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TWENTY SEVEN SCHOOLS RECOGNIZED FOR PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY CIVIC LEARNING

August 1, 2014, Phoenix, Ariz.—Twenty seven public schools across Arizona are being recognized as Arizona Civic Engagement schools by the Arizona Department of Education’s (ADE) Excellence in Civic Engagement Program (ECEP) for the 2013-2014 school year. Completing a successful 2nd year, ECEP recognizes and supports the important role schools play in ensuring that students are informed and engaged citizens. ECEP identifies schools that demonstrate knowledge and effective implementation of the following six proven practices in civic learning: *classroom instruction in civics & government, history, economics, geography, law and democracy; service learning linked to classroom learning; experiential learning; learning through participation in models and simulations of democratic processes and procedures; guided classroom discussion of current issues and events, and meaningful participation in school governance.*

Thirty-one public schools, traditional and charter, applied for recognition as an Arizona Civic Engagement school with one of the following designations: School of Merit, School of Distinction or School of Excellence. Of those schools, fifteen are recognized as a School of Merit, nine are honored as a School of Distinction and three obtained an award as a School of Excellence.

“I am inspired by the efforts that schools are demonstrating in preparing our youth to become informed, engaged citizens—and future civic leaders,” said Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal. “I congratulate each of these schools for the work they are doing in civic education. The ADE is excited about the future of the Excellence in Civic Engagement Program and its potential impact on teachers and students. I would encourage more schools to apply for the program this coming school year.”

The schools will be recognized at an award ceremony on Sept. 17, 2014—Constitution Day.
For more information about ADE’s Excellence in Civic Engagement Program, please visit
www.azed.gov/civicengagement.

Arizona Civic Engagement Schools 2013-2014

School of Merit

SCHOOL

Arizona Charter Academy
Boulder Creek High School
Dobson High School
East Valley Academy
Franklin Junior High
Fremont Junior High
George Smith Junior High
Globe High School
Kino Junior High
Mesa Academy for Advanced Studies
Poston Junior High
Red Mountain High School
Rhodes Junior High
Safford IB Magnet School
Taylor Junior High

DISTRICT

Charter
Deer Valley Unified School District
Mesa Public Schools
Globe Unified School District
Mesa Public Schools
Tucson Unified School District
Mesa Public Schools

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School of Distinction

SCHOOL

Carson Junior High
Chandler High School
Hamilton High School
Mesa High School
New School for the Arts and Academics
Sandra Day O'Connor High School
South Mountain High School
Tanque Verde High School
Westwood High School

DISTRICT

Mesa Public Schools
Chandler Unified School District
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Mesa Public Schools
Charter
Deer Valley Unified School District
Phoenix Union High School District
Tanque Verde Unified School District
Mesa Public Schools

School of Excellence

SCHOOL

Arizona School for the Arts
Challenge Charter School
Skyline High School

DISTRICT

Charter
Charter
Mesa Public Schools