

Legislative, executive, and judicial powers are separated at the state and national levels of government. All powers of local government in Virginia are created and controlled by the state.

Virginia Government

Branch of Government

Legislative

Makes ordinances for Virginia; approves biennial (two year) budget; exercises power over the 10th amendment

Executive

Executes laws of Virginia; prepares biennial budget for the General Assembly; appoints cabinet officers and boards; administers state bureaucracy; grants pardons

Judicial

Supreme Court has power of judicial review over state laws while Circuit courts try civil and criminal cases

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the American constitutional government by b) describing the structure and powers of local, state and national governments.