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Chicago students trained to work as election judges

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January 23, 2010 (CHICAGO) (WLS) -- More than 2,000 Chicago high school juniors and seniors are being trained in how to serve as election judges for February 2.

The Mikva Challenge, a nonprofit, nonpartisan group that teaches students about democracy, is sponsoring the training sessions involving 2,100 students.

Chicago and Cook County election officials have used teens as election judges. The students learn about elections and earn the same salary as adult judges.

The students' computer and technical skills help them operate modern voting equipment.

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