

Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessments (AEPA™)

FIELD 33: CONSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES AND ARIZONA TEST OBJECTIVES

Subarea	Range of Objectives	Approximate Test Proportions
I. U.S. Constitution	1–3	60%
II. Arizona Constitution	4–6	<u>40%</u> 100%

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Subareas:

U.S. Constitution
Arizona Constitution

U.S. CONSTITUTION

0001 Understand major constitutional principles as defined in the preamble and in the articles of the U.S. Constitution.

For example: the structure, functions, and powers of the legislative, judicial, and executive branches of government; relationships among the three branches; major steps in the legislative process; major principles and procedures of the election process; terms and qualifications of U.S. senators, representatives, and the president; the relationship between the states and the federal government; the “supremacy clause” of the Constitution; and procedures for amending the Constitution.

0002 Understand the Bill of Rights and other amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

For example: the five civil liberties of the First Amendment; historical and political context of the Bill of Rights; ways in which the Bill of Rights limits the power of government; due process protections; amendments that have expanded popular participation in government, including that of historically excluded groups; civil rights issues and election procedures; amendments related to state lawsuits, taxation, and governmental organization.

0003 Understand ways in which the U.S. Constitution has been defined through interpretation.

For example: landmark Supreme Court decisions regarding the Bill of Rights and civil rights issues, governmental powers, and the rights of teachers and students.

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ARIZONA CONSTITUTION

0004 Understand the principles of the Arizona Declaration of Rights and direct democracy.

For example: the historical and political context of the Arizona Declaration of Rights; basic civil liberties and due process protections; limitations on the powers of state government; provisions related to suffrage and direct democracy (initiative, referendum, recall); the role of the Progressive movement in the development of the Arizona Constitution; and the procedures for amending the Arizona Constitution.

0005 Understand the structure, functions, powers, and limitations of the three branches of Arizona government.

For example: the structure, functions, and powers of the legislative, judicial, and executive branches of state government; terms and qualifications for state legislators, members of executive departments, and judges; major steps in the legislative process; relationships among the three branches; the jurisdiction of Arizona courts; procedures for electing, removing, and replacing members of government; and the relationship between sovereign tribal governments and the state government.

0006 Understand other provisions of the Arizona Constitution.

For example: provisions regarding interrelationships of state and local (municipal, county, special districts) governments; provisions regarding education, including the structure of the Arizona public school system and the education of all pupils, including exceptional students; provisions regarding revenues and taxation; and various other provisions of the Arizona Constitution (e.g., regarding corporations, labor, militia, English language).