

Essential Understandings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A government is a system that helps people live together. ▪ Citizens can actively participate in government. ▪ Citizens have rights and responsibilities.
Essential Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is a community? ▪ What is the purpose of government? ▪ What is the structure of the town government? ▪ What is the function of town government? ▪ What are the rights of town citizens? ▪ How can a citizen participate in town government? ▪ What are the responsibilities of town citizens?
Essential Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A community is a group of people working together for a common purpose. ▪ A government keeps its citizens safe by providing order. ▪ The structure of town government in Maine is either town meeting or representational. ▪ Brunswick's town charter defines the structure of the town government. ▪ The present structure of the Brunswick town government is representational. It includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Town Council (elected by citizens) ○ Town Manager (appointed by council) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Departments (i.e., town clerk, assessor, planning department, finance) ○ School Board (elected by citizens) ▪ Brunswick's government provides many essential services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fire/ Emergency rescue ○ Police ○ Schools ○ Public Works (e.g., roads, trash pick up, recycling) ○ Recreation ▪ Citizens can vote to elect their town leaders and can serve on town committees. ▪ Citizens are responsible for obeying town laws.
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Terms:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ assessor, board, budget, citizens, communities councilor, elect, election, finance, government, manager, municipal, ordinance, public, public works, recreation, representative, services, superintendent, taxes, town charter, town meeting

Essential Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify the communities to which they belong e.g., family, class, school, church, town, teams, etc. ▪ Explain the purpose of government. ▪ Identify the parts of the town government structure. ▪ List some functions of town government. ▪ Explain some of the rights of town citizens. ▪ Explain how citizens can participate in town government. ▪ List some of the responsibilities of town citizens.
Related Maine Learning Results	<u>Social Studies</u> <u>Civics and Government</u> A. Rights, Responsibilities, and Participation 3. Identify the functions of government at school, locally, and at the state level. B. Purpose and Types of Government 1. Describe why we need governments (e.g., law and order, defense, roads, schools). 2. Describe the basic structure of local and state governments.
Sample Lessons And Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meet and Interview: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Town manager ○ Superintendent ○ School Board Member. ▪ Mock Town Council meeting. ▪ Mock School Board meeting. ▪ Tour the town office with presentation by town employees. ▪ View part of a town council or school board meeting on the local Cable Television. ▪ Use the local newspaper to find current local news.
Sample Classroom Assessment Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draw the structure of the town government /school government.
Sample Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Publications:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Local Governments</u> – Ernestine Giesecke ▪ <u>Videos:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Brunswick Town Commons</u> ○ <u>Brunswick Faces and Places</u> ○ <u>Brunswick Town Officers Inauguration</u>
Technology Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/curriculum