



**EDUCATORS
RISING**

COMPETITION OVERVIEW

Educators Rising National Conference

The Educators Rising National Conference is an extraordinary event where students convene from across the nation in celebration of a common interest in the world of P-12 education. This guide provides you insight into the competitions and contests at our National Conference across four different participant levels.



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Competitions vs. Contests



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:
 - Blue-Scores 98-100
 - Red-Scores 94-97
 - White-Scores 90-93
- Can have multiple students who receive the top scores

Participant levels

4 LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION

1. **Middle School level** — Grades 7, 8
2. **High School Junior Varsity level** — Grades 9, 10
3. **High School Varsity level** — Grades 11, 12
4. **Collegiate level** – Undergraduates only

Not all competitions are open to all divisions.

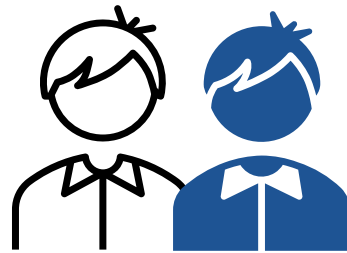
Teams consisting of students from varying grade levels will be placed in the division for the grade level of the most senior member.



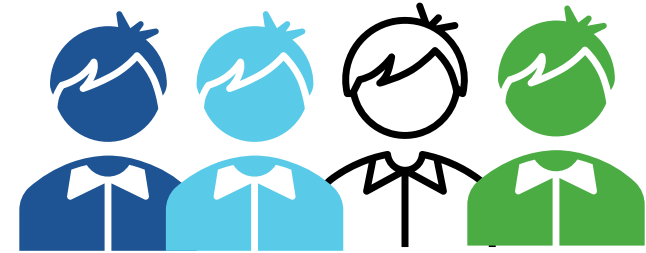
Competition Types



Individual



Individual (Dual)



Team

Individual-Dual types may consist of one or two students. Team competitions consist of at least two, and no more than four students.

Competitions by Level



Middle School Competitions

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
Impromptu Speaking
Outstanding Chapter
Public Service Announcement - Teacher
Recruitment
Public Speaking

High School Competitions

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
Impromptu Speaking

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

Collegiate Competitions

Children's Literature – Higher Ed
Creative Lecture (TED Talk)
Educators Rising Moment
Educators Rising Moment - Spanish
Ethical Dilemma
Impromptu Speaking
Outstanding Chapter
Public Service Announcement - Teacher Recruitment
Public Speaking
Researching Learning Challenges

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



Contests by Level

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

- Interactive Bulletin Board
- Project Visualize-Service Project
- Teacher Created Materials





Conditions and Limitations



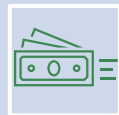
Students must first qualify in that given event at their state conference before competing in that event at the Educators Rising National Conference



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 with pre-scoring component (Individual or Dual)

- **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 will be prescored. Live presentation onsite will be reading book.
- **Exploring Careers** (Administration, Support Services, Non-Core Subject) – *individual*
 - Student shadows someone in the field for 8 hours and interview them. Interview questions and form will be prescored. Live presentation onsite will be on reflections of experience.
- **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 with pre-scoring component (Individual)

- **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. Live presentation on reflections of the experience.
- **Job Interview** – *individual*
 - Student submits resume and cover letter for posted position. Presentation will be a live interview with judges.

Competition Overview for Competitions with pre-scoring component (TEAM)

- **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.
- **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.

Competition Overview for Competitions No pre-score component (Individual)

- **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. This competition is open to spectators.
- **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. This competition is open to spectators.
- **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. This competition is open to spectators.

Competition Overview for Competitions

No pre-score component

- **Ethical Dilemma** – *team*
 - Team considers the presented ethical issue and forms an opinion on how the situation should be handled. Recorded presentation on cover the decision and how the team reached the decision.
- **Impromptu Speaking** – *individual*
 - Student will be given a prompt and have 10 minutes to prepare a 2-4 minute speech. They may use both sides of one 4x6 index card. This competition is closed to spectators.

Contests

(Individual or Dual)
Open to all
divisions

Summary sheet is pre-scored.

Interactive Bulletin Board

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.



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1st Place Varsity
Ethical Dilemma

3rd

2nd

1st Place Junior Varsity
Ethical Dilemma