**Laurens County Schools American Government/Civics Curriculum Map**

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| **1st TRIMESTER** | **Unit 1: Connecting Themes** -Beliefs & Ideals -Conflict & Change/Conflict Resolution -Culture -Distribution of Power -Governance -Individuals, Groups & Institutions -Location -Rule of Law -Time, Change, and Continuity **Unit 2: Foundations of American Government** -Geographic Distribution of Power -Autocracy, Oligarchy, and Democracy -Presidential vs. Parliamentary -Direct Democracy, Representative Democracy, and Republic -Magna Carta/English Bill of Rights/Petition of Rights -Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, & Montesquieu/Early philosophies and the Impact on the Declaration of Independence SSCG1, SSCG2 **Unit 3: The United States Constitution -T**hree-Fifths Compromise -The Great Compromise -Commerce Clause -Articles of Confederation -Limited Government -Federalism -Popular Sovereignty -Federalists vs. Anti- Federalists -Bill of Rights SSCG3, SSCG6 **Unit 4: The Federal System of Government -**Limitations of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches -Checks and Balances/Separation of Power -Relationship between the national government and state governments -Supremacy Clause -The Constitution as the Supreme Law of the Land -Process of Constitutional Amendments SSCG4, SSCG5 **Unit 5: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights -**Civil Liberties -Civil Rights -1st Amendment -Brown vs. Board of Education -Civil Rights Act -Due Process/5th and 14th Amendments SSCG7 **Unit 6: The Legislative Branch -**Formal Qualifications for Senators and House of Representative members -Election process for Representatives and Senators -17th Amendment -Virginia Plan/New Jersey Plan/Connecticut Compromise -Power of the Purse -16th Amendment -Steps in Legislative Process -Congressional Leadership/Congressional Committees -The Role of Lobbyists -Impeachment SSCG8, SSCG9 **Unit 7: The Executive Branch, Federal Bureaucracy, and Foreign Policy -**Formal Qualifications for Presidential Candidates/Informal Qualifications -Terms of Office -Line of Presidential Succession/20th, 22nd, and 25th Amendments -Electoral College -12th Amendment -Presidential Roles -Independent Regulatory Agencies -Government Corporations -Federal Bureaucracy -Presidential Cabinet -Diplomacy/Treaties/Humanitarian Aid/Sanctions/Military Intervention SSCG10, SSCG11, SSCG12 **Unit 8: The Election Process and Civic Responsibility -**Constituency -Nomination & Election Process -Campaign Finance -Media Coverage -Campaign Advertising -Public Opinion Polls -Civic Duties/Jury Duty/Voting/Informed Voters -Meaning and History of the Pledge of Allegiance SSCG15, SSCG16 **Unit 9: The Judicial Branch and the Criminal Justice Process -**Selection and Approval of Federal Judges -Jurisdiction (Original and Appellate) -Federal Courts v. State Courts -Supreme Court/Marbury v. Madison/Judicial Review/Judicial Restraint -Supreme Court Process for Selection and Case Decisions -Due Process of Rights/ 4th, 5th, 6th, and 14th Amendments -Criminal Justice Process/Civil v. Criminal Procedures and Criminal Sentencing SSCG13, SSCG14 **Unit 10: Georgia Government and the State Constitution -**Structure of Local Governments in Georgia – Cities and Counties -Relationship of State and Local Governments -Services Provided by State and Local Governments -Sources of Revenue -Limitations on State and Local Governments -Referendum –Recall SSCG17  | **1st QUARTER** |
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