



Volusia County Teen Court

What Is Teen Court???

- Teen Court is a dynamic nationally acclaimed program designed to divert less serious cases away from the more formal juvenile court. Teen Court is based on the premise that youthful offenders will more readily accept responsibility for their actions when judged and sentenced by peers.
- The Teen court process provides:
 - * A structured environment in which the words and actions of Defendants who admit their guilt are evaluated and judged by a jury of their peers.
 - * The opportunity for Defendants to accept responsibility for their actions by fulfilling the jury's sentence, which is designed to be constructive and rehabilitative.

How Does It Work???

The Teen Jury will decide the sanctions for Defendants.

Sanctions may include, but are not limited to:

- * Community Service
 - * Counseling Sessions
 - * Jury Duties
 - * Letters of Apology
 - * Anger Management Classes
- Defendants will generally have five to eight weeks to complete the sanctions.
 - In the event that a Defendant does not complete the program as required, the case will return to the traditional juvenile justice system, which may result in an appearance in juvenile court.
 - If a Defendant successfully completes their sanctions, they will have their original charge dismissed.

Inter Agency Partners

Court Administration, 7th Judicial Circuit
Office of the State Attorney, 7th Judicial Circuit
Office of the Public Defender, 7th Judicial Circuit
Office of Clerk of the Circuit Court, Volusia County
Volusia County Sheriff's Office
School District of Volusia County
Volusia County Bar Association
Volusia County Young Lawyers Association
Local Volusia County Police Agencies
The House Next Door

*Teens...
Are You Looking
For a Challenge???*

What Are The Volunteer Requirements???

Teen Court Volunteers must...

- Be in Grades 8-12
- Be in satisfactory academic standing
- Respect the Oath of Confidentiality
- Demonstrate maturity and sensitivity
- Meet the Requirements of the Teen Court agreement

Train To Be A...

- Prosecuting Attorney
- Defense Attorney
- Trial Clerk
- Juror

Teen Court Counts For...

- Service hours for various high school programs
- Pre-Law academy hours

Volunteer Contact Information

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Courthouse
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(386) 822-5703

Daytona Beach

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Courthouse Annex /
City Island
125 E. Orange Ave.
Daytona Beach, FL 32114
(386) 239-7812