

CFISD Government Scope and Sequence (2026–2027)

Course Description

The primary objective of this required one-semester course is to prepare the student for decision-making within the framework of the American political system. The course begins with an overview of basic concepts found in all political systems, the philosophical background which led to our constitutional development, and the basic concepts found in the Constitution. The executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the federal government, including current issues of interest such as foreign affairs, will be studied. In addition, students study the fields of civil rights and liberties, political parties and suffrage, the Texas Constitution, and state and local 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 Government Standards](#)

First Semester (80 Days)

1st Grading Period – Ends Oct. 8, 2026 (41 Days)

Unit	Days	End Date
Supportive Learning Environment (SLE)	3	Aug. 14, 2026
Development of Constitutional Government in America	15	Sept. 4, 2026
Structures and Functions of the Government (Legislative)	10	Sept. 21, 2026
Structures and Functions of the Government (Executive)	10	Oct. 5, 2026
College Financial Planning (First Semester Only)	2	Oct. 7, 2026
Civilian Interaction Training (SB30)	1	Oct. 8, 2026

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

Unit	Days	End Date
Structures and Functions of the Government (Judicial)	12	Nov. 3, 2026
Citizenship	4	Nov. 10, 2026
Influences on the U.S. Political System	9	Nov. 30, 2026
Role of Political Parties	7	Dec. 9, 2026
Process for Filling Public Offices	7	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
Development of Constitutional Government in America	15	Jan. 27, 2027
Structures and Functions of the Government (Legislative)	14	Feb. 17, 2027
Structures and Functions of the Government (Executive)	10	March 3, 2027
Structures and Functions of the Government (Judicial)	6	March 11, 2027

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

Unit	Days	End Date
Structures and Functions of the Government (Judicial)	9	April 2, 2027
Citizenship	3	April 7, 2027
Civilian Interaction Training (SB30)	1	April 8, 2027
Influences on the U.S. Political System	11	April 23, 2027
Role of Political Parties	8	May 6, 2027
Process for Filling Public Offices	15	May 27, 2027

Instructional Materials

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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.