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BUFFALO/PEPIN COUNTY TEEN COURT



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☰ Buffalo/Pepin County Teen Court: Frequently Asked Questions

What is Teen Court?

Teen Court offers eligible youth an alternative to suspension or to appearing in juvenile court. They have an opportunity to receive a meaningful consequence from a panel of their peers.

Why a Teen Court?

Teen Court offers eligible youth an opportunity to take responsibility for their actions. It provides positive peer pressure with skill building and community based consequences.

Who is eligible?

Teen Court serves youth ages 10-16 years with school or community violations. Youth with a second violation may be referred and participate in another hearing 12-months after successful completion of the teen court program.

- Disorderly Conduct
- License or ATV Violations
- Damage to Property/Vandalism
- Theft
- Trespassing
- Natural Resource Offenses
- Alcohol, Tobacco, Marijuana/THC, or Vaping
- Truancy
- Misuse of Technology

Referrals may come from the Court, Human Services, Law Enforcement or School Districts.

How Does Teen Court Operate?

1. The youth with a violation appears before a panel of three to five teen judge panelists.
2. Panelists will be from a local school district, excluding the youth with a violation's school.
3. Panelists have received specialized training in restorative practices.
4. A parent or legal guardian is required to attend the session with the youth.
5. The young person must admit to the violation.
6. Panelists discuss the violation with the youth to learn what happened and how to make it right. They will determine the most effective consequences.
7. Panelists decide the consequences which may include online courses, community service, an apology letter or other innovative requirements.
8. A coordinator monitors the youth's performance of the requirements.
9. Youth pays a small fee towards the cost of Teen Court.
10. All procedures are confidential.
11. If the young person successfully completes the requirements, the case is closed.
12. If the youth with violations is unsuccessful in completing the requirements, the referral will be returned for further action.

Who benefits from Teen Court?

- Youth are given an opportunity for a real second chance to prove that mistakes can be turned into positive choices. When youth with violations successfully complete their Teen Court experience, they will have their case closed.
- The youth demonstrates responsibility for their actions.
- Community service-learning projects can be more meaningful to youth and their respective communities.
- The community is able to see teens being held accountable for their actions.
- Teen panelists gain leadership experience and they encourage peers to change behaviors that reflect on all young people. They also have the opportunity to participate in the juvenile justice system and examine possible career opportunities.
- Adult volunteers are provided the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our youth.

