



ONEIDA COUNTY TEEN COURT PROCESS



CIRCUIT COURT

Plead guilty to the offense before the Circuit Court Judge

Get forms to Oneida Extension Office within 1 week



MAIL, EMAIL OR DROP OFF



CASE IS SCHEDULED

Cases are heard one of 3 ways:
 - At courthouse in person
 - On campus in person
 - Over zoom

Panelists interview both respondents and their parent/guardians. Sanctions are customized for each person.



CASE IS HEARD BY TEEN PANELISTS



Sanctions are not completed correctly and/or on time. Case goes back to Court. Pay fine, have permanent record.

FAILURE



Sanctions are completed correctly and/or on time. No fine, no record.

SUCCESS

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WHERE CASES ARE HEARD

RHINELANDER

At the courthouse, usually in the County Board Room

LAKELAND

On campus

ZOOM

Evenings



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ONEIDA COUNTY TEEN COURT

Our mission: To benefit youth and the community by providing an alternative method of adjudicating first-time, minor juvenile offenses.

We give youth the opportunity to be restored to their place in the community while being accountable for their actions.

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WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT TEEN COURT?

PEER-TO-PEER

Youth care about the opinions of their peers. Teen Court cases are heard, and decided, by a panel of high school students.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Panelists are trained in restorative justice practices. This means the sanctions (required actions youth must make) are customized for each case according to the facts and what the panelists learn about the youth who committed the offense (the "respondent"). Panelists try to make the sanctions educational to help prevent respondents from getting in trouble again.



WHO'S ELIGIBLE TO BE A PANELIST?

- Youth who are in high school. 8th graders may apply the spring before they start high school.
- Teen Court goes year round except for July and August.

QUALITIES YOU NEED TO HAVE

- **Great communication skills**
 - Great listener
 - Read body language
 - Ask questions
 - Keep up with emails/texts
- **Empathy.** Be willing to try to find out how other people live.
- **Team player.** All cases are heard by a group of panelists and the decisions must be unanimous.
- **Integrity.** Panelists must not engage in activities they might be cited or suspended for.
- **Discretion.** ALL information about Teen Court cases is strictly confidential. Panelists who break this rule will be removed from the program.
- **Time management.** Be able to keep up with assignments when missing classes.
 - RHS usually hear cases one day a month at the courthouse starting at 8:00 a.m.
 - LUHS usually hear cases one day a month on campus
 - Zoom cases usually begin at 6:45 p.m.
 - We try to limit cases to 2 in a row, however we never know how many cases we will get. Plan on volunteering several hours per month.



GETTING STARTED

1. Apply. Click on the QR code for the application.
2. Interview
3. Attend training
4. Observe at least one case before participating.
5. Sit in on at least three cases before volunteering as the spokesperson during a hearing.

PANELISTS ARE PART OF THE LEGAL SYSTEM AND MUST ACT ACCORDINGLY

Oneida County Teen Court is part of UW-Madison's Oneida County Extension Office and coordinated by Community Youth Development Educator Sharon Krause.

