

Educators Rising Interest Meeting Ideas

✓ 1. Warm Welcome

- **Greeting Table:** Have members at the door with **stickers, name tags, or buttons**.
 - Play **upbeat music** as students arrive.
 - Display a looping **slideshow** with pictures from past Educators Rising events, conferences, and service projects.
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✓ 2. Icebreaker Activity

- **“Why Teaching?” Wall:** Give students sticky notes and ask:
“*Why do you think teaching is important?*” or “*Who inspired you?*”
Post the notes on a big poster or whiteboard for all to see.
 - OR a quick game with prizes.
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✓ 3. Show the Big Picture

- Show a **short video** from Mississippi Educators Rising (or your own recap video from state events).
 - Share the mission: “*Educators Rising is about inspiring the next generation of teachers.*”
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✓ 4. Member Spotlights

- Have **current members** (or state officers if available) share a **1–2 minute story** about:
 - Why they joined Educators Rising
 - Their favorite conference, project, or memory
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✓ 5. Hands-On Mini Activity

- **“Teacher for a Minute” Challenge** – Ask for a few volunteers to explain something they know in 60 seconds (fun and confidence-building).

- OR a **team-building challenge** like creating a “dream classroom” on a poster in 5 minutes.
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✓ 6. Share Opportunities

- Talk about:
 - **Leadership roles** (officers)
 - **Trips** (State Conference, Nationals)
 - **Competitions** (show a few examples of events)
 - **Service projects** (like the Teddy Bear Drive)

✓ **Tip:** Mention “resume building” and “scholarships” — that will hook interest quickly.

✓ 7. Membership Call to Action

- **Explain how to join** (dues, forms, deadlines).
 - Have **membership forms ready** OR a QR code that links to your signup.
 - Offer a **small incentive** for those who join at the meeting (like a snack bag, button, or sticker).
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✓ 8. Closing Hype

- End with **something fun**:
 - Door prize drawing (school supplies, gift card, or Educators Rising swag).
 - Chant or group photo to post on social media: “*I’m Rising with EdRising!*”
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📦 Optional Add-Ons

- **Decorate the room** with turquoise/black/white balloons or banners.
- **Snack station** (cookies, popcorn, or “apple for the teacher” theme).
- A **photo booth corner** with props (chalkboard, giant pencil, etc.).
- **Table of Educators Rising swag** (pins, stickers, flyers).