

Mississippi Educators Rising College Fair Information

Purpose

The Mississippi Educators Rising College Fair provides students with an opportunity to connect with colleges, universities, and education partners from across Mississippi. Students can explore postsecondary education options, learn about teacher preparation programs, scholarships, admissions, campus life, financial aid, and career opportunities in education.

The College Fair is designed to help students make informed decisions as they prepare for careers in the teaching profession.

Who May Attend?

The College Fair is open to all registered:

- Educators Rising members
- Advisors
- Chaperones

Students of all grade levels are encouraged to attend.

Participating Organizations

The College Fair may include:

- Mississippi Colleges and Universities
 - Alternative Teacher Certification Programs
 - Mississippi Department of Education
 - Educational Organizations
 - Military Education Programs
 - Scholarship Providers
 - Educational Partners
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Student Expectations

Students are encouraged to:

- Visit multiple college booths.
- Ask questions about education programs and campus life.
- Learn about scholarships and financial aid opportunities.
- Discuss admissions requirements.
- Explore teacher certification pathways.

- Collect informational materials.
- Practice professional communication skills.

Students should represent their school and Mississippi Educators Rising in a professional manner.

Suggested Questions to Ask Colleges

- What education degree programs do you offer?
- What grade levels or subject areas can I teach?
- What scholarships are available?
- What GPA and ACT/SAT scores are required?
- What opportunities are available for classroom experiences?
- What student organizations are available for education majors?
- Do you offer study abroad or special teaching experiences?
- What support services are available for future educators?
- What makes your education program unique?

Professional Expectations

Students should:

- Wear conference-appropriate attire.
- Introduce themselves politely.
- Maintain positive behavior.
- Be respectful of presenters and other attendees.
- Silence cell phones when speaking with representatives.
- Thank representatives before leaving each booth.

College Fair Challenge

Students are encouraged to visit as many booths as possible.

Challenge:

- ☐ Visit at least **8** colleges or organizations.
- ☐ Collect information from each.
- ☐ Ask at least one question at every booth.
- ☐ Complete the College Fair Passport (if provided).

Students completing the challenge may be eligible for prize drawings or special recognition.

College Fair Passport

Students may receive a passport to collect stamps or signatures from participating colleges and organizations.

Completed passports should be submitted before the designated deadline to be entered into prize drawings.

Benefits of Attending

Students will have the opportunity to:

- Explore education degree programs.
- Compare colleges and universities.
- Learn about admissions and scholarships.
- Meet admissions representatives.
- Discover career pathways in education.
- Begin planning for life after high school.
- Build professional networking skills.

Tips for Success

- ✓ Dress professionally.
- ✓ Introduce yourself with confidence.
- ✓ Ask thoughtful questions.
- ✓ Take notes.
- ✓ Collect brochures and contact information.
- ✓ Keep an open mind—you may discover a college you hadn't previously considered!

Conference Reminder

The College Fair is one of the best opportunities to begin planning your future as an educator.

Explore. Connect. Discover. Your future classroom begins here! 🍎 📅 🎓