



# EDUCATORS RISING

## **STUDENT CONSENT AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY FORM**

Event Name: 2026 Educators Rising National Conference

Event Location: Oregon Convention Center (Portland, Oregon)

Event Dates: June 20-23, 2026

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 invites the participation of individual students in the 2026 Educators Rising National Conference. Completion of this form is necessary for individuals to engage in Educators Rising activities on behalf of the organization.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- I hereby consent to participation in all activities of the 2026 Educators Rising National Conference ("the Program"), which will be held at Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon. I understand that the Oregon Convention Center does not run the Program.
- I understand, recognize, and acknowledge that this Program involves activities that may include the risk of accident, death, illness, physical or mental injuries, and property damage. It is my responsibility to ask questions about any aspect of Program activities that has not been explained to my satisfaction. I hereby voluntarily assume any and all risks, including injury to person and property, related to my participation in the Program.
- I understand that I may be asked to participate in recorded focus groups to gather data on the Educator Rising program's experience and assist with research to improve the program's implementation. My participation in the focus group(s) is completely voluntary and any responses will remain confidential. Data collected in focus groups will not be used to evaluate individual students or teachers. These focus groups may be conducted by PDK staff and/or a hired third party. Any results produced from focus groups will be de-identified and presented in aggregate.
- In consideration of Educators Rising allowing me to participate in the Program, I hereby FOREVER RELEASE PDK and its departments, officers, directors, board members, representatives, agents, volunteers, and employees from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, judgment, damages, expenses and costs (including attorneys' fees), including but not limited to claims of negligence, on account of personal injury, bodily injury, property damage, death, or accident of any kind sustained by me that arises out of or is related in any way to my participation in the Program.
- I hereby release to Educators Rising, and its video partner Teaching Channel and authorize Educators Rising and Teaching Channel to produce, reproduce, broadcast, and otherwise use, audio recordings, photos, videos, and other depictions, likenesses, or images of me, in any media form in connection with my attendance at or participation in the 2026 Educators Rising National Conference, without compensation, for an unlimited duration. I understand that images and video captured during the Program may be used in print publications, in online publications, in presentations, on websites, and on social media.

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## COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND LIABILITY WAIVER

Educators Rising has implemented protocols aimed at reducing the likelihood of 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 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 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 I am 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 EdRising Staff if I, or someone I 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 due to 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, 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 PDK, its employees, directors, officers, volunteers, 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 Consent and Release from Liability Form, 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/or 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 (Participant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**If the participant is not 18 years of age, the parent or legal guardian of the participant must sign below.** In exchange for my child or ward being allowed to participate in this conference sponsored by Educators Rising and as the custodial parent or legal guardian of the above-named individual, I hereby acknowledge that I have read the entire Parental Consent and Release from Liability Form document, that I fully understand its terms, that I have signed it knowingly and voluntarily, and that I intend it to bind me, the student, and anyone claiming on behalf of me or the student.

I further acknowledge that I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor identified above, with legal authority to sign this document.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name (Parent/Guardian)

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Signature

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Date