

How Local Government Works

Grade 3 • SOCIAL-STUDIES • Students identify common local government roles and explain how community rules and laws are created and carried out. • Standards: D2.Civ.1.3-5, D2.Civ.5.3-5

Read each question about local government and write your answer on the line. Think about the people who help run your city or town!

1. The MAYOR is the leader of a city or town. What is the title of this person?
2. Who drives the fire truck and helps put out fires in your community?
3. A group of people called the city council meets to make rules for the town. What is this group called?
4. Mr. Chen wants a new stop sign on his street because cars drive too fast. Which local government group should he ask?
5. The city council votes on a new law that says all dogs must be on a leash in the park. Who makes sure people follow this law?
6. Ms. Rivera collects trash from homes every week. What local government service does she provide?
7. The mayor wants to build a new playground, but the city council must vote yes or no. Why does the council need to vote?
8. A new rule says bicycles cannot be ridden on the sidewalk downtown. Before this became a law, what did the city council have to do?
9. Mrs. Lopez goes to a city council meeting to tell the council that her neighborhood needs better streetlights. What is this called when community members speak at meetings?
10. The city council passed a law that all restaurants must be inspected for cleanliness. Who would the mayor likely ask to do these inspections?

Answer Key — How Local Government Works

For the teacher / parent. Do not distribute with the worksheet.

1. mayor
2. firefighter
3. city council
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5. police officers
6. trash collection or sanitation
7. The council makes decisions about how the city spends money or The council decides on city projects
8. vote on it or discuss and vote
9. public comment or citizen participation
10. health inspectors or city health department