

BENCHMARK SS.7.C.2.12

Strand	C Civics and Government
Reporting Category	Government Policies and Political Processes
Standard	Evaluate the roles, rights, and responsibilities of U.S. citizens, and determine methods of active participation in society, government, and the political system.
Benchmark	SS.7.C.2.12 Develop a plan to resolve a state or local problem by researching public policy alternatives, identifying appropriate government agencies to address the issue, and determining a course of action.
Benchmark Clarifications	<p>Students will identify the appropriate level of government to resolve specific problems.</p> <p>Students will identify appropriate government agencies to address state or local problems.</p> <p>Students will analyze public policy alternatives to resolve state and local problems.</p> <p>Students will compare public policy solutions and private community service solutions.</p>
Content Limits	<p>Items will not ask students to evaluate the effectiveness of a specific public agency.</p> <p>Items will not require students to recall specific policies within any agency.</p> <p>Items will not require students to have intricate knowledge of the vast number of governmental agencies.</p>
Stimulus Attribute	Items addressing plans to resolve state or local problems may use historical and contemporary documents and other relevant stimuli (e.g., maps, timelines, charts, graphs, tables).
Content Focus	There are no additional terms except those found in the standards, benchmarks, and benchmark clarifications.

Sample Item 18**SS.7.C.2.12****Content Focus** Solving Problems

Luis owns a small store in the downtown business district. He learned that at the next monthly council meeting, the mayor will propose limiting the amount of time that people can park on the streets in the business district. Luis is afraid that if the city council approves the proposal, his business will suffer. Which of the following should be Luis's final step in attempting to resolve this issue?

- A. prepare a map of the available downtown parking spaces
- ★ B. present an alternative proposal at the next council meeting
- C. call council members with concerns about the proposed policy
- D. survey downtown businesses to determine their thoughts on the issue