

Educators Rising Clubs

2025–2026 School Year (Pilot)

Teacher Participation Overview

Objective

Educators Rising Clubs aim to increase the number of Hawai'i high school graduates entering postsecondary teacher education programs by engaging students in workshops, experiences, and mentorship that highlight teaching as a rewarding and meaningful career.

This initiative is specifically targeted to high schools that do not currently offer the “Teaching as a Profession” program of study. The goal is to expand opportunities for exposure, since only a small number of Hawai'i high schools currently provide that Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathway, limiting access for many students.

Program Components

Workshops

Teachers will guide a four-part workshop series designed to introduce seniors to the teaching profession and prepare them for next steps. Modular curriculum and materials will be provided. Each workshop can be offered as a stand alone session or broken into smaller sessions.

1. **Teaching as a Career: Is It for Me?**

- Introduction to the profession
- Daily life, skills, and compensation
- Pathways to becoming a teacher
- Student reflection

2. **What Is It Like to Be a Teacher?**

- Interactive “Try on the Role” activities
- Introduction to lesson planning
- Sharing personal strengths

3. **EdRising Competition Prep**

- Overview of competition opportunities
- Guidance and tips for participation

4. **Next Steps & Postsecondary Pathways (Culminating Event)**

- Applying to college (including FAFSA)
- Exploring UH and HIDOE pathways to teaching

Student Experiences

Beyond workshops, students participate in hands-on opportunities to deepen their interest and skills:

- 1. Dive into Education (Nov. 21, 2025)**
 - Mini-workshops, networking, and guest speakers
- 2. Sharing Our Strengths Lesson**
 - Students design and teach a short lesson
- 3. EdRising Competition & UH Mānoa Visit**
 - Optional competition events with other schools
 - Tour of UH Mānoa College of Education
- 4. Job Shadow & Reflection**
 - Minimum 4-hour classroom observation
 - Reflection activity to process insights
- 5. Signing Day Celebration**
 - Recognition for students admitted to UH campuses or joining HIDOE roles
 - Celebration with families, community, and education leaders

Timeline

- Program runs across the 2025–2026 school year
- Culminating statewide event: Spring 2026

Teacher Expectations & Support

Participating teachers will serve as teacher champions, inspiring students to explore teaching as a career, facilitate workshops, and coordinate participation in experiences.

Responsibilities

- Attend one training session (date TBD)
- Recruit and coordinate students for the club/workshops
- Deliver provided workshop curriculum
- Help arrange job shadow experiences
- Provide ongoing encouragement and mentorship

Support Provided

- \$2,000 stipend for after-school or club-time work
- Fully prepared curriculum and resources
- Statewide community of teacher champions
- Opportunities to spotlight your students and school at statewide events

Why Participate?

As a participating teacher, you'll play a vital role in shaping the next generation of educators in Hawai'i. By guiding students through these workshops and experiences, you help them see teaching as a viable, respected, and community-rooted career pathway—and inspire them to step into the profession.

For More Information

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