

## Who benefits from Teen Court?

Youth Participant: Upon successful completion, youth will have the charge dismissed from their record. Youth gains a sense of community by performing community services and sitting as a jury member.

**Community:** The community receives the benefits from the community service work.

**Court:** Teen court helps reduce over-crowiding in courts and allows the court and social workers to focus on improving community safety and repairing the harm caused by the act.

**Volunteers:** By serving as judges and jury memebers, youth and adults make a difference in the community.

Juvenile Center



## Social Media Resources:



Look up:

Waukesha County Teen Court Justice for All



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Teen Court offers eligible youth the opportunity to hear from a jury of their peers.





Participants must provide their own transportation.

Teen court is held on twice a month on Thursday evenings at the Waukesha County Juvenile Center. 514 Riverview Ave. Waukesha, WI 53188.

Find out how Teen Court can become an alternative for you, or your child.

Find out more at:

WaukeshaCounty.Gov
>HealthAndHumanServices
>adolescent-and-family-services
>TeenCourt



Improving community safety by repairing harm caused by the act.

Teens who successfull complete the program will have the charge dismissed from their record. This provides a long-lasting impression for all who are involved.

## **QUALIFICATION**

You must have committed or planned to commit a crime, or broken either state, county or school rules. A referral for Teen Court is at the discretion of each referring jurisdiction. Waukesha County's Health and Human Services department reserves the right to take on each Teen Court case.

This experience provides youth with an alternative to appearing in circuit court or paying a fine. Teens are required to return to Teen Court to serve on a jury for other youth who have chosen to participate. Research has proven that Teen Court has a long-lasting impression for all youth involved.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Youth must be under the age of 17
- Must admit their guilt
- Must be a first time, low-risk offender
- Must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or adult to the initial Teen Court hearing.
- Must agree to comply with the Teen Court Sentence
- Guardian and youth agree to testify
- Must be remorseful

Waukesha County Teen Court is administered through Waukesha County Health and Human Services and Waukesha County Juvenile Court.

The Teen Court Advisory Panel provides leadership opportunities, sets priorities and structure for the program, and helps youth explore a career in courts, legal or social work.



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