



Williamson County / YMCA

TEEN COURT

Teen Court is a voluntary educational program where students learn firsthand the judicial system. Students are taught the roles of juror, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, defense attorney, clerk, and judge. They preside over cases actually referred by either Justice Courts or Municipal Courts where a student has been found guilty of a class C misdemeanor. The student is defended by the teen defense attorney and a jury of peers decide a sentence, supervised by Judge Edna Staudt of Justice Court Pct. 2 Williamson County.

Teen Court also holds teen defendants (ages 10-17) accountable for their offenses by ordering them to perform community service, to serve as prospective jurors, or attend educational programs in lieu of paying fines, in order have the case from the referring court dismissed and keep a clean record.

Tale of the Gavel

- ✓ Program has been in existence since 1997 and since 2002, **221 teenage defendants** have been heard through the program with **629 teens** involving themselves in various roles of the justice process.
- ✓ Participants experience the justice process hands on while learning vital public speaking skills and building self confidence.
- ✓ Provides an excellent community service while giving participants a prospective career path as well as a college application activity.

For further program details, please contact Jaime Solis at (512) 615-7411.



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