

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR JURORS

Jury duty is a privilege and a serious responsibility. As a Teen Court juror, you have the obligation of determining a fair and appropriate sentence that will be constructive for the defendant and the community in its consequences. You must listen carefully to the facts of the case and pay close attention to all information presented from the Judge, witnesses, and the Defense and Prosecuting attorneys. Each juror must listen objectively, without bias or prejudice in order to render a fair and just sentence. The jury discusses the testimony given in the hearing and then decides what sentence is in the best interest of our community and the offender. All jurors must agree (a unanimous decision) on the constructive sentence before returning to the court.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Report on time for jury duty.
- Sign up to serve on a jury - but be certain you are not from the same school as the defendant and that you do not know the defendant. If you hear evidence in a hearing and realize that you do know the defendant or a victim, inform the Teen Court Coordinator so that you can be appointed to a different jury.
- Listen carefully to all that is said in the hearing.
- Sit quietly without fidgeting while court is in session. No talking, chewing gum, eatingNO LAUGHING.

PROCEDURES

- At the end of the court hearing, the Judge will instruct the Jury, and the Bailiff will give the Jury a Jury Verdict Form.
- The Bailiff will escort you to a quiet jury deliberation area (behind the courtroom), and your first duty will be to elect a Jury Foreperson.
- The Jury Foreperson will lead the discussion, and it will be the duty of the Jury Foreperson to make certain that all jurors take the matter seriously and treat each other with respect, so that all jurors participate in the discussion of what is a fair and constructive sentence.
- The Jury Foreperson informs the Bailiff when the Jury has reached a unanimous decision, and the Bailiff will escort the Jury back to the courtroom.
- The Judge will review the Jury Verdict and then ask the Jury Foreperson to announce the Jury Verdict.
- After the hearing, do not discuss the case with anyone. Remember the Oath of Confidentiality.