONS

- Score against a rubric and compare performances of each student against their peers.
- Only the top 10 places are recognized
Only the top 3 receive medals or trophies
 - Medals are awarded for individual or dual competitions
 - Trophies are awarded for team competitions

CONTESTS

- Score against a rubric of excellence for a total score
- Ribbons will be awarded to students in each category in each division with scores as follows:
 - o Blue-Scores 98-100
 - o Red-Scores 94-97
 - o White-Scores 90-93
- Can have multiple students who receive the top scores



Types of competitions

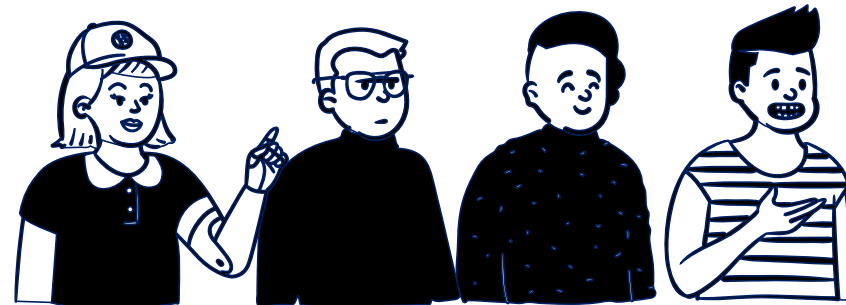
- Individual – only one student



- Individual (Dual) – may consist of one student or two students.



- Team – must consist of at least two students and no more than four students.



Participant levels

4 Levels of participation

- Middle School level — Grades 7, 8
- High School Junior Varsity level — Grades 9, 10
- High School Varsity level — Grades 11, 12
- Collegiate level – Undergraduates only

Not all competitions are open to all divisions.

- Teams consisting of students from varying grade levels will be placed in the division for the grade level of the most senior member.



Competitions by level – Middle School

Children's Literature – K-3
Children's Literature - K-3 Spanish
Children's Literature – Pre-K
Children's Literature - Pre-K Spanish
Creative Lecture (TED Talk)
Educators Rising Moment
Educators Rising Moment - Spanish
Exploring Education Administration
Careers

Exploring Non-Core Subject Teaching
Careers
Exploring Support Services Careers
Outstanding Chapter
Public Service Announcement - Teacher
Recruitment
Public Speaking



Competitions by level – High School

Children's Literature – K-3
Children's Literature - K-3 Spanish
Children's Literature – Pre-K
Children's Literature - Pre-K Spanish
Creative Lecture (TED Talk)
Educators Rising Leadership Award
Educators Rising Moment
Educators Rising Moment - Spanish
Ethical Dilemma
Exploring Education Administration Careers
Exploring Non-Core Subject Teaching Careers
Exploring Support Services Careers
Inside Our Schools Presentation
Inside Our Schools Presentation – Spanish

Job Interview
Lesson Planning and Delivery – Arts
Lesson Planning and Delivery – Career and Technical Education
Lesson Planning and Delivery – Humanities
Lesson Planning and Delivery – Spanish Lesson Planning and Delivery – STEM
Outstanding Chapter
Public Service Announcement - Teacher Recruitment
Public Speaking
Researching Learning Challenges

Competitions by level – Collegiate

Children's Literature – Higher Ed

Creative Lecture (TED Talk)

Educators Rising Moment

Educators Rising Moment - Spanish

Ethical Dilemma

Outstanding Chapter

Public Service Announcement - Teacher Recruitment

Public Speaking

Researching Learning Challenges

*Available to all Aspiring
Educators who join
Educators Rising Collegiate.*



Contest by level

All levels are eligible to participate in all of the following contests:

- Interactive Bulletin Board – Elementary Classroom
- Interactive Bulletin Board – Middle/High School Classroom
- Project Visualize-Service Project
- Teacher Created Materials





Conditions and Limitations



Students must **first qualify in that given event at their state conference** before competing in that event at the Educators Rising National Conference



Students may **only compete in one national event**. Competitions/contests which are marked as individual or dual will be considered individual events for this purpose.



Teacher leaders may enter up **to two students per school in each individual event** per division and **one team for team events per division**.



Students must be paid Active-level student members of Educators Rising **no later than February 15th** of the year in which they are competing.

Competition Overview for Competitions *(Individual or Dual)-Closed to spectators*

- **Children's Literature (K-3, Pre-K, K-3 Spanish, Pre-K Spanish, Higher Ed)** – individual or dual
 - Student(s) write and illustrate a book. Book & statement of originality are pre-scored. Live presentation onsite will be reading book.
- **Educators Rising Leadership Award (TOP AWARD)** – individual (Varsity only)
 - Students complete a self-initiated service-learning project (40 hours) to benefit special needs. Must write an essay with artifacts which will be prescored. Live presentation on reflections of the experience.
- **Exploring Careers (Administration, Support Services, Non-Core Subject)** – individual
 - Student shadows someone in the field for 8 hours and interview them. Verification Form and Interview Questions will be pre-scored. Live presentation onsite will be on reflections of experience.

Competition Overview for Competitions *(Individual)-Closed to spectators*

- **Job Interview** – individual
 - Student submits resume and cover letter for posted position which will be prescored. Presentation will be a live interview with judges.
- **Lesson Planning & Delivery (Arts, CTE, Humanities, STEM, Spanish)** – individual
 - Student creates lesson plan, record themselves teaching the lesson to a class. The lesson plan and video will be prescored. Live presentation onsite will be on reflections of the experience.

Competition Overview for Competitions *(Individual)-Open to spectators*

- **Creative Lecture** – individual
 - Student will prepare a 4-6 minute speech on a pre-assigned prompt. They may use a slide deck by not other props or materials including notes. A copy of the speech will be uploaded at the time of application. The speech mechanics will be prescored.
- **Educators Rising Moment (English and Spanish)** – individual
 - Student will prepare a 3-4 minute speech on why they aim to pursue a career in education. They may use one side of up to five 4x6 index cards. A copy of the speech will be uploaded at the time of application. The speech mechanics will be prescored.
- **Public Speaking** – individual
 - Student will prepare a speech of 400-600 words (3-5 minutes) on a pre-assigned prompt. They may use one side of up to five 4x6 index cards. A copy of the speech will be uploaded at the time of application. The speech mechanics will be prescored.

These competitions are open to spectators.

Competition Overview for Competitions (TEAM*)-Closed to spectators

- **Ethical Dilemma** – team
 - Team considers the presented ethical issue and forms an opinion on how the situation should be handled. Team members will create a 200–400-word written analysis which will be prescored. Live presentation onsite will cover the decision and how the team reached the decision.
- **Inside Our Schools (English and Spanish)** – team
 - Team creates a short video on an innovative strategy being used in their school or district. Video will be prescored. Live presentation onsite will show the video and provide a description and context.
- **Outstanding Chapter** – team
 - Team will compile several artifacts from their chapter activities throughout the year showing their engagement in Educators Rising and the community. The artifacts will be prescored. Live presentation on reflections of the experience.

***TEAM must consist of at least two students and no more than four students.**

Competition Overview for Competitions (TEAM*)-Closed to spectators

- **Public Service Announcement – Teacher Recruitment** – team
 - Team creates a creative, multimedia video clip designed to elevate the image of teaching by communicating the value of the profession. Video will be prescored. Live presentation onsite will show the video and provide a description and context.
- **Researching Learning Challenges** – team
 - Team will produce a research-supported position paper and presentation to explain and to advocate for positive practices in schools to support students who have been diagnosed with learning disabilities and receive special education services. Each year the competition will focus on a specific learning disability from one of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) fourteen disability categories. The research paper will be prescored. Live presentation onsite will cover the research.

***TEAM must consist of at least two students and no more than four students.**

Contests

(Individual or Dual)

Open to all divisions

Summary sheet is pre-scored.

Interactive Bulletin Board (Elementary & Middle/High School)

- Student(s) will prepare an interactive display board and an oral presentation introducing the display and summarizing how it could be used in a classroom setting to teach a lesson.

Teacher Created Materials

- Student(s) will create their own materials to use to implement a lesson and facilitate the students' achievement of the objectives. This may include materials such as flip charts, board games, folder games, puppets, lap books, etc. Presentation will display materials created and explain how they will be used to enhance learning.

Project Visualize Service Project

- Student(s) will take part in a service project and then will write a summary paper on the project and create a bulletin board highlighting the activity and outcomes. Presentation will a walkthrough of the display and include information from the project summary.

How to apply for National Competitions

Download and review the full national competition guidelines and rubrics.

Guidelines can be found on the National Competition page in the resource section of the EdRising Membership Portal. Only paid national members are permitted to log into the membership portal.

Complete the online application, upload any required documents/video links, and submit by the stated deadline. Application links are found on the National Competitions page in the resources section of the EdRising Membership Portal.

Register to attend the Educators Rising National Conference.

All national conference information, including how to register, can be found on the Educators Rising National website. Registration fees must be paid prior to attending the conference.

Find out when you are scheduled to compete onsite.

Competition schedules will be posted in the EdRising Membership Portal one month prior to the conference. Competitors should plan to stay through the awards ceremony at the end of the conference.

Awards Distribution

Sunday, June 29, 2025

During awards celebration
10:00 AM 12:30 PM



Questions?

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