



## Alignment Document

### State of Tennessee And Aventa Learning Civics

#### **Civics**

#### 2005-2007 Benchmark Blueprint

State Standard Number	State Standard Area / Description	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
0	United States Government		
1.0	Culture		
1.1	understand the influence of natural rights on American culture.	Foundations of American System	John Locke
1.2	understand the impact of the political system on American culture.	Role of Political Parties	The Democratic and Republican Parties
2.0	Economics		
2.1	understand economic systems and political structures.	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Limited Government and Political/Economic Freedom
2.2	understand the rise of capitalism in the United States.	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Limited Government and Political/Economic Freedom
2.3	understand how all nations use "tools of foreign policy" such as alliances, economic aid, economic sanctions, trade agreements, propaganda, military aid, treaties, troop movements, and wars to promote national interests.		
2.4	understand the connection among resources and institutions that govern the management and distributions of those resources.		

3.0	Geography		
3.1	Understand and analyze how the forces of cooperation and conflict among people influence the division and control of the earth's surface		
3.2	understand and analyze the impact of physical and human geography on given political systems.		
3.3	understand the use of geography in determining policies such as zoning, redistricting, and the census.	Role of Political Parties	Local Party Organization
4.0	Governance and Civics		
4.1	understand the role of politics and government in society.	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Limited Government and Political/Economic Freedom
		State Government	States and Federal Government
4.2	understand the role of constitutions in preventing abuses of government power.	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Limited Government and Political/Economic Freedom
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitutional government
		Foundations of American System	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		Foundations of American System	Change or the Experiment Will Fail
		Foundations of American System	Goals of the Constitution
		Foundations of American System	Dynamic/Flexible Constitution
4.3	understand the basic features of major forms of governments in the world.	Role of Political Parties	One-Party Governments
4.4	understand the basic features of major forms of governance in the world.	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	What is Government?
4.5	understand the role of the United States legal system.	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Rule of Law

4.6	understand the concept of federalism.	Foundations of American System	A Federal System
5.0	History		
5.1	understand historical and modern examples of the concepts of limited and unlimited governance.	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Civil Society
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Limited and Unlimited Government
		Foundations of American System	John Locke
5.2	understand specific historical documents and institutions which shaped the principles of the United States Constitution.	Foundations of American System	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		Foundations of American System	Goals of the Constitution
		Foundations of American System	American Constitutional Government Origins
		Foundations of American System	Origins of the Republic
		Foundations of American System	King John and Magna Carta
		Foundations of American System	Dynamic/Flexible Constitution
		Foundations of American System	Change or the Experiment Will Fail
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitutional government
		State Government	State Constitutions
5.3	understand the importance of the rule of laws and the sources, purposes, and function of law.	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Rule of Law
		City Government	Home rule



5.4	understand the United States Constitution as a "living document" in both principle and practice.	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitutional government
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution
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		State Government	State Constitutions
5.5	understand how the United States foreign policy is determined by the concept of national interest in both historical and modern settings.		
5.6	understand the balance between the protection of individual rights and the general welfare of all citizens.	State Government	Citizen Action
6.0	Individuals, Groups, and Interactions		
6.1	understand the impact of individual and group decisions on citizens and communities.	State Government	Citizen Action
6.2	understand how groups can effect change at the local, state national and world levels.	State Government	Citizen Action



6.3	understand the evolution of political parties and their role as a mechanism for creating and sustaining political participation.	Role of Political Parties	The Democratic and Republican Parties
		Role of Political Parties	Political Party Finances
		Role of Political Parties	Third Parties
		Role of Political Parties	Public Financing
		Role of Political Parties	One-Party Governments
		Role of Political Parties	Party Committees
6.4	understand how the philosophies of liberalism and conservatism correlate to the two major American political parties.	Role of Political Parties	Party Committees
		Role of Political Parties	The Democratic and Republican Parties
		Role of Political Parties	Political Party Finances
		Role of Political Parties	Third Parties
		Role of Political Parties	Public Financing
		Role of Political Parties	One-Party Governments
6.5	understand the impact and influence of participatory citizenship on government at all levels.	State Government	Citizen Action
6.6	understand the role of individual leaders who have affected policies, case laws, and legislation.	Foundations of American System	Delegates to the Constitutional Convention
6.7	understand the role of political action committees, non-profit organizations, and other groups that influenced policy and institutions.		