

**EWHS Course Scope & Sequence**

<p><b>Course Title</b></p>	<p><b>Government &amp; Civics</b></p>				
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<p><b>Unit Component</b></p>	<p><b>Unit 1</b></p>	<p><b>Unit 2</b></p>	<p><b>Unit 3</b></p>	<p><b>Unit 4</b></p>	<p><b>Unit 5</b></p>
<p><b>Title</b></p>	<p>Citizenship &amp; Government in a Democracy</p>	<p>Roots of American Democracy</p>	<p>The Constitution</p>	<p>The Bill of Rights</p>	<p>The Citizen and the Community</p>
<p><b>Guiding or Essential Questions</b> <i>(if applicable)</i></p>	<p>Why do people need, and what is the purpose of government?</p>	<p>How did the ideas of the enlightenment influence the design of American Democracy?</p>	<p>How did the plan for government distribute power to the three branches of government? What compromises had to be made to ensure the plan was adopted?</p>	<p>How does the bill of rights protect the rights of Americans? Is there ever a time to limit or loosen these protections?</p>	<p>What are the rights, duties and responsibilities of Citizens? Why is the responsibility of all citizens to protect the republic?</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Topic</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">This should be the overarching theme or big idea. Brief overview of the unit.</p>	<p>Understand the needs and the functions of the United States government, the levels of government and what makes the United States government democratic.</p>	<p>English settlers in the American colonies established traditions of representative government that they learned from their English forefathers.</p>	<p>Students will be able to explain the make up of the three parts of the US Constitution and how this is an adaptable blueprint for governing the United States.</p> <p>Students will understand the Constitutional principles of popular sovereignty, rule of law, separation of powers, checks and balances, federalism and the supremacy of the US Constitution over state constitutions and laws.</p>	<p>Students will be able to examine why there was a need for the First Amendment to the Constitution in guaranteeing basic freedoms essential to American democracy. · The students will understand the basic freedoms, rights and legal treatments described in the other nine amendments in the Bill of Rights.</p>	<p>The students will be able to identify the legal and voluntary privileges that come with being a citizen of the United States and the responsibilities that come with these privileges.</p>
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<b>Unit Component</b>	<b>Unit 6</b>	<b>Unit 7</b>	<b>Unit 8</b>		
<b>Title</b>	The Congress	The President and the Executive Branch	The Judicial Branch		
<b>Guiding or Essential Questions</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>	What are the responsibilities of Congress? What powers are delegated to and denied to the Congress?	What are the responsibilities of the President? What powers are delegated to and denied to the President?	What are the responsibilities of the Judiciary? What powers are delegated to and denied to the Judiciary?		
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	to conduct its business and accomplish its goals.	functioning of the United States government.	meaning of the US Constitution.		
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