

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 effectively
- Work for nonprofit organizations
- Work in public service agencies
- Run for office

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

- Public Service
- Social Work
- Law Enforcement
- Business Law

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 — Arrange for AAUW members to speak to your classes.

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

Donors — Make checks to **AAUW-OR Special Projects Fund**, and write **CHiPS** on the memo line. Mail to: AAUW Eugene-Lane Finance VP Cindy Parker, 2084 W. 28th Ave., Eugene, OR 97405. Donations to sponsor school AAUW-CHiPS activities are tax-deductible.

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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.

Sponsoring Willamette High School's Mock Trial Team

In 2017–2018, the Eugene-Lane Branch raised money for its CHiPS program, so Willamette High School (WHS) students could compete in Oregon's Classroom Law Project Mock Trial Team for the first time. More than half the team was girls! Plans are underway to sponsor another WHS team in 2018–2019.

Inspired by the Mock Trial Program, WHS history teacher Dain Nelson developed and taught the first high school "Intro to Law" class in Lane County. From it, he recruited a number of students for the 2017–2018 Mock Trial Team.



Attorney Clinton Trapper and teacher Dain Nelson with Willamette High School Mock Trial Team 2017–2018.

In the class, students learned about law, our legal system and careers in law. Nelson observed team and class graduates were more confident, better able to express themselves, and better able to differentiate fact from fiction.

Interest grows. In 2018–2019, WHS has 150 students signed up for two Intro to Law Classes and they expect to have a Mock Trial Team.

AAUW Eugene-Lane Branch plans ongoing co-sponsorship for the WHS Mock Trial Team, and class field trips to observe a trial and meet with a judge. Who knows what amazing civic leaders these young students will become in the future!



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