



CONSTITUTION

of

Educators Rising Arizona

ARTICLE I—NAME AND LOCATION

- Section 1: The name of the association shall be Educators Rising Arizona; hereinafter known as EdRising Arizona. Recognized chapters of the organization may not use any other acronyms or names to designate the organization, its chapters and/or members.
- Section 2: The physical headquarters for EdRising Arizona shall be located at the Arizona Department of Education in the Career and Technical Division located at 3300 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85012 and the official mailing address is 1535 W. Jefferson St., Bin #42, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

- Section 1: This association is an organization of students enrolled in an approved Education Professions or Early Childhood Education program, or college program functioning through local chapters and is member to the National Educators Rising Organization Charter. The purpose of Educators Rising is to further the welfare of its members through:
- A. Providing students with opportunities to explore professions in education as a career option.
 - B. Helping students gain a realistic understanding of the nature of education and the role of the teacher.
 - C. Coordinating information about teaching as a profession, employment opportunities, financial assistance options, and educational issues.
 - D. Providing leadership for the local chapters.
 - E. Providing a clearinghouse for information and activities.
 - F. Providing recognition and prestige through an association of local chapters.
 - G. Developing leadership abilities through participation in educational, vocational, civic, recreational, and social activities.
 - H. Creating enthusiasm for learning.
 - I. Promoting high standards in personal and professional ethics, workmanship, scholarship, and safety.
 - J. Developing the ability of students to plan together, organize, and carry out worthy activities and projects through the use of democratic process.
 - K. Developing progressive leadership that is competent, aggressive, self-reliant,



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and cooperative in the field of education.

- L. Being an integral part of the organized instructional standards in Education Professions and related career opportunities.
- M. Providing education related programs which will develop pride, responsibility, leadership, character, scholarship, citizenship, patriotism and human resources of the community.
- N. Encouraging and recognizing achievement in supervised educational programs, scholarship, leadership, and other individual and group activities by providing awards to deserving members and chapters.
- O. Providing opportunities to explore and experience higher education networking and transition strategies.
- P. Addressing teacher recruitment and retention issues with other educational agencies.

ARTICLE III—ORGANIZATION

- Section 1: EdRising Arizona is the state association that approves the local chapters of Educators Rising in the state of Arizona operating in accordance with the charter granted by the National Educators Rising.
- Section 2: EdRising Arizona is an association of students enrolled in an Education Professions (EP) and/or Early Childhood Education (ECE) classes or having completed an EP or ECE program or enrolled in college and pursuing an education career. Each chapter shall meet the following eligibility requirements for active membership:
- 1. Have an approved EP or ECE program or be a registered collegiate chapter
 - 2. Meet the academic standards required by the school for students to participate in extracurricular activities
 - 3. Complete the chapter registration form in its entirety and submit to the state office annually by the date set on the website.
 - 4. Complete all forms required by the State Office
 - 5. Pay the membership fees as set
- Section 3: Students enrolled in EP or ECE courses may meet, organize, adopt a constitution (not in conflict with the State or National constitutions), elect officers, set up a program of work, and then register as a chapter with the State Office.
- Sections 4: An advisory board composed of leaders from secondary and higher education representing various education institutions will be appointed by the State Director to provide counsel, advise, and assistance to EdRising Arizona in carrying out its functions. This group shall be referred to as the EdRising Arizona



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Advisory Board and shall meet no less than four (4) times per fiscal year.

1. The EdRising Arizona Advisory Board will be composed of 7-15 members and shall include the State Director of Educators Rising Arizona as the chairperson. The members may include representatives from:
 - a. A school district level position
 - b. A community college level position
 - c. A university level position
 - d. The Arizona Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services Division
 - e. A secondary education position
 - f. A state officer
 - g. A regional representative from National Educators Rising
 - h. Educators Rising Teacher Leaders
 - i. Other members as deemed necessary by the board
2. The EdRising Arizona Advisory Board shall be responsible for all matters related to the state association. Motions pass with the members present.
3. The board members will serve a two-year term with an extension of another two-year term upon board approval. Board seats will begin at contract date and end at the conclusion of the contract term. The President of the advisory board will serve a one-year term and may extend the terms upon board approval. Board roles and responsibilities and terms of resignation are outlined on the commitment form each board member signs upon the beginning of their term.

Section 5: The Executive Council shall be composed of the EdRising State Director, and the elected student officers of President, Vice President of Public/Media Relations, Vice President of Membership, Vice President of Correspondence, and Vice President of Training and Development.

Section 6: EdRising Arizona shall hold an annual state conference at a time and place established by the EdRising Arizona Advisory Board.

Section 7: The House of Delegates (students) shall meet at the annual state leadership conference to approve or disapprove amendments to the constitution and to elect state officers. Two (2) delegates from each active chapter will be represented. Those two delegates shall be selected by the Teacher Leaders.



ARTICLE IV— STUDENT MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- Section 1: Membership in the chapter shall be open to any student currently enrolled in an approved EP or ECE program. Membership of EdRising Arizona shall consist of total eligible members of the chartered local chapter's submitted roster with no less than 5 members.
- Section 2: A member of another Educators Rising chapter who enrolls in a school with an EdRising chapter will be accepted for membership in the new chapter.
- Section 3: A membership in the chapter shall not be restricted on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, sex, national origin, or physical disability.
- Section 4: Active membership shall be considered in good standing when:
1. The member attends local chapter meetings
 2. The member shows an interest in and takes part in the activities of the chapter
 3. Membership dues are paid
 4. Registration form is completed in its entirety and submitted by the due date to the state office.
- Section 5: Chartered chapters with membership fees paid for the current year are members of the state association.
- Section 6: Professional membership in the state association shall be confirmed by payment of the required fees. This fee will be set by the EdRising Arizona Advisory Board.

ARTICLE V—MEETINGS

- Section 1: A state leadership conference shall be held annually at a time and place chosen by the EdRising Arizona Advisory Board. In order to facilitate the naming of desirable dates and locations of the conferences the Advisory Board shall schedule the convention at least one year in advance.
- Section 2: The State Leadership Conference shall serve as the official annual meeting of EdRising Arizona.
- Section 3: The Advisory Board shall meet at least four times a year. It may be called into



session by the state director or at the written request of two-thirds of the members of the Advisory Board with the approval of the State Director.

Section 4: Teacher leaders should attend any meeting called by the State Director.

Section 5: Local chapter meetings shall be held regularly and conducted on dates designated by the Teacher Leader and announced to members in advance. All meetings shall be open and meeting minutes should be kept.

Section 6: Special meetings may be called by the Teacher Leader or the chapter president with prior approval of the Teacher Leader.

Section 7: Local chapter meetings shall be called to order by the elected president of the chapter and follow the normal order of business and keep meeting minutes.

Section 8: Special activities requiring travel shall follow school guidelines related to release forms and permissions.

ARTICLE VI— LOCAL OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of each local chapter will be appropriate to the needs and size of the chapter.

Section 2: All chapter officers shall be elected by a majority vote of members present during the designated chapter meeting to elect officers. The vote shall be by secret ballot.

Section 3: The terms of all chapter officers shall be for one year but may serve consecutive terms if re-elected.

Section 4: All registered, active members shall be eligible for office.

Section 5: If an office is vacated, the officers may appoint a person to fill the vacated position until such a time as the chapter can hold an election to fill the vacated position or the officers may appoint a person to fill the unexpired term of the person who has vacated the office.

Section 6: Duties of all elected chapter officials will be described by the by-laws of the local Educators Rising chapter.

Section 7: The officers of the State Association of Educators Rising Executive Council shall be comprised of the State Director and the elected state officers.



ARTICLE VII – STATE OFFICERS

- Section 1: Qualifications for state officers:
1. Only registered, active members are eligible to hold state office
 2. All applicants will be certified eligible for nomination to hold state office by a screening committee appointed by the State Director
 3. An application process and screening will be used to select state officers by the State Director each year which will include the submission of a resume, transcripts, two teacher recommendation letters, completed State Officer Required Signature Form, an essay, and Comprehensive Consent Form.
 4. To be considered for a state officer position with Educators Rising Arizona, please refer to the guidelines in the Policies and Procedures.
 5. Duties will be assigned to each state officer by the State Director as outlined in the “State Officer Guidelines”.
 6. The state officers and the State Director will constitute the Executive Council of the State Association.
- Section 2 All officer positions will be filled according to qualifications, experience, and recommendations from the teacher leader.
- Section 3 Term of office will begin immediately following the state conference and continue until after the conclusion of the National Conference the following year.
- Section 4 Current state officers are expected to assist in the transition of the newly elected state officer team.
- Section 5 If there are no candidates for an office, or in the event of a vacancy, students will be appointed at the discretion of the State Director. In the event of a vacancy, the State Director may appoint students at their own discretion.

ARTICLE VIII – AFFILIATION FEES

- Section 1: State membership fees shall be determined by the number of students registered on the membership roster submitted with chapter registration.

ARTICLE VIII—AMENDMENTS

- Section1: Amendments to this constitution may be introduced and acted upon at any



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regular meeting of the EdRising Arizona Advisory Board.

- Section 2: Amendments to this constitution shall be submitted in written form to the State Director at least sixty (60) days prior to the state conference.
- Section 3: The State Director must submit in writing to the local chapters of the state any amendment at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual state conference.
- Section 4: At the annual state conference, the House of Delegates shall vote on each proposal. To be approved, an amendment must receive a two-thirds vote of the official delegates present and voting.
- Section 5: Amendments to this constitution shall become effective at the close of the state conference, where they were adopted.

ARTICLE IX – EMBLEM AND COLORS

- Section1: Official emblem and colors have been set for the Nationals and State Educators Rising organizations and will be solely recognized as the official emblems to be displayed representing all affiliated functions. The Educators Rising Arizona name and logo will be the official recognized CTSO name and logo for the State of Arizona. No outside agency, local or national may require a name or logo change without the express approval of the National Office.

ARTICLE X – AUDIT

- Section1: The accounts of this organization shall be audited by a public auditor or a committee appointed by the Educators Rising State Director.

ARTICLE XI – RULES, REGULATIONS, AND BYLAWS

- Section1: Such rules, regulations, and bylaws as are deemed necessary in the proper conduct of each division of this organization shall be adopted by each chapter.
- Section 2: No rules, regulations, or bylaws shall be adopted which are contrary to this constitution.
- Section 3: In all meetings, Robert’s Rules of Order (revised) shall serve as standard procedure.



BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – RELATIONSHIP TO THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1: The bylaws shall be part of the Constitution of Educators Rising Arizona.

ARTICLE II – LOCATION OF OFFICES

Section 1: The headquarters and principle office of the Arizona Association of Educators Rising shall be located at the Arizona Department of Education in Phoenix, Arizona, or other location designated by the EdRising Arizona State Director. The State Educators Rising Director shall designate the business office hours.

ARTICLE III – STATE EDUCATORS RISING ADVISORY BOARD

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 - b. A community college level position
 - c. A university level position
 - d. The Arizona Department of Education, CTE Division, EP Supervisor
 - e. The Arizona Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services Division
 - f. A secondary education position
 - g. A State Officer
 - h. May include a regional representative from National Educators Rising



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- i. May include a member of business or industry
 - j. Educators Rising Teacher Leaders
2. The EdRising Arizona Advisory Board shall be responsible for all matters related to the state association.
 3. The board members will serve a two-year term with an extension of the term upon board approval. The President of the advisory board will serve a one-year term and may extend the terms upon board approval.

ARTICLE IV – POSITIONS OF THE STATE EDUCATORS RISING STATE OFFICERS

Section 1: The State Officer team shall consist of:

- a. President
- b. Vice President At-Large
- c. Vice President of Media Relations
- d. Vice President of Membership
- e. Vice President of Correspondence
- f. Vice President of Training and Development

Section 2: The duties of the state officer team are outlined in the Educators Rising Arizona Policies and Procedures.

ARTICLE V – THE FISCAL YEAR

Section 1: The fiscal year of Educators Rising Arizona shall be July 1 through June 30 of the next succeeding calendar year.

ARTICLE VI – BOOKS AND RECORDS

Section 1: Books and records of the organization may be inspected by any member or member's agent at any reasonable time. Arrangements for such inspection shall be made with the State Educators Rising Director.



**ARTICLE VII – REPORTS TO THE
STATE EDUCATORS RISING
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

- Section 1: Each chapter shall submit the following information to the State Executive Council through the State Educators Rising Director by September 30th annually.
1. A list of the newly elected chapter officers
 2. A report of any changes in or amendments to, the chapter's constitution and/or bylaws
 3. An annual chapter report giving such data on status, enrollment, activities, service projects, attendance to State and National Educators Rising events, and placement of graduating seniors higher education institutions. The annual report will help in identifying growth, needs, and vision, for the future of Educators Rising activities and events.

**ARTICLE VIII – PROCEDURE FOR
ISSUING CHARTERS TO CHAPTERS**

- Section 1: Arizona schools may apply through the State Educators Rising Director for affiliation with the Educators Rising organization using the form provided. Such applications shall be submitted by the Teacher Leader and shall include a completed Statement of Assurance, a student membership roster, Program of Work, Bylaws, and list of elected chapter officers.
- Section 2: A chapter shall be granted by the State Educators Rising Director upon such application provided the proposed chapter constitution is not in conflict with the state and national constitutions of Educators Rising.
- Section 3: State Chapter dues will be used entirely for providing leadership training, and student-related training and activities throughout the year for all registered, active Educators Rising members.

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