

2025 Educators Rising

# NATIONAL DAY OF SIGNING



**ADDRESS:**

Old State House  
25 The Green  
Dover, DE 19901

**DATE:**

May 6th,  
2025

**TIME:**

9:00 - 3:00

**NOTE:**

Students will be  
assigned a  
designated  
signing time.

## ABOUT THE EVENT

Educators Rising students will be signing a letter of intent to pursue a postsecondary degree in education or directly enter the field of education. May 6th serves as the National Day of Signing for Educators Rising members from across the nation.

Students will be assigned a specific time for their signing. Parents, teachers, administrators, legislators, post-secondary representatives, and other supporters are encouraged to attend. **We ask that those supporting the student check-in with Delaware Department of Education staff in front of the Old State House at least 20 minutes prior to the student's assigned time.**

After the students have completed their signing, they will be escorted to the celebration area behind the Old State House. This area will provide students with additional photo opportunities and light refreshments. A few post-secondary representatives will also have banners for students to pose in front of for additional photos.

**\*\*\*Outdoor event is weather permitting.\*\*\***

### CONTACT INFORMATION

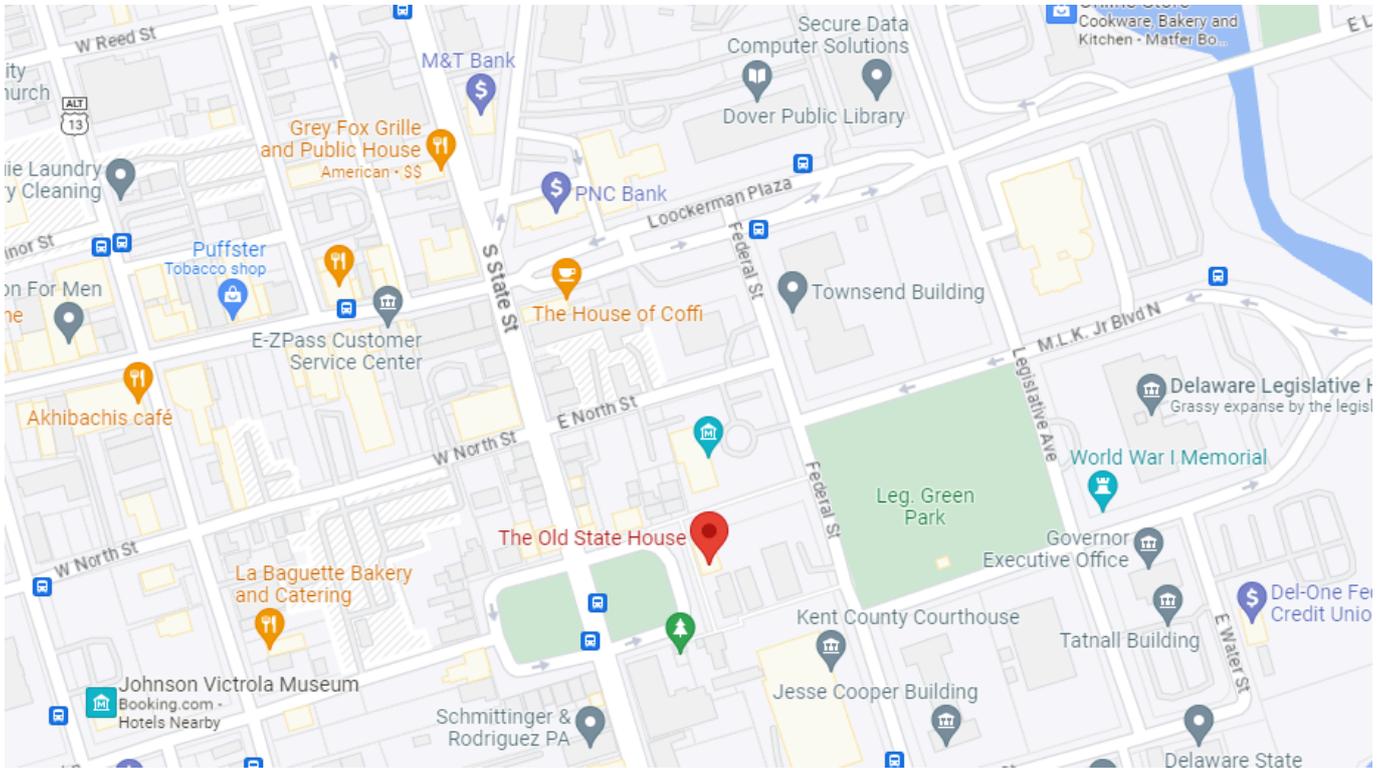
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# ABOUT

# Location

# DETAILS



## Parking

**Free, but limited, street parking is available in front of, and around the state house.**

- The city of Dover Municipal Parking Lot is located on Water Street between State Street and Governor's Avenue. It is conveniently located within walking distance of the Kent County Courthouse (38 The Green) & the Old State House. The Municipal Parking Lot on Water Street is now a FREE parking lot.
- In addition, there is also street parking on New Street and on Bank Lane, west of Governors Avenue.
- There is also a Parking Lot located at the corner of William Penn and Water Street which has free parking available. This lot is approximately 2 blocks from to the Courthouse and the Old State House when walking.

## Entering the Event

All attendees will be expected to check in with a Delaware Department of Education staff member or Educators Rising representative at the front entrance to the Old State House, located on the State Street side of the building.

## SEATING

Once students have checked in, they will be seated into one of two holding areas or the spectator seating area. The first 10-12 students will be placed to the left of the signing area on the green benches. The next 10-12 students will be seated on the green benches to the right of the signing area. Depending on timing and space, some students may be required to stand.

## SIGNING

Students will enter the top tier (judge's desk) with up to two of their supporters. The remaining supporters will enter the 2nd tier (lawyer's box) or fill in on the 3rd tier (walkway between judge's and lawyer's boxes). School district administration, legislators, and additional supporters should be placed in the lawyer's box. After students announce their intent and sign the letter, pictures will be taken. Each student is provided 4 minutes to set-up, announce, sign, take pictures, and exit. Students will exit to their left and proceed outside.

**Helpful Hint:** If parents/guardians/family representatives are participating, they should join the student on the top tier. Remember only two people can join the student in chairs at the top tier. Teachers can stand on the sides of the 3rd tier, with remaining supporters seated in the lawyer's box (2nd tier). If parents/guardians/family are not present, teachers should join the student on the top tier.

**Student Example Script:** My name is Sample Student, I am a senior at Sample High School. I plan to attend Sample University in the fall to major in sample program.



# INSTRUCTIONS

Side view of the

# SIGNING LOCATION



Please note that the table in the lawyer's box will be removed.

*just a few things to remember*

# HOUSE RULES

- **No food or drink should be brought into the Old State House.**
- Please keep side conversations to a minimum to maximize the experience for the students.
- Please make room for those that will be signing within that 20-minute window.
- Electronic devices should be silenced. If you need to engage in a phone call, please feel free to utilize the outdoor space around the Old State House.
- Students are requested to be in professional attire. They may bring a symbol of the college with them to display during the signing and photos (t-shirt, hat, sign, etc.).

## IMPORTANT!

*We are on a tight schedule and will need everyone to arrive on time and follow instructions provided by the staff. Each student is provided with 3 minutes.*

