



CHAPERONE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

*2026 Educators Rising National Conference
June 20-23, 2026, in Portland, Oregon, at the Oregon Convention Center*

Educators Rising is a division of Phi Delta Kappa International, Inc. ("PDK"), a nonprofit organization with a mission to inspire and grow current and rising educators to become community leaders and advocates for high quality education. Educators Rising requires that responsible adults chaperone students participating in the 2026 Educators Rising National Conference. Each chaperone is required to complete a separate form. Under this agreement, the term "Chaperone" will apply to all Chaperones, Teacher Leaders, and any other adults who have been approved by their school, district, or institution to supervise and support Educators Rising students at the 2026 Educators Rising National Conference.

In consideration of Educators Rising allowing me and the student participants to participate in the 2026 Educators Rising National Conference, I, _____ (name of Chaperone) agree to the following:

1. I hereby warrant that I have the primary responsibility for the safety and welfare of the student participants in my care (the "Participants") for the duration of their participation in the 2026 Educators Rising National Conference (the "Program"), to be held at the June 20-23, 2026, in Portland, Oregon, at the Oregon Convention Center. In addition to the time of travel to and from the Program. I understand that Educators Rising will not supervise or chaperone the Participants and that this is my responsibility.
2. I will always keep copies of the Medical Emergency Forms of all the Participants with me during travel and the Program.
3. I will ensure the Participants' safety and well-being during the Program and travel to and from the Program. I willfully assume the responsibility and legal duty to ensure the Participants' safety during the Program and travel to and from the Program. I will identify and manage potential risks to the Participants and will bring any concerns or complaints to the Program organizers.
4. I will conduct daily health screening for all Participants before attending the 2026 Educators Rising National Conference activities. If any participant is experiencing any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, or test positive for COVID, they should not attend any of the Educators Rising conference events and should remain isolated from other Participants.
5. I will not consume alcohol or use illegal drugs (as classified under federal, state, or local laws, including marijuana), at any time for the duration of the conference.
6. I will not use tobacco products or electronic cigarettes in the conference meeting space.
7. I will not spend time alone with any Participant, away from other people. I will always keep track of the whereabouts of all the Participants and ensure that they are in a safe place. I will neither permit nor participate in behavior that is illegal, unsafe, or abusive.
8. I understand that I am prohibited from making any physical contact with any Participant.
9. If my Educators Rising students would like to use the hotel pool, I understand that it is my responsibility to supervise them and ensure their safety.

COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND LIABILITY WAIVER

Educators Rising has implemented protocols aimed at reducing the likelihood of the spread of the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) between participants and others attending the 2026 Educators Rising National Conference. These protocols are designed to be consistent with current guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), as well as comply with state and local directives. However, Educators Rising cannot guarantee that event participants will not be exposed to COVID-19 or other illnesses while participating in or attending the event.

Educators Rising requires all attendees and National Staff to comply with the safety precautions specified below. Any person disclosing or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, or knowingly exposed to the disease, will be refused admittance to the in-person 2026 Educators Rising National Conference. Any person refusing to comply with required health and safety protocols will be required to leave the 2026 Educators Rising National Conference at their own expense.

I specifically affirm and attest to the following,

- I will not attend the event if I (i) develop any symptoms of COVID-19, (ii) come in close contact with someone with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, (iii) have tested positive for COVID-19, or (iv) am diagnosed with COVID-19.
- I have not tested positive or presented any of the symptoms of COVID-19 listed below. I will not enter the conference area if experiencing any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. I acknowledge that common symptoms of COVID-19 include:
 - Fever (temperature of 100.4 F or higher)
 - Chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- While in attendance at the 2026 Educators Rising National Conference, I will make every effort to always maintain CDC-recommended hygiene procedures, including following the guidelines of frequent hand washing (or use of suitable hand sanitizer); avoiding touching my eyes, nose, and mouth in public places; and covering coughs or sneezes with a tissue or inside of the elbow.
- I confirm I will immediately quarantine and leave the 2026 Educators Rising National Conference area and notify National Educators Rising National Staff at info@educatorsrising.org if I or a student in my care, or someone we have been in close contact with is exposed to COVID-19, exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, or receives a positive COVID-19 test result.
- **Assumption of Risk:** The COVID-19 virus continues to spread from person-to-person contact and other means, and people reportedly can spread the disease without showing symptoms. Evidence has shown that COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illness and even death. Therefore, if I choose to participate in the 2026 Educators Rising National Conference, I may be exposing myself to or increasing my risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19, despite Educators Rising’s safety precautions. In exchange for being allowed to participate in the 2026 Educators Rising National Conference, I voluntarily agree to assume all risks and accept sole responsibility for any COVID-19 infection that may result from my participation in or attendance at the event.
- **Waiver of Lawsuit/Liability:** I hereby forever release, discharge, hold harmless, and covenant not to sue PDK, its directors, officers, volunteers, employees, agents, and representatives, of and from any claims associated with, arising from, or related to COVID-19 infection, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs, or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of Educators Rising, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after my participation in or attendance at the event.

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In signing this Chaperone Participation Agreement, I acknowledge the risk of COVID-19 transmission while I am participating in or attending the 2026 Educators Rising National Conference and further acknowledge that I am knowingly assuming that risk by participating in or attending an event. I further agree that I will comply with all protocols implemented by Educators Rising, the event's host hotel, the event's suppliers and partners, and those established by the CDC and state or local authorities. I hereby acknowledge that I have read this entire document, that I understand its terms, that I have signed it knowingly and voluntarily, and that I intend it to bind me, and anyone claiming on behalf of me.

Printed Name (Chaperone)

Signature

Date