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Liberty Traditional Enforces Common Core Curriculum

Arizona charter school is working to make students college and career ready

Phoenix, AZ (10/24/2014) – Liberty Traditional Charter School, a school with a K-8 campus in Phoenix and K-6 campus in Douglas, AZ, is committed to fostering the academic growth of its students with high-quality instruction. To enrich students' learning, Liberty Traditional aligns its curriculum with the Arizona College and Career Ready Standards.

Liberty Traditional has recently received feedback from parents regarding the use of Common Core Standards and the Arizona College and Career Ready Standards, and several parents have had questions about the difference between these standards and how they are used.

Arizona has integrated the Common Core Standards into the Arizona College and Career Ready standards. These new standards ensure that Liberty Traditional students are better prepared for college and careers. Rigorous expectations are delivered with individualized instruction that will benefit all students at any learning level. In order to fully appreciate these government-mandated guidelines for education, it is important to understand what these standards are and how they affect both students and educators.

Common Core Standards

Common Core Standards are a set of learning goals for mathematics and English language arts/literacy for grades K-12 that are implemented in 43 states as a supplement to state standards. These were developed to decrease the gap in high-quality education, as the academic expectations of school districts across America differ. When school districts around the nation adopt the same or "common" rigorous standards, students have better opportunities for high-quality education, regardless of where they live. With Common Core Standards, all students, regardless of their learning level, are equipped with the skills they need to thrive not just in their communities but in an increasingly global economy and society.

For more details about Common Core Standards, visit this website: www.corestandards.org

Arizona College and Career Ready Standards

The Arizona College and Career Ready Standards are learning goals that apply specifically to K-12 Arizona students. Arizona's educational standards are implemented for all academic areas—English, math, the arts, technology, science, social studies,

foreign language, health & physical education—to establish that students receive a well-rounded education that prepares them for post-secondary education and careers. In the areas also covered by Common Core Standards—English and math—the expectations reflect the more recently implemented Common Core guidelines.

For more information about the Arizona College and Career Ready Standards, visit this website: www.azed.gov/standards-practices

One way that Liberty Traditional educators at both the Douglas and Phoenix campuses are implementing these standards is through Beyond Textbooks, a digital program that provides lessons, assessments and teacher resources that align with Arizona College and Career Ready Standards. Beyond Textbooks delivers cutting-edge, computer-based lessons and assessments that contribute to students' mastery of math and English. For further information about Beyond Textbooks, please visit their website at <http://beyondtextbooks.org>.

For more information about Liberty Traditional Charter School, visit www.LTSArizona.org or reach out to the media contacts at the bottom of this release.

About Liberty Traditional Charter School

Liberty Traditional Charter School is a fast-growing charter school system providing high-quality education to Arizona students. Liberty is a tuition-free, not-for-profit charter school providing an exceptional educational environment that focuses on academics, community involvement and family values. Liberty Traditional has two schools, one in [Phoenix](#) and one in [Douglas](#). Raena Janes, an active advocate for Arizona education and charter schools, is the charterholder of Liberty Traditional Charter School. Visit the charter school system's website at LTSArizona.org.

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