





Cornwall-Lebanon School District Curriculum Overview

American Government – 12th Grade

length of time in weeks	Concepts & Competencies	Common Assessments	Academic Standards CCHS Government Standards
Unit 1  2	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Foundations of Government</u></p> <p>Explain the purposes and functions of government. Recognize important European influences on the development of the American governmental system. Differentiate between political and economic systems. Analyze the influences of the early documents on our present plan of government.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Unit 1 Test ➤ Marking Period Exam ➤ Final 	1A 1B 1C 1D
Unit 2  2	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Formation and Function of the US Constitution</u></p> <p>Identify the basic principles contained in the Constitution. List protections provided to citizens by the Constituion and the Amendments. Identify the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizens.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Unit 2 Test ➤ Marking Period Exam ➤ Final 	2A 2B 2C
Unit 3  1	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Federalism</u></p> <p>Compare the roles and powers of the state and federal government. Analyze key court cases involving federalism.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Unit 3 Test ➤ Marking Period Exam ➤ Final 	3A 3B
Unit 4  4	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Citizenship and Political Parties</u></p> <p>Describe and identify the major political parties is the U.S. Describe how political attitudes develop and influence political behavior. Identify the roles interest groups in the American political system.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Unit 4 Test ➤ Final 	4A 4B 4C 4D 4E

		Discuss the roles of citizens, political parties and interest groups in the electoral process. Identify the types of citizenship and the process of becoming a citizen (naturalization).		
Unit 5	3	<u>Legislative Branch</u> Describe the organization of Congress. Discuss the functions of Congress. Identify and discuss the powers of Congress.	➤ Unit 5 Test ➤ Final	5A 5B 5C
Unit 6	3	<u>Executive Branch</u> List and explain the qualifications and term of office for the President. Identify and describe the powers of the President. Describe the organization of the executive branch. Discuss the role of the staff and cabinet of the President.	➤ Unit 6 Test ➤ Final	6A 6B 6C 6D
Unit 7	2	<u>Judicial Branch</u> Identify and discuss the powers of the courts. Explain the structure of the U.S. legal system. Chart the process of how a case progresses through the court system. Identify and discuss historical cases of the U.S. Supreme Court.	➤ Unit 7 Test ➤ Final	7A 7B 7C 7D