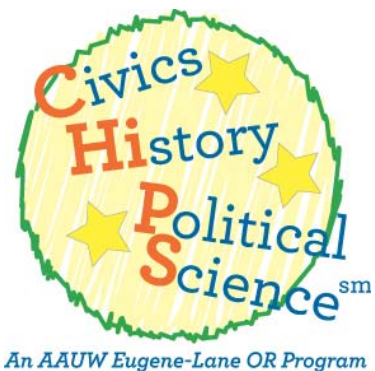


January 2020 CHiPS Overview

What is CHiPS?

The goal of CHiPS is to expand the teaching of Civics in Lane County schools. Research shows hands-on programs develop informed, engaged citizens that vote, and get involved in their communities. Field trips can include the Courthouse, City and County Council meetings and School Board Meetings.



Multnomah County (Portland) has a strong program according to Dennis Gerl, Willamette Valley Coordinator Classroom Law Project. His goal is to expand such programs in Lane County by adding two to three schools per year. Lane County Schools that currently have CHiPS/Mock Trial Teams include: SEHS, NEHS, and WHS. Dennis has proposed our branch participate in the CLP Law Day at U of O on April 17, 2020. We have agreed to do this because this is a first step to getting the word out to high school teachers about CHiPS.

Our AAUW Eugene-Lane branch is in the second year of sponsoring WHS (Willamette High School) CHiPS program/Mock Trial. Mock Trial teams compete in Salem in the spring with high schools from all over the state. Each team presents the same case. Judges, attorneys, and teachers are jurists that evaluate student performances. Our AAUW branch funds the books, field trips, t-shirts, etc. that make this program possible.

If you'd like to get involved with CHiPS, you're invited to help in **any capacity you can:**

- Join our branch **CHiPS committee**
- **Help with U of O Law Day:** AAUW (table) Friday, April 17, 2020, 9:30 am – 2:30pm
Theme: "Your Vote, Your Voice: The 19th Amendment"
Broader Topic: ***Elevate voice and increase participation***
 - Other Ideas for AAUW's Law Day table
 - Collect old AAUW newsletters to put on AAUW table at Law Day
 - Become a *chaperone* to escort students from station-to-station
 - **Inform teachers and administrators** on *Law Day* (and for future presentations) that AAUW wants to support Civics/Social Studies/History by ***funding field trips to the courthouse, city and county council meetings/school board meetings/even if they don't have a CHiPS program (How? handout and/or include in CHiPS Brochure?)***
 - Need a proof reader: Readers' Theater scripts to pass out to teachers
 - Obtain Voter Registration forms to pass out
 - Slide show of civics program on a loop (WHS photography class? Other?)
- **Help with Mock Trial Teams**

- Be a jurist or a judge for the WHS team and/or for the state competition in Salem
- Recruit **chaperones** for fieldtrips to the courthouse: Female judges, attorneys, and the D.A. speak to students in the morning, students view trials in the afternoon. Chaperone escorts students from station-to-station. Possible resources: AAUW membership, OEA Retired, LWV members, Women's Studies/U of O, Law students, other ___?
- Suggest more **female** volunteers to coach Mock Trial teams (attorneys/retired educators)
- Create a sign-up sheet for Civics/Mock Trial volunteers on Law Day, branch meetings, online?
- Make phone calls to investigate and obtain contact information of local *resources* that support AAUW's and Lane County's efforts to expand the teaching of Civics.
Possible organizations: AAUW membership, OEA Retired, LWV members, Women's Studies/U of O, School Alumni; identify and/or recruit a "circle" of local business sponsors (Chambers of Commerce, Rotary & Kiwanis Clubs, 20-30 Club, other ___?), and donate to CHiPS?
- Create a spreadsheet of all the "players" in the expansion of Civics in Oregon. We want the state's help in Lane County to accomplish this goal. (*We've started the list*)

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