



Plead guilty to the offense before the Circuit Court Judge

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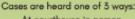
CASE IS SCHEDULED

Panelists interview both respondents and their parent/guardians, Sanctions are





**FAILURE** 



- At courthouse in person
- On campus in person
  - Over zoom



CASE IS HEARD BY TEEN PANELISTS



SUCCESS

# ONEIDA COUNTY TEEN COURT CONTACT INFORMATION:

#### **MAILING ADDRESS:**

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UW-Extension Office
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Rhinelander, WI 54501

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Call or text (608) 381-2661

### WHERE CASES ARE HEARD

### **RHINELANDER**

At the courthouse, usually in the County Board Room.

### **LAKELAND**

On campus



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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.



## 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 - sanctions are customized for each case according to the facts and what the panelists learn.

Panelists assign educational sanctions to prevent respondents from getting in trouble again.

## WHO'S ELIGIBLE TO BE A PANELIST?

- Youth in high school 8<sup>th</sup> graders may apply the spring before they start high school.
- Teen Court goes year round except 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 hears cases one day a month at the courthouse starting at 8 a.m.
  - LUHS usually hear cases one day a month on campus.
  - 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!**



### **APPLY!**

- Scan the QR Code above, or visit https://oneida.extension.wisc.edu/positiv e-youth-development/teencourt/ for an application.
- The Oneida County Teen Court Coordinator will contact you to schedule an in-person interview.
- 3 Attend a Teen Court training session.
- Observe at least one case before committing to full participation.
- Sit in on at least three cases before volunteering as the spokesperson during a hearing.