

What is Teen Court?

Eligibility

Youth (ages 12-19) who are currently enrolled in a secondary school may request Teen Court from the municipal court judge for most Class C misdemeanors. The defendant must enter a plea of "guilty" or "no contest" for referral to Teen Court. A teen may request Teen Court only if he/she has not successfully completed Teen Court in any city in the State of Texas as a defendant in the past 12 months. Consent of a parent or legal guardian is required.

Cost

Defendants are assessed a non-refundable \$20.00 administrative fee for each violation. The amount must be paid to the court prior to enrollment in the program.

Dress code

The following is enforced for all defendants, jurors and volunteers:

- * No shorts, or torn/shredded jeans
- * No miniskirts
- * No revealing shirts
- * No caps or hats
- * No flip flops
- * No tank tops

Community Service Worksites

Community Service hours must be completed at a non-profit organization or a public entity. Possibilities include:

- * City Recreation Centers, Public Libraries
- * City Animal Shelters
- * Goodwill and United Way Centers
- * See Teen Court staff for a current list of community service partners.

Interested in Volunteering?

Volunteering to work for Teen Court is an educational and rewarding opportunity for both teens and adults. Some service hours are approved for Carroll ISD, Grapevine/Colleyville ISD, Keller ISD and various other programs.

Volunteers are welcome to attend Teen Court sessions and participate after making contact with the Teen Court clerk for scheduling. Teen Court is held on Tuesday nights at Southlake DPS Headquarters, located off of North Carroll Avenue and Division Street in Southlake. Volunteers and defendants, please plan to check in between 5:00pm-5:30pm.

Teens:

Teens, ages 12-19 and currently enrolled in a secondary school of education, may serve as attorneys, bailiffs, or jurors. Those teens wishing to be attorneys must be in high school and must also attend training.

Please visit www.volunteersouthlake.com to submit an application and other required paperwork, depending on age.

Licensed Attorneys:

Adult attorneys, licensed to practice law in the State of Texas, are needed to serve as Teen Court Judges and/or mentors to teens participating as Teen Court attorneys. Please contact the Teen Court Clerk for more details.

**For more information about
METROPORT Teen Court contact:
teencourt@ci.southlake.tx.us
817-748-8346
www.metroport-teencourt.org**



METROPORT Teen Court is a voluntary program which allows juvenile Class C misdemeanor offenders to make restitution for their citation through community service and involvement in the judicial process.

These cases are presented to a jury of the defendant's peers made up of volunteers from local secondary schools and teens currently in the program. The jury members then assess a sentence of community service hours.

Teen Court is a hands-on educational opportunity which allows teen offenders and teen volunteers to better understand our judicial system.

DISCIPLINE GRID



Sentencing consists of a specific number of community service hours to be completed at a non-profit organization or public entity selected by the defendant, plus between two to four jury terms.

A range of hours for each offense is determined from the discipline grid system (shown to the right), which establishes consistency and is based on the nature of each citation.

For multiple offenses, the jury decides whether the hours assessed will run concurrently or consecutively.

Jury terms are assigned for the highest class offense and will not be doubled for multiple offenses.

Certain offenses will require the completion of additional courses (i.e. Alcohol Awareness, Drug Awareness, Tobacco Awareness Courses).

**Metroport Teen Court is held at
Southlake DPS Headquarters
600 State Street
Southlake, TX 76092**

**teencourt@ci.southlake.tx.us
817-748-8346**

Check online: www.metroport-teencourt.org

Class 1 (10-15 service hours and 2 jury terms)	
No seat belt	Equipment violations
Expired vehicle registration	Possession of fireworks
Parking (facing traffic, permit)	Expired driver's license
Fail to display driver's license	Littering
Class 2 (10-20 service hours and 2 jury terms)	
Parking (fire lane)	Fail to signal lane change
Unlawful riding	Drive without headlights
Discharge of fireworks	Cut across parking lot
Anti-noise violations	Speeding 1-12 mph over limit
Class 3 (15-30 service hours and 3 jury terms)	
Following too closely	No helmet
Disregard traffic control device	Passing in a no passing lane
Driving on the shoulder	Red light/stop sign violations
Unsafe lane change	Fail to yield right of way
Driver's license restrictions	Permit unlicensed person to drive
FMFR (no insurance)	Speeding 13-20 mph over limit
Class 4 (20-40 service hours and 3 jury terms)	
Cell phone use in SZ	Parking (handicapped)
Violate promise to appear	Failure to appear
Speeding 21-29 mph over limit	Speeding in SZ 1-10 mph over limit
Class 5 (25-50 service hours and 4 jury terms)	
No driver's license	MIP (tobacco or alcohol)
Leaving the scene of an accident	Disregard police/crossing guard
Speeding 30-39 over limit	Speeding in SZ 11-19 mph over limit
Speeding 1-12 mph over limit in a construction zone (workers present)	
Class 6 (30-65 service hours and 4 jury terms)	
Assault	MIC (alcohol)
Criminal mischief	Public intoxication
Criminal trespassing	Open container
Disorderly conduct	Drug paraphernalia
DUI (minor)	Possession of fake ID
Fail to yield (emergency vehicle or bus)	Speeding in SZ while also in a construction zone
Theft under \$100	Speeding in SZ 20+ mph over limit
Speeding 40+ mph over the limit	
Speeding 13+ mph in a construction zone (while workers are present)	

CLASSES 1-4

Master Jury Trial

Will be held in a conference room. Jury members will ask the defendant questions and impose sentencing based upon the testimony.

CLASSES 5-6

Jury Trial

May be held in the courtroom. The Defendant will be called to the witness stand and asked questions by Teen Attorneys. Jury members will listen to the trial and impose sentencing based upon the testimony.

**METROPORT Teen Court is a
diversionary program provided by:**

City of Colleyville

City of Grapevine

City of Keller

City of Southlake

