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What: Students across Arizona will show off their Constitutional wisdom this December and January! On December 5th, schools in Arizona will compete in the “We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution” annual District competitions to demonstrate student’s knowledge and application of the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights. The top 10 schools will advance to the State Competition held January 8th, 2010! We encourage you to capture this opportunity and witness these live simulated hearings. Cameras and other recording devices are strongly encouraged. Help these Arizona students showcase their amazing abilities. The winner of the State competition will advance to the national competition in Washington, D.C. in April, 2010.

When: Saturday, December 5, 2009
Friday, January 8th, 2010

Where: December competitions held across Arizona
January competition is held at: **Arizona State University - West Campus (4701 W. Thunderbird Rd., Glendale, AZ)**

Who: **Who:** Judges, legislative members, and members of the educational & legal community will judge over 400 students at the competitions.

About Arizona’s “We the People” Program

The Program encourages active learning in and out of the classroom about contemporary constitutional issues, the history of democratic philosophy and the history surrounding the creation of the US Constitution and Bill of Rights. “We the People” also meets Arizona Academic Standards in Civics and Government and Language Arts. Each “We the People” team competing consists of a regularly rostered class of juniors or seniors who are studying civics and government or history. Ten out of the past eleven years, Arizona teams have placed within the top ten. In 2002, Dobson High School placed first in the “We the People” National Competition. The “We the People” Program is sponsored and administered by the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education, the Arizona Supreme Court, and the Center for Civic Education.

About the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education

The Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education provides technical and financial assistance to legal aid organizations, schools and community groups. The Foundation promotes “Access to Justice for All Arizonans” by supporting law-related education and free legal services and by promoting statewide collaborative efforts. The Foundation plays a leading role in preparing Arizona students for civic responsibility and reaches more than 100,000 children each year by training teachers, school resource officers and probation officers about our laws, justice system and the foundations of democracy. It is also home of *LawForKids.org*, America’s first Web site dedicated to teaching students about the law.

Helpful Websites

- Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education: <http://www.azflse.org>
- We The People-The Citizen and the Constitution: <http://www.azflse.org/Wethepeople>
- Center for Civic Education: <http://www.civiced.org>