IGNITE High School Curriculum Overview

ABOUT IGNITE
IGNITE is building a national movement to dramatically increase the pool of women who are prepared and eager to become the next generation of political leaders. As a nonpartisan 501c3, IGNITE builds political ambition in high school and college-aged young women in their own communities. We provide civic education, exposure to women in political leadership, hands on training and work opportunities, and a peer network of women who support and nurture each other’s aspirations for civic and political leadership.

IGNITE’s High School Political Leadership Curriculum, a premiere training program will build the political and civic leadership skills in high school girls across the country. The 50-hour curriculum includes lessons on government structure, civic engagement, policy analysis, political leadership, running a campaign, and celebrating women’s history. Girls meet with elected women and candidates who become role models for success. Throughout this program of rigorous self and community exploration, girls ultimately define their call to service and learn how to become the next generation of civic and political leaders.

Through the 50-hour curriculum, participants will:

- Meet with three or more elected women leaders or candidates in their regions
- Participate in Political Leadership Training: Fundraising, Organizing, Communication, Networking
- Build a community of like-minded women to support and nurture individual aspirations
- Develop their understanding of civic education – voting, voter registration, local elections
- Analyze key policy issues in their community and create tangible solutions to address the issues

Program Components

1. Government Knowledge + Civic Engagement – participants build on their foundational understanding of the government and civic education. Participants will also meet with elected officials and hear about their experiences in elective office. Participants will also learn about the history of voting for women and the steps to register voters. Participants will organize voter registration drives on campus and in their local communities.
2. Feminism + Historical Movements – participants understand the different political movements that shape our history.
3. Developing Political Leadership – participants build and develop their leadership skills through communications and interpersonal skill building. Participants will also meet with candidates and hear about their experiences on the campaign trail. Licensees will have access to IGNITE’s National Elected Network.
4. Campaigning 101 – participants will build their understanding of the intricacies of running a campaign from campaign consultants, staff or candidates. Participants will also create mock candidacy platforms to run for on-campus positions.
5. Public Policy & Activism – participants will learn about different policy issues where they will identify the root causes of the social problem and learn about the federal policies. Participants will work on policy analysis projects that they will ultimately present to a decision-making body within their school or community.

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