

# Common Core Action Items

- Sign up to be a member of “Arizonans Against Common Core” so you can receive updates on bills at the Capitol and Action items in your community- Contact [AZSchoolChoice@cox.net](mailto:AZSchoolChoice@cox.net).
- Contact your Congressional leaders: Two State Senators, John McCain (202-224-2235 or [senator\\_mccain@mccain.senate.gov](mailto:senator_mccain@mccain.senate.gov)) and Jeff Flake (202-224-4521 or [senator\\_flake@flake.senate.gov](mailto:senator_flake@flake.senate.gov)) and tell them both to oppose and propose legislation against the illegal data collection on our children that is now being collected in the National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP) Assessment. Contact your one Congressional Representative and tell him/her to VOTE NO on S. 227 [Strengthening Education through Research Act (SERTA)]. (<http://www.house.gov/representatives/>)
- Contact your local Senator (<http://www.azleg.gov/MemberRoster.asp?Body=S>) and your two Representatives (<http://www.azleg.gov/MemberRoster.asp?Body=H>) in your Legislative District (1-30) and demand that they “Stop Funding Common Core!”
  - Suggest that they set up a “study committee” to determine what steps need to be taken to exit the “Common Core System”= Common Core Standards + Assessment (AzMERIT) + Data Mining. Encourage them to draft legislation to “Repeal and Replace Common Core;” “Support parental rights to ‘Opt Out’ of the statewide assessment;” and “Protect our children from data mining.”
  - Visit with them and discuss “The National Common Core Standards System” document. (<http://www.arizonansagainstcommoncore.com/AZ%20Statement.07292015.final.pdf>)
- Sign up for a “Request to Speak” account at one of the kiosks in the Senate or House of Representatives Buildings so you can comment or speak on Common Core legislation. Once you have an RTS account set up then you can track and comment on bills from home. (<https://apps.azleg.gov/Account/SignOn?ReturnUrl=%2fRequestToSpeak>) Read more about the RTS system here: [http://www.arizonansagainstcommoncore.com/ALIS\\_and\\_RTS\\_Instructions.pdf](http://www.arizonansagainstcommoncore.com/ALIS_and_RTS_Instructions.pdf)
- Watch video hearings on bills in the Senate and House of Representatives meeting rooms ([http://azleg.granicus.com/Mediaplayer.php?publish\\_id=5](http://azleg.granicus.com/Mediaplayer.php?publish_id=5)) where the “Common Core System” is being implemented and voted on. Submit your public comments through the Request to Speak (RTS) System. { <https://apps.azleg.gov/Account/SignOn?ReturnUrl=%2fRequestToSpeak> }
- Support Superintendent of Public Instruction, Diane Douglas, with her efforts to “restore local control over the standards and the assessment” in our state. Contact Superintendent Douglas through e-mail or by calling her at: [Diane.Douglas@azed.gov](mailto:Diane.Douglas@azed.gov) or (602)542-5423.
  - Contact the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) and demand that they stop sharing Aggregated data and Personally Identifiable Information (PII) with “outside entities” and the federal government without parental consent!
  - Express all of your concerns to Superintendent Douglas that you have with K-12 Education.
- Submit the “AzMERIT Opt Out” forms to your local school district or charter school governing board, and your child’s teacher. (<http://www.optoutaz.org/print-opt-out-forms/>) Educate your local school that no funding has been lost due to students “opting out.” (<http://www.fairtest.org/sites/default/files/ESSA-OptOut-Factsheet.pdf>)
- Sign up to be a member of “It’s My Personally Identifiable Information” (<http://itsmypii.com/>) and make a donation for the civil injunction against the federal Department of Education and the state for sharing data without parental consent!
- Attend local school board meetings and educate them on “Why we need to exit Common Core” with “The National Common Core Standards System” document (<http://www.arizonansagainstcommoncore.com/AZ%20Statement.07292015.final.pdf>). Meet personally with School Board members and educate them with fliers from the “Arizonans Against Common Core” website or the “Opt Out AZ” website. (<http://www.arizonansagainstcommoncore.com/fliers.html> or <http://www.optoutaz.org/> )
- Be active in your school district or charter school that is closest to you that is being funded by *your* property taxes. Demand that they support our natural parental rights- share examples with them of threats given to parents and students over AzMERIT testing. Let them know we want our student data to be protected *not* shared!
- Talk to your friends and neighbors about Common Core- this affects all of our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, college students, etc.

