

CFISD AP Government Scope and Sequence (2026–2027)

Course Description

The United States Government Advanced Placement course is designed to provide students with an analytical perspective on government and politics in the United States. This course involves both the study of general concepts used to interpret U.S. politics and the analysis of specific case studies. Students will also engage in an in-depth study of the various institutions, groups, beliefs and ideas that constitute the U.S. political system. Students are guided to use specific information critically to evaluate general propositions about government and politics, as well as to present basic data relevant to government and politics in sustained written arguments. This course of study is the equivalent of a college introductory course and is available to seniors interested in taking the Advanced Placement examination in U.S. Government.

In accordance with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), Celebrate Freedom Week will be incorporated during the week of September 17.

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)

Reference: [TEA AP Government History Standards](#)

First Semester (80 Days)

1st Grading Period – Ends Oct. 8, 2026 (40 Days)

Unit	Days	End Date
Supportive Learning Environment (SLE)	3	Aug. 14, 2026
Unit 1: Foundation of American Democracy	15	Sept. 4, 2026
Unit 2: Interactions Among Branches of Government	19	Oct. 2, 2026
College Financial Planning (First Semester Only)	2	Oct. 6, 2026
Civilian Interaction Training (SB30)	1	Oct. 7, 2026
Unit 2: Interactions Among Branches of Government	1	Oct. 8, 2026

2nd Grading Period – Ends Dec. 18, 2026 (39 Days)

Unit	Days	End Date
Unit 2: Interactions Among Branches of Government	3	Oct. 21, 2026
Unit 3: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	13	Nov. 10, 2026
Unit 4: American Political Ideologies and Beliefs	11	Dec. 2, 2026
Unit 5: Political Participation	12	Dec. 18, 2026

Second Semester (93 Days)

3rd Grading Period – Ends March 11, 2027 (46 Days)

Unit	Days	End Date
Supportive Learning Environment (SLE)	1	Jan. 5, 2027
Unit 1: Foundation of American Democracy	14	Jan. 26, 2027
Unit 2: Interactions Among Branches of Government	19	Feb. 23, 2027
Unit 3: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	12	March 11, 2027

4th Grading Period – Ends May 27, 2027 (47 Days)

Unit	Days	End Date
Unit 4: American Political Ideologies and Beliefs	10	April 5, 2027
Civilian Interaction Training (SB30)	1	April 6, 2027
Unit 5: Political Participation	10	April 20, 2027
Review for AP Test	6	April 29, 2027
AP Test	1	April 30, 2027
Culminating Projects	19	May 27, 2027

Instructional Materials

American Government Stories of a Nation for the AP Course, 2nd edition, 2025

Notes

The length of each unit is a specific number of days, but it is understood that there is a range of +/- a day. The purpose of the flexibility is meant to allow teachers the opportunity to plan for the needs of their students and to accommodate re-teaching or review when necessary. If pre-assessment indicates student mastery could be obtained in a fewer number of days, the additional time could be used for extension or carried into the next unit.