

## CTA PHILOSOPHY

The Chandler Traditional School program was founded on the principle that parents, students and staff shall work together as partners to provide an education that encourages all students to pursue academic excellence to the best of their abilities. Arizona College and Career Ready Standards, pace and specific expectations for academic achievement, behavior and dress require a firm commitment from every student, parent and teacher.



## CTA'S ACADEMIC PROGRAMS DIFFER FROM OTHER CUSD SCHOOLS IN THAT ...

We use the Spalding Method, a strong phonics-based spelling, writing and reading program, as the basis for instruction in language arts. This is supported by a district adopted research-based reading program and Accelerated Reader. Our math curriculum is accelerated using Saxon Math, one grade level ahead. CTA homework also meets or exceeds CUSD's homework requirements.

## OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The Chandler Traditional Program is designed to develop a solid foundation of fundamental and higher-level thinking skills through a structured and rigorous curriculum that is consistent within each grade level and sequential throughout the grades.

Kindergarten through sixth grade curriculum is taught using direct instruction, and research-based teaching strategies, while making learning relevant to each student. At CTA we strive to build relationships with our students and families that foster a love and dedication to learning.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENT INVOLVEMENT

At least one adult from each family at CTA is encouraged to volunteer a minimum of five hours during the school year.

- Classroom Volunteer
- Art Masterpiece Instructor
- Dads Club
- Site Council
- Junior Achievement
- Room Parent
- PTO
- Committees

We welcome and appreciate the time our parents can devote to their child's education and building lasting relationships with the school community.

### Activities During School:

- Library / Computers
- PE / Music
- Art Masterpiece

### Before- & After-School Activities:

- Band / Orchestra / Chorus
- Robotics / Extended Learning
- Running Club / Student Council

*Before and after-school enrichment programs available at all campuses. Contact CUSD Community Education at 480-224-3900 or visit [www.cusdcommunity.com](http://www.cusdcommunity.com).*

### Kids Express -- Before & After-School Care

[www.cusd80.com/KidsExpress](http://www.cusd80.com/KidsExpress)

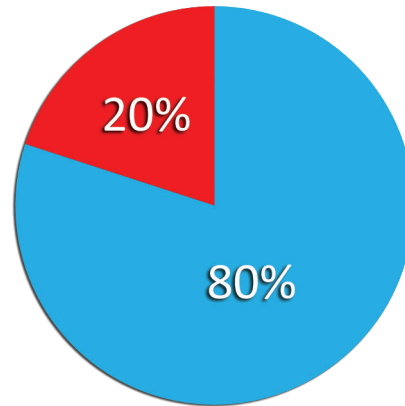
# EFFECTIVE QUALITIES OF THE CTA CURRICULUM

- Spalding language arts instruction
- Saxon Math -- accelerated
  - Math materials one year ahead
- Prescribed uniform dress
- Spalding-based handwriting
- Systematic, whole group, direct instruction, followed by small group instruction
- STEM academic focus
  - Robotics Club
  - 6th grade science camp
- Integrated technology
- Increased student expectations
- High standards for academics and behavior
- Accelerated Reader
- Depth of knowledge
- Focus on patriotism & character building
- Thinking Maps



## CTA FREEDOM

### STAFF CREDENTIALS



● MA ● BA/BS

- **80%** of our teachers have their Master's Degree
- **100%** are Spalding trained or certified
- Average years of experience = **12.2 YEARS**

### CTA - FREEDOM CAMPUS

**Christina Lucas-Sheffield** | Principal

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

School Hours: 8:20 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.

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For more information visit  
our website:

[CUSD80.com/freedom](http://CUSD80.com/freedom)



## CHANDLER TRADITIONAL ACADEMY CHOICES

### RIGOR, RELEVANCE, AND RELATIONSHIPS

#### FULL CTA CAMPUSES

**FREEDOM** | Goodman | Humphrey  
Independence | Liberty

#### DUAL CTA/CLASSIC CAMPUSES

Auxier | Carlson | Patterson | Weinberg

