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Alhambra Traditional School Earns Coveted National Blue Ribbon School Award

PHOENIX, Arizona – Alhambra Traditional School (ATS) was one of five Arizona schools named as a 2019 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education, and designated the school as an Exemplary High Performing School. The recognition is based on a school’s overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups; and, ATS was recognized as one of Arizona’s highest performing schools.

ATS is a school of choice in the Alhambra Elementary School District serving students in kindergarten through eighth grade. It was founded 36 years ago by a group of parents who envisioned an alternative public school based on a traditional model of educating students. Parents and staff partner together to provide an education that encourages students to pursue academic excellence. The back-to-basics curriculum, pace of studies, and specific expectations for academic achievement, behavior, and dress require a commitment from every parent, student, and teacher. In addition, the school formulates a partnership between home and school using effective communication and establishing a parental involvement component.

ATS's philosophy of educating students along with high expectations for parental involvement, has earned ATS an "A" letter grade from the Arizona Department of Education. In fact, ATS has always achieved the highest label awarded by the state since Arizona began ranking schools.

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U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos and the Department of Education will honor this year's National Blue Ribbon Schools at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., November 14 – 15, 2019.

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