



Scott County Teen Court 2021-2022 Announcing our 21st Year!

Are you interested in serving as a part of the justice system in Scott County?
Students who wish to participate in the Scott County Teen Court Program must be willing to commit to the following:

- Participate in the program for the entire school year.
- Attend four mandatory training sessions.
- Attend the Swearing-in Ceremony.
- Attend Teen Court hearings one Monday evening, each month, beginning in January 2022.
- Return permission slips signed by a parent or legal guardian.
- Must be under 18 years of age when training begins.

ALL trainings, including orientation and the swearing in ceremony will be held at the Elkhorn Crossing School located at 2001 Frankfort Road Georgetown, KY.

Monday, October 25, 2021, 6:00 P.M. - Parent/Student Orientation
Monday, November 1, 2021, 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. - First Training
Monday, November 8, 2021, 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. - Second Training
Monday, November 15, 2021, 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. – Third Training

Swearing-In Ceremony:

Monday November 22, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

If you would like to receive text message reminders
text @sctee to 81010

Contact: Judge Mary Jane Phelps, (859) 879-9871
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Teen Court FAQ

Teen Court allows first-time juvenile offenders to participate in a less formal court process administered by their peers. Trained students serve as attorneys, jurors, bailiffs, and clerks in a juvenile sentencing case. Misdemeanor offenders who successfully complete their sentences avoid a formal court record. Today about 350 students participate in Teen Court programs in 33 Kentucky counties.

Q. How old do I have to be to participate?

A. To participate in Teen court a youth must have reached his/her thirteenth birthday and must not have reached his/her eighteenth birthday by the first training session.

Q. Do they hear real juvenile court cases?

A. Yes, Teen Court does hear real juvenile court cases. The Teen Court participants serve as the attorneys, the court bailiffs, the clerks, and the jurors who actually decide what sentence to be given to a juvenile offender. The Judge will review the Teen Court verdict before imposing the sentence to ensure it is within legal authority.

Q. How is confidentiality handled?

A. At each training session the legal professionals stress the laws governing confidentiality of juvenile cases. During the swearing in ceremony the participants are sworn to adhere by strict confidentiality guidelines. Those who violate the oath will be prosecuted.

Q. How do cases get to Teen Court?

A. Initially, all juvenile cases go through the Court Designated Worker or CDW. The CDW has a list of criteria that the juvenile must meet to determine if the case is to be handled by diversion or be sent to court. A case can be recommended for Teen Court by the CDW, the county attorney, or the Judge.

Q. What is the role of the Teen Court Coordinator?

A. The Teen Court Coordinator assists in the training sessions for participants, meets with defendants and parents, sets court dates, assigns roles to student participants, monitors defendant's compliance with sentence and is the contact point for Teen Court members and juvenile offenders.

Q. What does the training for Teen Court involve?

A. Local practicing attorneys, the Teen Court coordinator, and the local judges conduct the training for Teen Court, using a training manual provided by the court of justice. The training includes preparation for serving the roles of juror, attorneys, bailiffs, and clerks.

Q. How often does court meet?

A. During fall training Teen Court meets once a week for five weeks. After inductions and beginning in January, Teen Court will meet once a month. Courts meet after school or during the evening for approximately two hours.