Sorting Out Services

Obligations and services of local, state, and federal government

Benchmarks

SS.7.C.3.14 Differentiate between local, state, and federal governments’ obligations and services.
Click the pic for the Federalism Facts of Congress!

(Provided by the Center on Congress)
In our federal system of government, powers, obligations, and services are distributed among Federal, State, and Local levels.
How is power distributed in our government?

Reserved Powers
Powers reserved to the States and the People

Concurrent Powers
Powers shared by the State and Federal government

Delegated/Expressed/Enumerated Powers
Powers of the federal government that are listed in the U.S. Constitution (example: Powers of Congress in Article I, Section 8)
Delegated/Expressed/Enumerated Powers

Federal powers that are expressly listed/outlined in the United States Constitution
Reserved Powers

Amendment X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.
Concurrent Powers

• Powers that are shared by the Federal and State governments

Can you think of something that would go in the middle?

TAXES
How the federal, state, and local governments serve the people
Federal Government Examples

• Coin money
• Provide military
• Establish post offices

• What would you add?
State Government Examples

• Issue state licenses
• Regulate utilities
• Establish education standards
• Issue teaching certificates

• What else would you add?
Local Government Examples

- Fire protection (fire department)
- Zoning regulations
- Trash collection

- What else would you add?
Concurrent (Shared) Services/Powers

- Sometimes the different levels of government share services/powers.
  - Example 1: Local and state governments can create police departments.
    - Orlando Police Department (local)
    - Florida Highway Patrol (state)
  - Example 2: State and federal governments can tax the people to support the government
How is government involved in your life?

Click on the image to interact with the Center on Congress’ “An Ordinary Day: The Impact of Congress/Government”

As you click through the module, write down the different ways government is involved in your life.
How would you classify the services?

Local  State  Federal
WHERE TO GO WITH A PROBLEM

How do we know if a problem should be handled by local, state, or federal government?

Click the image to do an interactive activity!
The Venn diagram below shows some services provided by state and local governments.

State Government Services
- regulating building codes
- regulating utilities
- granting teacher certificates

Local Government Services
- providing fire protection
- enforcing zoning regulations
- providing trash collection

Which service completes the Venn diagram?

A. regulating taxicabs
B. creating a police force
C. regulating savings banks
D. issuing driver licenses