WHAT CAN EDUCATORS RISING DO TO HELP YOU?
Educators Rising can help you start a Grow Your Own (GYO) program wherever you are, even if you are just getting started. Through Educators Rising, you can inspire students to become future educators!

WHAT DEFINES A GYO-ELIGIBLE PROGRAM?
A GYO program has a developed sequence of support and coursework that students can complete while in high school and transition into post-secondary institutions. GYO programs focus on encouraging students to explore education professions with the hope that they will come back to serve their own community.

WHAT COULD I BE DOING NOW?
• Conduct a needs assessment
• Know the strengths of your district/school
• Understand your organization’s priorities and goals
• Align needs and strengths to your goals
• Learn how with our “Growing the Teaching Profession: A Blueprint to Establishing a Place-Based Grow Your Own Program”

HOW DO I CREATE A STRONG GYO PROGRAM?
• Align the program’s purpose to your school/district goals
• Provide teachers with resources and materials
• Deliver what you promise
• Build upon efforts
• Leverage other funding sources

CAN I USE MULTIPLE FUNDING SOURCES?
Yes! You can easily braid multiple funding sources together and use them all at once. Keep in mind the limitations of each funding stream.
• View our latest webinar: Grow Your Own: Sustainable Funding for Educator Pathways. To view all of our past webinars, click here.
• Perkins funding is approved for GYO
• How can I sustain funding a GYO program? Here is guidance from the U.S. The Department of Education
PRIMARY SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR YOUR GYO PROGRAM

District Annual Budgeting
• Include GYO in your annual budget
• Understand your discretionary funding and whether it can be used for GYO
• Join forces with smaller surrounding school districts to form a coalition or co-op

Federal Funding
• Perkins V: Strengthening Career & Technical Education for the 21st Century
• Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
• Title I: Set-asides for school programs that support youth who are at risk of dropping out
• Title II: Adult education & family literacy
• Title III: Employment services
• Title IV: Supports for students with disabilities to enroll in higher levels of education
• Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER)
• American Rescue Plan (ARP)

State Funding
• Title IIA: Improving Teacher Quality State Grants
• State-level funding programs for professional development of educators and peer educators
• Title III: Language Instruction for English Learners & Immigrant Students
• Perkins V: Strengthening Career & Technical Education for the 21st Century

Philanthropy & Stakeholders
• Foundations (national, regional, and local) may provide seed money for pilot programs, or they may be interested in supporting programs or scholarships, especially during teacher shortages
• NEA State and Local Grant Opportunities

Local Funds: Be Creative!
• Bond initiatives
• Approach school boards and stakeholders for suggestions and support
• Identify and apply for local grants, which may support apprenticeships and residencies between districts and local Education Preparation Programs (EPPs)
• Build partnerships with the local community
• Use connections with students to help get the community on board by inviting parents and families to come observe and learn about your program

We are a GYO program and a Career & Technical Student Organization (CTSO). Who determines whether a program is a CTSO? CTSO status is a state-level decision. The federal government does not dictate what defines a CTSO.