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As your Secretary of State, it is my job to oversee Oregon elections. It is also my privilege to **encourage new voters** to feel confident about making well-informed decisions when casting their ballots. With that duty in mind, I urge you to enroll your district or school in the **Oregon Student Mock Election (OSME)** from the League of Women Voters of Oregon. As an educator, you know how important civics education is **in preparing our students to become engaged citizens**. **OSME encourages** students to recognize the real-world relevance of civics education and to become lifelong voters.

The League of Women Voters of Oregon has run OSME **for over two decades, winning five national awards** and many friends, including our very own Oregon Department of Education. The League never supports or opposes any candidate or political party and is a trusted nonpartisan voice in providing materials educators can use to teach their students about the voting process.

REGISTRATION IS FREE!

Registration is open NOW for the May 2024 Primary: [LWVOR Oregon Student Mock Election](#). Registration closes May 5, 2024, when mock election voting begins.

- **May 5, 2024** - OSME registration ends.
- **May 5-10, 2024** - Educators can set their school's Mock Election voting day during this week.
- **May 17, 2024** - LWVOR will announce results one week before Oregon's Primary Election Day.

Participating Oregon students will cast May primary votes for some of the same nonpartisan statewide offices and ballot measures as registered Oregon Primary Election voters. LWVOR will create ballots and forms to register classes and report results, with curricular support materials. In response to educator requests, **LWVOR may be able to create customized ballots**, including a local (county or city) ballot option.

What's in it for your community?

Teachers report that students take civics lessons home to their families and start thoughtful, informed, effective, issue-centered discussions that benefit their communities.

The National Association of Student Councils and National Association of Post-Secondary Principals also recommend mock elections to promote student leadership roles!

Mock elections are very popular with teachers, students, and the press which can bring visibility to your school.

Schools and educators have year-round access to up-to-date LWVOR Civics Education curriculum materials, including two new lesson plans specific to the May 2024 Oregon Primary.

To learn more, please visit the League website, <https://www.lwvor.org/mock-election>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "LaVonne Griffin-Valade". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L' and a distinct 'V'.

LaVonne Griffin-Valade
Oregon Secretary of State