



User Guide: *Cities in Play*

Welcome to *Cities in Play*! *Cities in Play* is an educational game developed by the Brava Foundation and the Brazil Institute of the Woodrow Wilson Center to guide teachers in addressing issues related to citizenship and civic education in the classroom and stimulate students' critical thinking skills. It is designed to teach students about the challenges of governing and inspire them to become more politically engaged within their communities.

What is the goal?

Today you are officially the mayor of a Brazilian city! Are you ready for the challenge? As mayor, you will need to manage a budget at the municipal level while balancing policy goals with political and fiscal realities.

How does a player win?

Players can win if they learn how to govern a city effectively while managing competing interests at the municipal level. Manage your budget wisely while satisfying the demands of your citizens, strengthening the infrastructure of the city, and fulfilling your policy goals.

How does a player lose?

Players will lose if they do not manage competing interests effectively.

How many people can play?

This game can be played individually or in small groups. Invite your friends to join!

Directions for playing *Cities in Play*

How to get started:

Go to www.cidadeemjogo.org.br and click “JOGAR” (“play”) in the top right corner.

On the next page, click on blue rectangle on the right side of the page that says “Jogar.”

On the following page, you will see three landscapes that represent different kinds of cities. The options are:

- Small city (*cidade pequena*, option on the left),
- Medium coastal city (*cidade media e litorânea*, middle option), and
- Big metropolis (*grande metropole*, option on the right).



Choose the city that you would like to govern and click on the blue arrow once you are finished.

Selecting your top policy priorities:

Next, **you will need to choose three policy areas to prioritize** during your time as mayor. You may choose from the following issues on the left side of the screen:

- Promoting competition (*Promover Competitividade*)
- Cost efficiency (*Eficiência nos Gastos*)
- Fighting corruption (*Combate à corrupção*)
- Investing in the future (*Investir no Futuro*)
- Lowering taxes (*Cortar impostos*),
- Sustainable City (*Cidade Sustentável*)
- Guaranteeing mobility (*Garantir Mobilidade*)
- Reducing Inequality (*Reduzir Desigualdade*)
- Innovation & Technology (*Inovação & Tecnologia*).



Choose the policy issues that most interest you! Click on the blue arrow once you are finished.

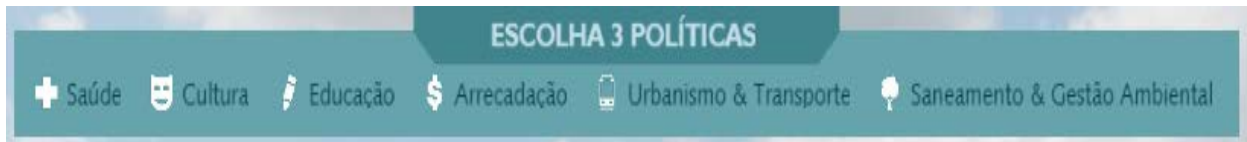
Playing the game:

Now you will start to govern! **There are ten rounds. During each round, you will be asked to pick three specific policies to implement.**

Choose the policies that you think will best fulfill your three top priorities. You can select up to three policies per round from the following categories:

- Health (*Saúde*)
- Culture (*Cultura*)
- Education (*Educação*)
- Tax revenues (*Arrecadação*)
- Town Planning and Transportation (*Urbanismo & Transporte*)
- Sanitation & Environmental Management (*Saneamento & Gestão Ambiental*)

These options can be found at the top of the screen.



You will be graded based on whether or not you make progress toward your three priorities.

In the bottom left corner of the screen, there are three stars located above each policy priority (just like in the image to the left). **It is your responsibility to gain all three stars for each priority.**



Remember that every specific policy measure chosen will determine whether or not you gain a star. Stick to your platform!

You will also need to maintain your popularity and take good care of your city's budget and infrastructure. There are three indicators in the bottom right corner of the screen:

- Public Finances (*Finanças*),
- Public Satisfaction (*Satisfação*)
- Infrastructure (*Infraestrutura*)



Remember that every measure chosen will positively or negatively impact these indicators. Ideally, each indicator will be green by the end of the game.

After each round, you will receive updates on your ratings. Click on “Ir para a próxima rodada” at the bottom of the screen to begin the next round.



Careful! Occasionally an emergency scenario will appear on the screen, signaled by *Atenção* (Attention)! This will require immediate action. Your response will affect your ratings.



