Local Government on Parade

Learn about local government by identifying types of government in a parade
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Federal State and Local Government

• There are many layers of government in the United States. There is one Federal and 50 State Governments
  – Federal government is charged by the Constitution with governing national concerns, its’ headquarters is in Washington D.C. and is governed by Congress, the President and the Federal judicial system.
  – State government is in charge of Colorado concerns its headquarters are in Denver and is headed by a governor, state legislature and state courts.

• Local governments in Colorado number more than 3,000!
Types of Government

State Government

Federal or National Government

Local Government

County Government

City Government

School Districts

Special Districts
Local Government Fun Fact

- By law every Colorado resident belongs to at least two types of local government.
  - County and School District
  - Most also belong to a city or town and one or more special districts.
You are part of many governments

- Every resident of Colorado lives within at least four governments' jurisdictions:
  - the national and state government
  - a county government
  - a school district
  - over 70% also live within municipal or city boundaries
- Many hundreds of Special Districts bring the total to over 3,000 local government types provide services varying from road construction or fire service to recreation or mosquito control to water supplies or business development.
Four Types of Local Government

- County Government
- School District
- City or Municipal Government
- Special Districts
Local Government in Colorado

- The 3,000+ local governments come in four types.
  - County Governments
  - School Districts
  - City or Municipal governments
  - “Special Districts”
    - Fire Protection Districts
    - Water/Ditch Districts
    - Recreation Districts
    - Transportation Districts

- Can you name your country and your state?
- How about your county, your city, your school district and any special districts you are part of?
- Here is a link to a list of local governments in your county.
Local Government on Parade

Let’s look at some parade photos.
– As you watch jot down what type of local government you think is represented by the photo. Maybe you can catch some candy too!
1. County
2. School District
3. City
4. Special District
What type of government is this? Hint—It is not local government. At the start of the parade is, of course, the United States and Colorado flags. They represent Federal and State government.
County? School District? City? or Special District?
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City Police

City police are responsible for keeping people living in a particular city safe. In each state there are also State Police and County Sheriffs who help to guard the public.
County? School District? City? or Special District?
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County Sheriff

The county sheriff enforces the law in all parts of the county, but in particular those parts outside any city limits.
County? School District? City? or Special District?
County? School District? City? or Special District?
City or...

The city council is in charge of setting the laws for each city often including libraries and museums. Sometimes libraries and museums are part of Special Districts.
Local Government Fun Fact

- Colorado is home to some of the oldest communities in the United States.

- The Ancient Puebloan settlements date to 750 AD.
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School District
School Districts organize bands, sports teams and are in charge of K-12 education in areas that often cover several cities and/or counties. Sometimes sports teams are services provided by cities or non-governmental organizations (NGO) like the YMCA or Boys and Girls Clubs.
Local Government Fun Fact

- Colorado’s 183 school districts operate 1769 schools, and serve 888,443 students.
- Roughly 1 out of every 5 Coloradonian is currently being educated by a school district.
County? School District? City? or Special District?
Fire Departments

Fire departments can be associated with several local government types. They can be controlled by a city or county. Many are controlled by “Special Districts”. Like school districts “Special Districts” can cross city and county boundaries and can serve a number of purposes including fire protection, recreation, business development, water/sewage, etc.
County? School District? City? or Special District?
County? School District? City? or Special District?
Special Districts

Special districts can also be formed for sanitation, transportation, water and ambulance/health services. There are more than 2,000 special districts in Colorado. Just like other local governments they are governed by elected officials.
Local Government Fun Fact

• By far Special District make up the majority of local government in Colorado.

• There are more than 3,000 Special Districts as of July 2011.

• In Boulder County alone there are 22 firefighting districts.
County? School District? City? or Special District?
County? School District? City? or Special District?
County Leaders

County Commissioners, Coroners, Assessors and Clerks are just a few of the county wide offices elected by county residents.

All four types of local government are governed by elected officials.
What is the last entry in our Parade?
County? School District? City? or Special District?
Sanitation Services Can be provided by any of the types of government.
That’s the end of our Local Government parade.
Did you catch some candy?