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Educators Rising Standards Debut

ARLINGTON, Va. — June 22, 2016 The journey to accomplished teaching is a marathon. What should the first steps look like? Educators Rising Standards are the teaching profession's answer to this vital question. Created with support from the National Education Association (NEA), who provided a generous grant award for their development, the standards will form the backbone for secondary-based "grow your own" efforts across the country.

Released today at an exciting [launch event hosted by NEA](#), the seven standards define what high school students exploring teaching need to know and be able to do to take their first steps on the path to accomplished teaching. At the launch, NEA President Lily Eskelsen García said, "All students deserve highly skilled, well-prepared teachers throughout every step of their learning journeys. The Educators Rising Standards will help ensure that we recruit bright young people into teaching, with special focus on increasing diversity and attracting the most creative, competent career professionals."

The standards represent a new, shared vision from the field, and Educators Rising Co-Director Dan Brown talked about the profession coming together to clearly declare that the front end of the professional continuum begins as an initial exploratory phase in high school. Brown said, "Educators Rising Standards truly signal a new day for the teaching pipeline. . . . Through the vision of the standards and the aligned curriculum and micro-credentials soon to come, many high school students interested in impact will now be able to gain opportunities to explore teaching in ways that help them build identities as young educators and put them on a coherent road to accomplished practice."

- Standard I: Understanding the Profession
- Standard II: Learning About Students
- Standard III: Building Content Knowledge
- Standard IV: Engaging in Responsive Planning
- Standard V Implementing Instruction
- Standard VI: Using Assessment and Data
- Standard VII: Engaging in Reflective Practice

Read the detailed [Educators Rising Standards](#) to learn more.

To develop the standards, a diverse group of 12 practitioners formed the [Educators Rising Standards Committee](#), including eight National Board Certified Teachers and two State Teachers of the Year.

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The processes and protocols used for empowering the committee to define the Educators Rising Standards were borrowed from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), who served as a partner and advisor at every stage of the project.

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About Educators Rising

Educators Rising — powered by PDK International — is transforming how America develops aspiring teachers. Starting with high school students, we provide passionate young people with hands-on teaching experience, sustain their interest in the profession, and help them cultivate the skills they need to be successful educators. The result is a pipeline of accomplished teachers who are positioned to make a lasting difference — not only in the lives of their students, but also in the field of teaching more broadly. Learn more at educatorsrising.org.