SS8CG2 The student will analyze the role of the legislative branch in Georgia state government.

1. Explain the qualifications, term, election, and duties of members of the General Assembly.
2. Describe the organization of the General Assembly, with emphasis on leadership and the committee system.
3. Evaluate how the legislative branch fulfills its role as the lawmaking body for the state of Georgia.

SS8CG3 The student will analyze the role of the executive branch in Georgia state government.

1. Explain the qualifications, term, election, and duties of the governor and lieutenant governor.
2. Describe the organization of the executive branch, with emphasis on major policy areas of state programs; include education, human resources, public safety, transportation, economic development, and natural resources.
3. Evaluate how the executive branch fulfills its role through state agencies that administer programs and enforce laws

SS8CG4 The student will analyze the role of the judicial branch in Georgia state government.

1. Explain the structure of the court system in Georgia including trial and appellate procedures and how judges are selected.
2. Explain the difference between criminal law and civil law.
3. Describe the adult justice system, emphasizing the different jurisdictions, terminology, and steps in the criminal justice process.
4. Describe ways to avoid trouble and settle disputes peacefully.
5. Evaluate how the judicial branch fulfills its role in interpreting the laws of Georgia and ensuring justice in our legal system.

SS8CG5 The student will analyze the role of local governments in the state of Georgia.

1. Explain the origins, functions, purposes, and differences of county and city governments in Georgia.
2. Compare and contrast the weak mayor-council, the strong mayor-council, and the council- manager forms of city government
3. Describe the functions of special-purpose governments.

Evaluate the role of local government working with state agencies to administer state programs.