
Government in Everyday Life

— The impact of state and local
government —

Your Neighborhood





The way a town or city is arranged is called **zoning**. Zoning makes sure that a professional football stadium is not built right next to an elementary school.

The local and state government is in charge of zoning for your state. The national government leaves those decisions to the states.

Can you think of any other things that don't go together?



Where we live, and how our state is divided, is very important to the government. Our **districts** determine things like who is on our ballot for an election and which school we go to.

Do you have any friends that live near you but attend a different school?



Our local and state government is responsible for the resources needed to keep our state and communities organized and functioning. This is called **infrastructure**.

Can you think of examples of infrastructure in our state and community?



The Florida Constitution says that the government will make sure every child living in Florida gets to go to **school** and learn!

The government is responsible for choosing what topics are taught, providing free/reduced cost meals, helping schools have the necessary staff and supplies, and providing transportation.

State governments leave many of the day to day decisions up to locally elected school board members.

Do you know any of our school board members?



State and local government have a lot of responsibilities! How do they pay for everything?

The government collects **taxes** to help pay for all the things our community needs. We see examples of government using this money every day! The government sets a budget to decide where this money will go. Sometimes those can be tough decisions.

Taxes pay for public goods and services that benefit everyone. This could be things like roads, schools, buildings, parks, and more.

Exit Slip

Reflect on your week so far.

(What you have done, where you have been, etc.)

What is one example of how you have interacted with state or local government?