



Grow Your Own Educators

Kentucky's Educator Pipelines

October 2025

NEW Teaching and Learning Courses to Roll Out 2026-2027

If you've visited the [GoTeachKY.com](https://www.go-teach-ky.com) website or perused our Teaching and Learning Program of Studies recently, you should have noticed a few more course codes added to the list, including Multi-Language Learners and Special Education. There are even a couple of work-based learning options for Teacher and Learning pathway students, too.

Please notify your counselors during new course request windows that you have the opportunity to build and grow more than ever! If you have any questions during this process, please do not hesitate to reach out to [Bree Massie](#), program consultant for the Teaching and Learning Pathway.

Frederick Douglass High School Teams Up with Junior Achievement for Interactive Coding Day at Julius Marks Elementary



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KY Educators Rising Vision:

To eliminate the teacher shortage by reimagining educator pathways.

KY Educators Rising Mission:

To inspire and grow current and rising educators to become community leaders and advocates for high-quality education.

**Grow Your Own Greats
The GYO October
Spotlight shines
brightly on EKY**



Frederick Douglass High School students Leilani Everhart and Emily Troth lead a highly-engaging activity to teach students coding directional language.

Junior Achievement is leading the way for our Teaching and Learning students in central Kentucky! Students at Frederick Douglass High School (Fayette County) recently partnered with Junior Achievement to lead an engaging Coding Day at Julius Marks Elementary.

Through hands-on activities and teamwork, elementary students explored the basics of computer programming while learning how creativity and problem-solving play key roles in technology. The event provided a meaningful opportunity for high school leaders to inspire younger learners and showcase the exciting possibilities within our world of STEM.

To partner with Junior Achievement and bring the magic into your classrooms, please contact [Amanda Lewis](#).



Frederick Douglass High School students Jayla Ramirez, Sebastian Malave-Carreno and Zaid Imad lead a lesson together about coding at Julius Marks Elementary in Fayette County.



October's Grow Your Own spotlight shines on Wolfe County Middle School and Morgan Central Elementary School (Morgan County)!

Staff from the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) visited Eastern Kentucky schools during September. They met Principal Nick Brooks, who welcomed Allison Bailey back to Wolfe County Middle School as a substitute. Bailey is currently attending Morehead State University and will student teach next semester.



Above, KDE's Elly Gilbert, left, with Morgan Central Elementary teacher Leah Stacy, whose mom and grandmother also taught in

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Educators Rising Middle and High School Membership

Please select to purchase a **Educators Rising Middle and High School Membership**

This is the correct membership you will click on once you are in the Educators Rising website, www.educatorsrising.org

From our friends at Nationals:

The deadline to register for Educators Rising student memberships is **Nov. 1**. Make sure that your students have access to all the opportunities that Educators Rising has to offer by having them register or by registering them yourself for membership as soon as possible. When registering, keep in mind the following:

- **All students participating at the local, regional, state or national level must be paid members of the national organization.**
- Teacher leaders need to renew their membership each year as well. Be sure to do this before you have your students register.
- Teachers must be connected to their middle/high school, not the district, to ensure the chapter is established correctly.
- *When you register students in the national database, you agree to pay the student membership fee.* Be sure you have paid any outstanding balances from last year so your chapter can be approved to participate this year.
- **Student dues are \$15 per student.* There is no fee for teacher leaders.**

Click to access the [Educators Rising Membership Registration Form](#).

Follow the [Step by Step Educators Rising registration guide](#) as you lead students through the process.

the district, along with Principal Amber Standafer, who taught Leah. Morgan County is a GYO Great!

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Become a Student Officer with Educators Rising Kentucky

Although the student leadership application window does not open until January, please take a moment to share this information with your students who may be interested in leadership opportunities through Educators Rising.

Our website, [GoTeachKY.com](https://www.go-teach-ky.com), has been updated with the flyer, important dates and detailed descriptions of student officer roles. While you're traveling to conferences or to classrooms, seek those natural leaders who could represent Kentucky at the officer level.

It's Book-tober!

Educators Rising loves serving our communities. This month's service project is Book-tober. Here are some fresh ideas on how to organize book drives, create friendly competitions or simply lead a day of reading and fun!

- **“Books with a Story” Notes:** Encourage students to tuck a short note inside their donated book sharing why they loved it or who they think would enjoy it next. It turns every donation into a personal connection.
- **Classroom Book Challenges:** Create friendly competition between classes or grade levels (“First to Fill a Shelf!”) and celebrate the winners with a reading-themed reward or feature in the newsletter.
- **Book Character Spirit Day:** Have everyone dress as a favorite book character to promote the drive and celebrate literacy. It builds excitement and visibility schoolwide.
- **Student-Led Sorting & Sharing Crew:** Let students take the lead in organizing, sorting and



Meet Our Educators Rising Mascot, Eddy!

Eddy will be all around this year. You can follow Eddy and our student officers as we kick off fall regional leadership conference season. Find those dates below, and don't miss out. We hope to see you there!

Resources:

[Educators Rising/Teaching and Learning Dates to Know 2025-2026](#)

[Monthly meeting summaries and recordings](#)

[Kentucky Teacher Leaders Google Drive Folder](#)

[Educators Rising Curriculum Implementation](#)

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delivering books. It teaches ownership, teamwork and the joy of service.

- **Community Reading Celebration:** Conclude the drive with a special event where students read aloud, families browse the donated books and the community celebrates a shared love of reading.

Kentucky's Educators Rising State Conference Theme Selected

Staff at the Kentucky Department of Education is in the planning stages of our Educators Rising state conference, and we are thrilled to announce our theme for the year, "Rising Stars: Lights, Leadership, Action!"

We need your help to make this year's Educators Rising State Conference the best one yet! Inspired by our student officer president, Hunter Carr, the theme is all about treating teachers as if they were celebrities and celebrating the star power of educators.

Teacher leaders can make a big impact by helping us secure local sponsorships from businesses or stakeholders, suggesting unique speakers or "local celebrities" to highlight, or sharing session ideas and speaker recommendations for the conference. Your input will help create an unforgettable experience for our students and educators alike.

Conference registration opens Nov. 5, and the registration fee is \$25. Please reach out to [Bree Massie](#) with your ideas and connections. We can't wait to shine together!

Looking ahead

We look forward to seeing you at our next **Teacher Leader Monthly on Nov. 6 at 5-6 p.m. ET**. We will have Brandy Scott joining us from Jefferson County Public Schools to talk all things apprenticeship and work-based learning. You do not want to miss it!

Our November Service Project is a food drive!

Fall Leadership Conferences:

- **Nov. 7:** Campbellsville
- **Nov. 10:** Murray
- **Nov. 21:** Northern

Have a great rest of your October, teacher leaders!

