

Girl Powered

One woman can make a difference, but together we can change the world. Girl Powered is a movement for girls from the STEM field to have a chance to empower other girls. Our goal is for people to hear Girl Powered and think of it as the movement that changed the world for girls and for STEM. As a female in the STEM program, I understand what it's like to be underestimated or thought of as the girl trying too hard. After joining the Eastwood Robotics Club and helping to host an event that impacted over eight hundred girls, I realized there are so many girls whose potential is being written off and going through similar experiences as I went through for the single reason that they are girls.

Hosting Girl Powered helps target these problems and make it a welcoming environment for everyone so that no one's potential is wasted. Eastwood High School does not only host the El Paso Girl Power event, but we also have an all girl exclusive team that is the heart of inspiring others. Our team allows any girl to join and participate because we embrace differences not reject them. Our officers and sponsor always make sure everyone is respectful and following the proper guidelines. They also want everyone to be offered the same opportunities and to know they are welcome to try everything. In my experience girls are often teased or socially exiled for liking math and science or even showing a glimpse of interest as it is not considered what a girl should "like" or how a girl should behave. It not only lowers self esteem, but encourages girls to hide their interest in the STEM field, resulting in the evident statistic of lack of women in the STEM fields. Being apart of a team where I am accepted and do not have to be ashamed for my interests makes me not only strive to do the same for everyone. Eastwood is determined to give people a safe environment full of their peers where they are built up.

When you hear Girl Powered one day you'll think the movement that changed the world. Here at Eastwood High School we will make sure of it. We will not only try to make a difference, but we will to be the difference. In our robotics club we strive to make a change on our campus, for girls and boys we want our school to know that it's okay to be interested in STEM. This year we hosted the largest girl plowed event with eight hundred plus girls in attendance. Numerous young girls got to build, express, and learn in a welcoming environment. We hopefully help these young girls create amazing memories and opened their minds to all the possibilities in STEM. With our teamwork and help from our campus the girls got to experience the future of STEM, hopefully we encouraged some of these young girls to pursue a STEM pathway.

We believe that everyone woman or man deserves the same opportunities. To be the difference is what we strive for. One woman can make a difference but together we can change the word.

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