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Arkansas Becomes Educators Rising Affiliate State

LITTLE ROCK — The Arkansas Department of Education is pleased to partner with Educators Rising, an initiative that promotes education and prepares high school students to become the next generation of great teachers.

Arkansas is one of 23 affiliates with the program. As a partner, all schools in the state will have access to the following:

- Student micro-credentials – certifications students can earn in five key areas such as classroom culture and collaboration;
- Scholarship opportunities for students;
- EdRising Virtual Campus – provides access to resources, videos and lesson plans;
- Educators Rising Standards;
- Networking opportunities through state and national competitions, conferences and events; and
- A strengthened link between high schools and colleges.

“We are excited to be an affiliate state with Educators Rising,” said Jeff Dyer, ADE program advisor for Teacher Recruitment and Retention. “This initiative is another resource schools can use to encourage students to consider teaching as a career path. It gives us another opportunity to showcase the importance of the teaching profession and helps students better transition from high school to a college educator preparation program.”

“Arkansas is taking powerful steps to grow its own next generation of great teachers, and Educators Rising is thrilled to collaborate with ADE and teacher leaders across the state to help make it happen,” Dan Brown, co-director of Educators Rising.

Administered by Phi Delta Kappa International, an educator association, Educators Rising provides hands-on teaching experiences and complements other programs, like the Arkansas Teacher Cadets program. Educators Rising also can provide a foundation for schools that do not have an existing high

school teacher recruitment program.

To learn more about Educators Rising, visit <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/human-resources-educator-effectiveness-and-licensure/office-of-educator-effectiveness/recruitment-and-retention/educators-rising>.

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