



YOUTH-LED JUSTICE

WHO

- Law enforcement refers cases of juvenile first-time offenders that the officer believes would benefit from deflection rather than formal court.
- Schools provide a group of middle/high school students to serve in courtroom roles to determine a constructive sentence after offender admits guilt.

WHAT

- School participants attend a short training with the program coordinator
- Court hearing ~ 2-3 hours long at local district court
- Student lawyers present their sides
- Student jurors determine constructive sentence designed to reduce recidivism
- Supervised by a licensed attorney

WHY

- For the offender, Teen Court provides an alternative to formal court to reduce recidivism, improve the community, and focus on restoring relationships rather than punishment.
- Participating students learn about the juvenile justice system & restorative justice while earning community service or extra credit.

HOW

- Teen Court relies upon school volunteers to participate in courtroom roles and relies on law enforcement to refer cases for deflection.
- For more information: email teencourt@oakgov.com
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- Click on the Teen Court tab on oakgov.com/government/prosecutor