

**Indiana Course-Aligned Assessment
United States Government – Blueprint**

Standard	Description	Percent Range *
1 – Nature of Politics and Government	Students will identify, define, compare and contrast ideas regarding the nature of government, politics and civic life, and explain how these ideas have influenced contemporary political and legal systems. They will also explain the importance of government, politics and civic engagement in a democratic republic, and demonstrate how citizens participate in civic and political life in their own communities.	15-25%
2 – Foundations of the Government of the United States.	Students will identify and define ideas at the core of government and politics in the United States, interpret Founding-Era documents and events associated with the core ideas, and explain how commitment to these foundational ideas constitutes a common American civic identity. They will also analyze issues about the meaning and application of these core ideas to government, politics and civic life, and demonstrate how citizens use these foundational ideas in civic and political life.	15-25%
3 – Purposes Principles and Institutions of Government in the United States	Students will explain how purposes, principles and institutions of government for the American people are established in the United States Constitution and reflected in the Indiana Constitution. They will describe the structures and functions of American constitutional government at national, state and local levels and practice skills of citizenship in relationship to their constitutional government.	25-35%
4 – The Relationship of the United States to Other Nations in World Affairs	Students will analyze the interactions between the United States and other nations and evaluate the role of the United States in world affairs.	10-20%
5 – Citizens in the United States	Students will explain the idea of citizenship in the United States, describe the roles of United States citizens, and identify and explain the rights and responsibilities of United States citizens. They will also examine how citizens can participate responsibly and effectively in the civic and political life of the United States.	10-20%

* This range represents the approximate emphasis for each reporting category on the assessment.