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## WHAT IS TEEN COURT?

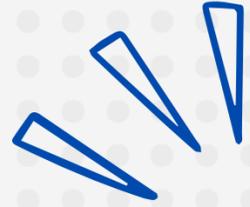
TEEN COURT IS AN ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES A VOLUNTARY ALTERNATIVE TO TRADITIONAL ADJUDICATION AND SENTENCING FOR JUVENILES. OUR TEEN COURT IS GOVERNED BY SECTION 45.052 OF THE TEXAS CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AND SECTION 54.032 OF THE TEXAS FAMILY CODE. TYPICALLY, INSTEAD OF PAYING A FINE, THE DEFENDANT'S PENALTY WILL BE IN THE FORM OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. ONCE THE ORDER IS SATISFIED, THE CASE IS DISMISSED AND THE OFFENSE DOES NOT COUNT AS A CONVICTION ON THE DEFENDANT'S RECORD.



## WHAT IS TEEN COURT?

- TEEN COURT IS A PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO JUVENILES UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE, WHO HAVE RECEIVED A CITATION FROM THE CITY OF KILLEEN.
- TEEN COURT IS A VOLUNTARY PROGRAM OFFERED TO ELIGIBLE JUVENILES WHO WISH TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR CLASS C MISDEMEANOR.
- THE TEEN COURT FEE IS \$20.00.
- TEEN COURT DURATION IS SET BY THE JUDGE, AND LASTS 180 DAYS.
- DURING THIS TIME, THE JUVENILE MUST COMPLETE ALL ORDERS IMPOSED BY THE JUDGE. THESE ORDERS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO: COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS, HANDWRITTEN ESSAY, ONLINE CLASSES, VISION BOARD, COUNSELING, ETC.
- IF THE JUVENILE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES ALL ORDERS, THE CITATION MAY BE DISMISSED. HOWEVER, IF THE JUVENILE FAILS TO COMPLETE THE ORDERS OF TEEN COURT, THE CASE WILL BE REFERRED BACK TO THE JUDGE, AND IT MAY RESULT IN A GUILTY JUDGMENT BEING ENTERED AND FULL PAYMENT OF THE FINE AND COSTS OWED.





# TEEN COURT ELIGIBILITY



**NOTE: QUALIFYING FOR TEEN COURT IS A  
PRIVILEGE AND NOT EVERY JUVENILE WILL BE  
RECOMMENDED**

**ELIGIBILITY**

- JUVENILES WHO ARE ENROLLED FULL-TIME IN AN ACCREDITED SECONDARY SCHOOL, OR IN A PROGRAM LEADING TO A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA (INCLUDING HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS).
- MUST PLEA GUILTY OR NO CONTEST.
- HAS NOT BEEN IN ANY TEEN COURT PROGRAM IN THE 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO RECEIVING THE CITATION.
- WILLINGNESS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR ACTIONS, AND WILLINGNESS TO COMPLETE ALL THE JUDGE'S ORDERS.

