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We’re changing the way kids get into teaching.

Most schools use Educators Rising to power their CTE program with support for a CTSO using these five components.

5C’s

- Chapters
- Curriculum
- Competitions
- Community
- Conference
Why is our solution relevant today?

The teacher shortage is real—but we can solve it.

- 55,000 vacancies
- 270,000 underqualified teachers
- 1.6B baby-boomers retiring
The teacher workforce does not reflect the diversity of the student population.
Educators Rising Curriculum

Educators Rising Standards

I. Understanding the Profession
II. Learning About Students
III. Building Content Knowledge
IV. Engaging in Responsive Planning
V. Implementing Instruction
VI. Using Assessments and Data
VII. Engaging in Reflective Practice
From an afterschool club—to a CTE program—to a national movement...

You can create a chapter today with just 1 teacher and 1 student.
Educators Rising is the foundation of your community’s solution.

1. Start an Educators Rising Chapter/CTSO Program
2. Fully implement 5Cs: Curriculum, Community, Capacity, Commitment, Continuity
3. HS Graduation Signing Day + College Guarantee
4. Higher Ed Relationships Dual Enrollment FAFSA & Funding Options
5. Enroll in an ERP with a Collegiate Model established to support paraprofessionals to achieve license
6. Practicum Teaching in Home District
7. Educators Rising Teachers Prepare to Mentor Future Educators
8. Students Graduate with Teaching Credential
9. Students begin work in home district
10. Educators Rising Chapter/CTSO Program
Grow Your Own is Powerful.

When districts reach out for hiring, they want to find candidates who were in Educators Rising, because they know that these students are that much more established than the standard new educator.

—Lindsey Jensen
2018 Illinois State Teacher of the Year