

## **How YouthCivics helps me**

*Student Comments about Youth Civics, a program of Kids Voting Mecklenburg*

### **Helps me in school**

- It has helped me understand the government portion of civics a lot better. I did well on the local government test.
- The vocabulary learned with helps and will be applied to my civics econ class and exams.
- Youth Civics has already helped me in my Civics and Economics class. When my teacher begins to talk about our government I have an idea of what she is actually saying.
- The day after the Mecklenburg County meeting we actually used the information we learned in civics class so it definitely helps in regards to civics and probably others.
- It will help with civics and economics because it talks about city officials
- I've already been in civics class. This will def help me in AP Government and History.
- I'm not in civics class yet, but when I get there I will understand the class better.
- I will have a better understanding of the process of government agencies. it makes economics my most interesting class yet.
- I think Youth Civics will help me apply the information about the city of Charlotte that I learned to everything we learn in Civics class.

### **Helps me connect what I learn in class to real experiences, helps me understand**

- A lot of the things we are learning in C&E relate to what we are doing in Youth Civics, except we are doing it more hands on. Makes me GET IT.
- Practical application of what we learn in class makes it easier to understand and remember.
- It reinforces what I have already learned in class.
- It helps me see what we learn in school, out of school
- It gave me a more in close and personal look on the government instead of just reading about it in a textbook.
- I now have a 1st person point of view about government
- I got to experience everything I was learning about in class, in person, such as the county commissions and their various jobs they have to do. It helped me visualize everything more.
- I learned more how this city's government works and I'll relate that to whatever we learn in class.

### **I learn about government, leaders, citizens, laws and decisions**

- Youth Civics actually helped me a lot in my Civics & Economics class. The day after we learned about the county, we started discussing counties in my Civics class and I already knew a lot about the material thanks to Youth Civics.
- Considering we must know voting rights, legality and things of that nature I think that Youth Civics helped me to better understand how a county's system works.

- This was my first time seeing a judge in person so I hung on his every word. He gave us a lot of examples of how the law is applied in real life.
- I learned how the media covers the news and what the First Amendment means.
- I saw the Mayor!
- I learned so much about the court system !!!!!!!!
- It helps me better understand about our current situation with the government and school systems
- It helped me understand the decisions made in school. I may not agree, but I understand how they got there.
- It let me have a real life experience to relate to.
- We learned how the budgets are made. Where the money comes from/where it goes.
- We learned the history of Mecklenburg County.
- It will help me better understand things in civics and link them to real life situations.
- I understand more about the different governmental branches and hopefully a bit more about the voting process as well.
- Helps us remember more about the government and our own school system.
- I had a chance to talk with Peter Gorman about a policy I didn't like. He listened to what I had to say, and helped me to understand how decisions are made. He asked us as students to come up with solutions. That made a difference, even though it is much harder than I thought.

### **It gives me an advantage**

- It helps me understand a lot better, since I had a firsthand experience of what I'm being taught in class. Youth civics actually helped me review some things and understand some things better than I would have just sitting in a class and reading books.
- I think it will help me in school as I know some things that the other students did not know about. I knew about the school system, which very few people are aware of.
- It definitely gave me a hands on experience. Instead of just learning the topics, I actually made a trip and watched it happen in action. It helped me grasp the information a lot better.
- It helps me because I learned additional info and also reviewed at the same time.
- I think just having knowledge is helpful for school; plus staying informed about these type of things will give you a leg up in these types of classes because we already know and have even experienced some of the things our teachers are telling us about.
- I think it can help me by giving me real experience rather than just reading it in book and only listening to the teacher. It also helps me understand more about court cases that I will learn later in class. We already know how a case will be setup in a court.
- It has taught me a lot about local government so if a question were to be asked about it on an exam I would definitely get it correct.
- If we are asked a question in Civics and Economics class and or other courses about government or budgets, we would have no problem answering them....we've seen it.