

TEEN COURT

Marion County Teen Court is a diversion program for juveniles who have been charged with a law violation for the first time. A youth can be referred to Teen Court by the Department of Juvenile Justice and/or the State's Attorney's Office. A youth cannot attend Teen Court without prior approval by the State Attorney.

Teen Court meets in the Jury Assembly Room at the Marion County Judicial Center on Tuesday afternoons from 4:30 PM until approximately 6:30 PM.

There is now a **\$25.00** Teen Court participation fee. The fee must be paid in full within 30 days of the orientation meeting with the Teen Court Staff member. Reduction or waiver of this fee must be approved by the presiding Juvenile Court Judge.



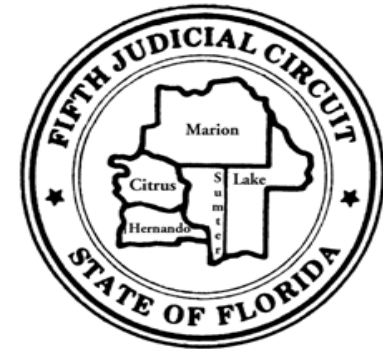
Marion County Court Alternatives

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MARION COUNTY COURT ALTERNATIVES

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TEEN COURT PROGRAM

FELONY REFERRAL

Youth who are referred for a **Felony** charge can expect to receive all of the following sanctions:

- Complete between 60-90 community service hours;
- Participate in approximately 10-12 jury duties;
- Write an apology letter to the victim;
- Exit essay & speech at last jury duty

Youth charged with a **Felony** are asked to complete all sanctions within 120 days

MISDEMEANOR REFERRAL

Youth who are referred for a **Misdemeanor** charge can expect to receive all of the following sanctions:

- Complete between 30-60 community service hours;
- Participate in approximately 4-8 jury duties;
- Write an apology letter to the victim;
- Exit essay & speech at last jury duty

Youth charged with a **Misdemeanor** are asked to complete all sanctions within 90 days.

OTHER SANCTIONS

Other sanctions a youth may receive depending on the Teen Court Jury's decision include:

- Enroll in Life Skills classes;
- Observe a curfew;
- Complete an offense appropriate workbook. (retail theft, battery, marijuana, traffic);
- Have "No Contact" with any co-defendant;
- Make restitution to the victim if needed;
- Attend Victim Impact Panel & write 200 word essay;
- Participate in individual/family counseling;
- Random drug screens