

High Schools Across Arizona to Compete in "We the People" Congressional District Competitions

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WHEN: Saturday, December 2, 2006

WHAT: The Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education's "We the People...the Citizen and the Constitution" annual academic competition. Winners from the four district competitions held around the State on Saturday will advance to the State Competition on January 12th at Chandler-Gilbert Community College in Chandler, AZ.

WHO/WHERE: **Congressional District 1 Competition**

At Gila Community College Campus – 201 N. Mud Springs Rd. – Payson, Arizona

- Globe High School – Globe – David Franquero
- Prescott High School – Prescott – Dorrean Walker
- Capps Middle School – Heber – Jim Maner (Capps is a non-competing middle school showcase team)

Congressional Districts 2 & 3 Competition

At Thunderbolt Middle School – 695 Thunderbolt Avenue – Lake Havasu City, AZ

- Kingman Academy of Learning High School – Kingman -- Michael Suchowierski
- Mountain Ridge High School – Glendale – Tammy Waller
- Mohave High School – Bullhead City – Craig Evins
- Lake Havasu High School – Lake Havasu – Jamie Festa-Daigle
- Palo Verde Middle School – Phoenix – Rich Curtain (Palo Verde is a non-competing middle school showcase team)

Congressional Districts 5 & 6 Competition

Higley High School – 4068 E. Pecos Rd. – Gilbert, Arizona

- Skyline High School – Mesa – Jill Benza
- Marcos de Niza – Tempe – David Dotts
- Dobson High School – Mesa – Shannon Sweat
- Corona Del Sol – Tempe – Tim Smith
- Valley Christian High School – Chandler – Gail Haase
- Chandler High School – Chandler – Larry Hansen
- Higley High School – Gilbert – Robert Peterson
- Hamilton High School – Chandler – Mike Spears

Congressional Districts 7 & 8

At Lineweaver Elementary School – 461 S. Bryant Ave. -

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- Rio Rico High School – Rio Rico – Kent Barter
- Maricopa Secondary School – Maricopa – Bernadette Russoniello

About Arizona's "We the People" Program

"We the People" 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.

Arizona's "We the People" is sponsored by the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education and supported with funding by the Arizona Supreme Court and the Center for Civic Education. Over the last nineteen years, the Foundation has trained several hundred Arizona teachers and distributed thousands of free sets of "We the People" textbooks to Arizona classrooms. As a result, thousands of Arizona students have learned about the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights through this innovative, active-learning curriculum.

Helpful Websites:

- Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education: <http://www.azflse.org>
- Center for Civic Education: <http://www.civiced.org>
- Arizona We the People: <http://www.azflse.org/WeThePeople>
- History and information on Arizona's winning teams:
<http://www.azflse.org/wethepeople/History/WTPHistory.cfm>