

Officials who are elected to serve in the state and national legislatures make laws

The Virginia General Assembly and United States Congress are bicameral

Terms to know
Bicameral:
having two houses (e.g. the senate and House of Representatives)

Legislative powers

Expressed (specifically listed)

Implied (used to carry out expressed powers)

Elected officials write and take action in response to problems or issues.

The lawmaking process in national and state legislatures

Working in committees

Debating on the floor

Voting on a bill by both houses

Signing the bill into law by the President or governor

Individuals and interest groups help shape legislation

The student will demonstrate knowledge of how public policy is made at the local, state, and national levels of government by:
a) explaining the lawmaking process.