

YOUTH COURT CONSENT FORM

I acknowledge receipt of the unofficial complaint and an explanation of the Youth Court program.

1. I admit the allegations contained in the complaint. Yes_____ No_____
2. I want my case to be heard by Youth Court. Yes_____ No_____

In order to participate in Youth Court, we agree and understand that:

1. Youth Court is a voluntary, pre-court diversion program for first-time and minor offenders where the offender has taken responsibility for his/her actions. It provides the juvenile with an alternative to Juvenile Court involvement. If you decide not to participate in Youth Court, your case will be sent back to Juvenile Court.
2. I (the juvenile) admit my participation in the incident that has been referred to Youth Court. I understand that I must take responsibility for my actions in order to qualify for participation in Youth Court. Youth Court will not engage in a determination of “guilt or innocence,” but will consider factors surrounding the offense in determining an appropriate sanction.
3. I (the juvenile) agree to abide by the sanction of the Youth Court and understand that if I fail to abide by the conditions of the sanction, this matter will be referred to Juvenile Court for further action.
4. We (juvenile and parents) understand that Youth Court has no authority to compel our appearance or participation in Youth Court. It is totally voluntary.
5. We (juvenile and parents) understand that the Youth Court will be comprised of juveniles who have been sworn by an oath of confidentiality regarding the proceedings.
6. We (juvenile and parents) understand that upon successful completion of the terms and conditions imposed by Youth Court, this case will be destroyed from the official records.
7. We (juvenile and parents) understand that I/our child is being represented by a volunteer advocate who is a law student. We understand that this representation does not create an attorney-client relationship and we cannot hold the advocate liable for his/her actions or inactions related to this case.

8. Any questions regarding Youth Court have been explained to our satisfaction.

Youth Name (Print)

Youth Name (Signature)

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Name (Signature)

Date_____