# Cornwall-Lebanon School District Curriculum Overview

## American Government – 12th Grade

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| **Unit 1** | **Foundations of Government**  
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 |  
Unit 1 Test  
Marking Period Exam  
Final | 1A  
1B  
1C  
1D |
| **Unit 2** | **Formation and Function of the US Constitution**  
Identify the basic principles contained in the Constitution  
List protections provided to citizens by the Constitution and the Amendments  
Identify the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizens |  
Unit 2 Test  
Marking Period Exam  
Final | 2A  
2B  
2C |
| **Unit 3** | **Federalism**  
Compare the roles and powers of the state and federal government  
Analyze key court cases involving federalism |  
Unit 3 Test  
Marking Period Exam  
Final | 3A  
3B |
| **Unit 4** | **Citizenship and Political Parties**  
Describe and identify the major political parties in the U.S.  
Describe how political attitudes develop and influence political behavior  
Identify the roles interest groups in the American political system  
Discuss the roles of citizens, political parties and interest groups in the electoral process |  
Unit 4 Test  
Final | 4A  
4B  
4C  
4D  
4E |
| Unit 5 | 3 | Legislative Branch  
Identify the types of citizenship and the process of becoming a citizen (naturalization)  
| 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 | Executive Branch  
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 | Judicial Branch  
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 |