The 3 Branches of NC Government

**Executive**

**WHAT:** This branch carries out—or enforces—our state’s laws.

**WHO:**
- **Governor**
  - Elected to 4-year terms by voters of entire state
- **Council of State**
  - Lieutenant governor and 8 other members (elected to 4-year terms by voters of entire state)
- **Cabinet**
  - 10 members, who run state agencies (appointed by the governor)

**Legislative**

**WHAT:** This branch makes laws for our state.

**WHO:**
- **General Assembly**
  - **House of Representatives**
    - 120 members (elected to 2-year terms by voters in individual districts)
  - **Senate**
    - 50 members (elected to 2-year terms by voters in individual districts)

**Judicial**

**WHAT:** This branch interprets and evaluates our state’s laws.

**WHO:**
- **Supreme Court**
  - 7 justices (judges) (elected to 8-year terms by voters of entire state)
- **Court of Appeals**
  - 15 judges (elected to 8-year terms by voters of entire state)
- **Superior Courts**
  - 107 judges (elected to 8-year terms by voters in 48 districts)
- **District Courts**
  - 273 judges (elected to 4-year terms by voters in 41 districts)