

YOUTH COURT CODE OF CONDUCT

Youth Court membership is a privilege, not a right. This privilege can be lost if you fail to act in a responsible manner and within the confines of the law. As a Youth Court Juror, you are expected to serve as a role model for your peers at all times. You, therefore, must maintain high standards of conduct and encourage other members to do the same. You should be temperate and dignified and refrain from all illegal and morally reprehensible conduct. Because of your position, even minor violations of the law may tend to lessen public confidence in the entire Youth Court program. Most importantly, since Youth Court is designed to promote law-abiding behavior, your behavior must be consistent with that purpose.

Listed below are a number of **RULES OF CONDUCT** that you must follow. If you fail to conduct yourself in conformity with the rules, you may be suspended or removed from the Youth Court program.

As a member of Youth Court, you must abide by the following rules:

1. You must not engage in illegal conduct.
2. You must maintain the confidentiality of Youth Court proceedings.
3. You must not violate the rules and regulations adopted by your school district.
4. You must participate free of bias toward a person's age, race, sex, religion, national origin, or disability.
5. You must appear promptly and prepared.
6. You must perform your role as effectively and competently as possible.
7. You must not engage in undignified or discourteous conduct during any Youth Court session.
8. You must not ask any question that is intended to harass or degrade the Respondent.
9. You must not let any outside influence, such as parents, fellow students, or your own self-interest affect your actions and decisions in how to proceed.
10. You must treat with courtesy and consideration all persons involved.
11. You must dress appropriately.
12. You must notify the Youth Court Coordinator immediately if you are arrested or suspended from school.

***Violation of these rules will result in repercussions which may include: a hearing before the Youth Court, probation (with clearly defined expectations of improved behavior), or dismissal from the program.**