

The Structure of Massachusetts State and Local Government



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Snapshot of Topic 6

Supporting Question

- What is the role of state and local government in the U. S. political system?

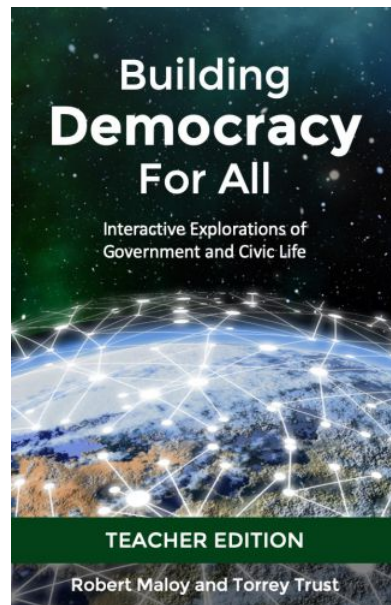
Massachusetts Standards [8.T6.1-6]

1. [Functions of State and National Government](#)
2. [Distribution of Powers in the United States and Massachusetts Constitutions](#)
3. [Enumerated and Implied Powers](#)
4. [The Protection of Individual Rights](#)
5. [The 10th Amendment](#)
6. [Identify additional protections provided by the Massachusetts Constitution](#)
7. [Responsibilities of Government at Federal, State and Local Levels](#)
8. [Leadership Structure of Massachusetts Government](#)
9. [Tax-Supported Facilities and Services](#)
10. [Major Components of Local Government](#)

Topic 6: The Structure of Massachusetts State and Local Government

Topic 6 explores the role of state and local government in Massachusetts and around the nation. **State government** refers to the institutions that provide government for an entire state - the governor, the legislature, and the state's court system. **Local government** refers to the people that run cities and towns, including mayors, select boards, city councils and town meetings.

While Topic 6 has standards that are specific to Massachusetts (such as the Massachusetts Constitution and the leadership structure of the state's government), there are standards that focus on the functioning of state and local governments throughout the U.S. political system. These standards explore interactions between federal, state and local government in the context of the challenges brought on by the digital revolution, the Trump Presidency, and the COVID-19 pandemic.



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