

CHiPS Education Benefits

Students who receive effective citizenship education are, as adults

- More likely to vote
- Discuss politics at home
- Four times more likely to volunteer
- Four times more likely to be active in civic affairs
- More confident in their ability to speak publicly and communicate
- Work for nonprofit organizations
- Work in public service agencies
- Run for office

Civic skills and action spark girls' interest in rewarding CHiPS careers:

- Making a difference for the good of all
- Preserving American democracy and self-governance

CHiPS for AAUW Branches

- Supports quality public education for all
- Increases member interest in public policy and civic involvement
- Offers a new program for members who want to advance civics education
- Enhances branch branding and membership recruitment

Get Involved in CHiPS!

Read about CHiPS on our website:
<http://eugenelane-or.aauw.net/chips/>

Assess what CHiPS education and active learning activities are offered in your public middle and high schools.

Present resources, materials and activities to social studies teachers for classroom incorporation; speak to boards.

Schools — Contact AAUW Eugene-Lane Branch for information on how we can help with teacher education, arrange to have members speak to classes, and sponsor girls who want to attend active learning programs.

AAUW Branches — Contact AAUW Eugene-Lane Branch on how to adopt CHiPS as a mission-based program.

Donors — Contact AAUW-Eugene-Lane Branch for details on sponsoring girls who want to attend active learning programs.

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Why CHiPS?

A Four-Fold Challenge:

1. Americans' political knowledge has stayed at the same low level for 50+ years
2. Disengaged citizenry
3. Few women leaders in civic fields
4. Reduced CHiPS education hours in schools

Solutions: Increase CHiPS education for ALL students, teaching the basics of American democracy at an early age.

- **Raise awareness** that civic education and civic participation are key to making our unique form of government work.
- **Provide instruction** on our system of self-governance, rights and responsibilities, empowering students as engaged citizens.
- **Employ active learning**, where student teams identify, research, plan and speak for real community changes; and engage in parliamentary procedure, debate and mock legislation & elections.

★ CHiPS Is ... ★

Working to increase civics education and active learning opportunities for public school students, particularly for girls and young women.

★ CHiPS Is ... ★

Working to increase girls' participation in public leadership and CHiPS careers.

The CHiPS Program: Education, Speaking, Sponsorship & Advocacy

In June 2016, the AAUW-Eugene-Lane Branch voted to adopt CHiPS as a mission-based program. After assessing the research, connecting with schools, representatives and others in our community, we identified the most promising ways to engage with our schools and representatives to reach our goals:

Education — AAUW Eugene-Lane members are available to host CHiPS tables at Social Studies Teachers' Inservice to connect teachers with classroom materials, activities and lesson plans, and civics conferences.

Speaking — AAUW Eugene-Lane Branch members are available to speak about civic leadership in social studies classrooms in our area. They will inspire students to get involved by sharing their personal community experience.

Sponsorship — We are interested in sponsoring 3–4 high school girls to participate in the YMCA Youth & Government Program. We are in discussion with local schools to explore this possibility.

Advocacy — We are collaborating with state representatives in support of Oregon legislation designed to increase teachers' and students' civic awareness. We're also interested in tracking elected official accountability, improving public discourse and promoting civic equality.



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