

PREPARING FOR A TEEN COURT TRIAL

Teen Court has scheduled your case for a Teen Court Trial on:



YOUR PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST BE WITH YOU.

This is your sentencing hearing. During the Trial, the defendant will be questioned by trained teen Defense and Prosecution Attorneys in front of a judge. The jury will then determine a sentence they feel will help the defendant.

The defendant must pay a \$100 court fee on the day of the Trial. **CASH, CREDIT CARDS, OR MONEY ORDERS ONLY.**

Prior to the Trial:

- You will be assigned a student attorney. This person will call you one or two days before your trial. If you have NOT heard from someone by the Monday before the trial, please contact the Teen Court Office at 475-7815. Your attorney will want to talk to you at length about your case.

Day of the Trial:

- Arrive at the courthouse at the time arranged by your student attorney. **This should be between 4:00PM - 4:30PM (please understand that this process may take up to 3 hours).** When you arrive, check in with Teen Court staff in Room 120 on the first floor of the courthouse. You will pay the court fee at this time. You will then meet with your student attorneys in a courtroom. There will be an adult mentor attorney assisting the student attorneys.
- **If you do NOT appear on your scheduled Teen Court date, you WILL be sent back to Municipal Court for further proceedings.**
- Please dress appropriately.

During the Trial:

- The defendant will be questioned by the Defense Attorney and the Prosecution Attorney.
- Address the judge as “Your Honor”.
- The defendant will be given the opportunity to make a direct statement to the jury.

After the Trial:

- Immediately after receiving the sentence from the jury, the parent and defendant will proceed to the pre-trial room on the first floor and receive a detailed explanation of the sentence requirements.
- The sentence will include **JURY DUTY** on a future Teen Court trial.
- All sentences include **COMMUNITY SERVICE** hours. Suggestions for community service locations are included with the attached information. Defendants are not restricted to this list but must choose a **NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**.
- The sentence may also include educational classes (i.e. Community Impact Panel; Straight Talk etc.), apology letters, essays, restitution, or other options the jury feels will help the defendant.

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