8th Grade Social Studies
Government and Juvenile Justice Unit Information

Milestones Domain/Weight: Government/Civics 25%

Content Map: Content Map

GPS Breakdown – Government and Juvenile Justice Unit

Government Instructional Guide from GaDOE

Unit Length: Approximately 10 Days

Enduring Understandings/Themes: Distribution of Power, Governance, Rule of Law

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Essential Questions:

EQ 1: How is Georgia’s government organized?

EQ 2: How do local governments play a role in Georgia?

EQ 3: How do state and local governments use revenue to provide services?

EQ 4: How does Georgia’s court system treat juvenile offenders?
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| **Standard(s):** SS8CG1 The student will describe the role of citizens under Georgia’s constitution. | - Georgia’s Constitution PowerPoint  
- 3 Branches of Government Graphic Organizer  
- Georgia Constitution Articles  
- Government of Georgia Notes  
- Government Frame Game  
- The Constitution in Context Analysis (U.S. Constitution) | | |
| a. Explain the basic structure of the Georgia state constitution. | | | |
| b. Explain the concepts of separation of powers and checks and balances. | | | |
| c. Describe the rights and responsibilities of citizens. | | | |
| d. Explain voting qualifications and elections in Georgia. | | | |
| e. Explain the role of political parties in government. | | | |
| f. Identify wisdom, justice, and moderation as the three principles of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Georgia Flag. | | | |
| SS8CG2 The student will analyze the role of the legislative branch in Georgia state government. | | | |
| a. Explain the qualifications, term, election, and duties of members of the General Assembly. | | | |
| b. Describe the organization of the General Assembly, with emphasis on leadership and the committee system. | | | |
| c. Evaluate how the legislative branch fulfills its role as the lawmaking body for the state of Georgia. | | | |
| SS8CG3 The student will analyze the role of the executive branch in Georgia state government. | | | |
| a. Explain the qualifications, term, election, and duties of the governor and lieutenant governor. | | | |
| b. Describe the organization of the | | | |
**Essential Question and Standard(s)**

Executive branch, with emphasis on major policy areas of state programs; include education, human resources, public safety, transportation, economic development, and natural resources.

c. Evaluate how the executive branch fulfills its role through state agencies that administer programs and enforce laws.

SS8CG4 The student will analyze the role of the judicial branch in Georgia state government.

a. Explain the structure of the court system in Georgia including trial and appellate procedures and how judges are selected.

b. Explain the difference between criminal law and civil law.

c. Describe the adult justice system, emphasizing the different jurisdictions, terminology, and steps in the criminal justice process.

d. Describe ways to avoid trouble and settle disputes peacefully.

e. Evaluate how the judicial branch fulfills its role in interpreting the laws of Georgia and ensuring justice in our legal system.

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City Government  
County Government  
Council-manager  
Weak mayor-council  
Strong mayor-council  
Special Purpose Government  
Origins  
Functions. |  
- County and City Government  
- County and City Government Key |  
- Sample Assessment Items SS8CG5 |

**Standard(s):**  
SS8CG5 The student will analyze the role of local governments in the state of Georgia.  
- a. Explain the origins, functions, purposes, and differences of county and city governments in Georgia.  
- b. Compare and contrast the weak mayor-council, the strong mayor-council, and the council manager forms of city government.  
- c. Describe the functions of special-purpose governments.  
- d. Evaluate the role of local government working with state agencies to administer state programs.
### Essential Question and Standard(s)

3. How do state and local governments use revenue to provide services?

**Standard(s):**
- SS8CG5 The student will analyze the role of local governments in the state of Georgia.
- d. Evaluate the role of local government working with state agencies to administer state programs

SS8E4 The student will identify revenue sources for and services provided by state and local governments.
- a. Trace sources of state revenue such as sales taxes, federal grants, personal income taxes, and property taxes.
- b. Explain the distribution of state revenue to provide services.
- C. Evaluate how choices are made given the limited revenues of state and local governments.

### Vocabulary

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<th>Personal Income Tax</th>
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- Funding Georgia’s Government Notes
- Taxation Lesson by Georgia Council on Economic Education
- Georgia Stories Video Clip for Taxation Lesson
- Why do we take so many tests? Funding Lesson by Georgia Council on Economic Education
- Georgia Expenditure Geographic Analysis Case Study
- GA Revenue and Expenditure Brief
- GA Expenditures Blank Pie Chart
- GA Revenue Blank Pie Chart

### Assessment

- Sample Assessment Items SS8CG5d, SS8E4
4. How does the Georgia court system treat juvenile offenders?

Standard(s):
SS8CG6 The student will explain how the Georgia court system treats juvenile offenders.

a. Explain the difference between delinquent behavior and unruly behavior and the consequences of each
b. Describe the rights of juveniles when taken into custody.
c. Describe the juvenile justice system, emphasizing the different jurisdictions, terminology, and steps in the juvenile justice process.
d. Explain the seven delinquent behaviors that can subject juvenile offenders to the adult criminal process, how the decision to transfer to adult court is made, and the possible consequences.

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Delinquent behavior  
Unruly behavior  
Consequences  
Rights of juveniles  
Custody  
Juvenile justice system  
Jurisdictions  
Terminology  
juvenile justice process  
adult criminal process  
Seven Delinquent behaviors (that lead to transfer to adult court) | - Juvenile Justice Persuasive Essay Lesson  
- Articles to Accompany Persuasive Essay Lesson  
  - Startling Finds on the Teenage Brain Article  
  - Juveniles Tried as Adults Article  
- Juvenile Justice in Georgia PowerPoint  
- Georgia’s Juvenile Justice Notes 1  
- Georgia Juvenile Justice Notes 2  
- Juvenile vs. Adult Justice Comparison  
- Juvenile Justice Terms  
- Juvenile Justice System Flow Chart  
- Juvenile Consequences for Breaking the Law | - Sample Assessment Items SS8CG6 |