



Alignment Document
State of Hawaii and Aventa Learning Civics

Civics
2005-2007 Benchmark Blueprint

Strand	Standard	Topic	Benchmark	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
Political Science/Civics	SS.9MHH.4 Understand the purpose and historical impact of political institutions, the principles and values of American constitutional democracy, and the similarities and differences in government across cultural perspectives	Governance, Power and Authority	SS.9MHH.4.1 Explain how governments acquire, use, and justify power, including how limited governments differ from unlimited ones	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Essential Characteristics of limited and unlimited government
Political Science/Civics	SS.9MHH.5 Understand roles, rights (personal, economic, political), and responsibilities of American citizens and exercise them in civic action		No benchmark at this level		
Political Science/Civics	SS.9PD.4 Understand the purpose and historical impact of political institutions, the principles and values of American constitutional democracy, and the similarities and differences in government across cultural perspectives	Political Institutions: Governance, Power, and Authority	SS.9PD.4.1 Explain how governments derive authority SS.9PD.4.2 Describe how the American Constitution embodies the principles of rule of law, popular sovereignty, separation of powers, checks and balances, and limited government SS.9PD.4.3 Assess the extent to which the	Civic Life, Politics, and Government Foundations of American System	The Civil Society John Locke

			American values of common good, equality of opportunity, and individual rights have been realized		
Political Science/Civics	SS.9PD.5 Understand roles, rights (personal, economic, political), and responsibilities of American citizens and exercise them in civic action	Rights and Responsibilities of Citizens	SS.9PD.5.1 Explain the rights, duties, and responsibilities of citizens in a democracy and the relationship between them	State Government	Citizen Action
		Citizenship Participation	SS.9PD.5.2 Investigate how citizens can monitor and advocate for a local, state, or national issue	State Government	Citizen Action
			SS.9PD.5.3 Compare the characteristics of major political parties based upon the philosophy, platform, and support base	Role of Political Parties	One-Party Governments
				Role of Political Parties	Party Committees
				Role of Political Parties	Third Parties
				Role of Political Parties	Political Party Finances
				Role of Political Parties	The Democratic and Republican Parties
				Role of Political Parties	Public Financing
				SS.9PD.5.4 Explain the role of a citizen in the electoral process	Role of Political Parties
			SS.9PD.5.5 Demonstrate the role of a citizen in civic action by selecting a problem, gathering information, proposing a	State Government	Citizen Action
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			solution, creating an action plan, and showing evidence of implementation		
Political Science/Civics	SS.10.4 Understand the purpose and historical impact of political institutions, the principles and values of American constitutional democracy, and the similarities and differences in government across cultural perspectives		No benchmark at this level		
Political Science/Civics	SS.10.5 Understand roles, rights (personal, economic, political), and responsibilities of American citizens and exercise them in civic action		No benchmark at this level		
Political Science/Civics	SS.11.4 Understand the purpose and historical impact of political institutions, the principles and values of American constitutional democracy, and the similarities and differences in government across cultural perspectives	Comparative Government	SS.11.4.1 Compare the features of republican and absolutist governments that emerged in 17th century Europe	Foundations of American System	The United States as a Republic
Political Science/Civics	SS.11.5 Understand roles, rights (personal, economic, political), and responsibilities of American citizens and exercise them in civic action		No benchmark at this level		