

TEEN COURT PROCEDURES

Court will begin promptly at **6:00 PM** on the scheduled date. Appellants are to report to the Courtroom (A226) located in the Ben Barber Career Tech Academy, **no later than 5:45 PM**. You will need to meet with your attorney (if necessary) and check in with the Court Clerk *prior* to commencement of court.

Appellants are to submit their **MISD ID** or **student ID** and **\$30 fine payment** (cash or check), for **EACH** citation received. Identification and fees will be collected by the Court Clerk at time of check in. Students who are found **Not Guilty** will have their payment returned to them.

You will be assigned a student Defense attorney. Your case will be presented to a court of student volunteers. They will determine whether the citation will be upheld or dismissed based on testimony/evidence presented during the trial. The jury's verdict is **FINAL**. Any inappropriate outbursts can result in disciplinary action.

Courtroom policy/procedures are listed below and include, but are not limited to the following:

NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED IN THE COURTROOM.

NO CELL PHONES ALLOWED.

BUSINESS CASUAL DRESS REQUIRED. (Examples of business casual are a collared shirt and slacks for men and blouse and skirt /slacks for women. No Flip-Flops, jeans or shorts.)

PARENTS MAY SERVE IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY ONLY. (They may not represent you or interfere with the trial process in anyway.)

DISRUPTIONS FROM OBSERVERS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

NO PROFANITY, ABUSIVE OR OBSCENE LANGUAGE

Failure to appear for your scheduled court date or failure to comply with court procedures outlined above will result in a *Guilty* verdict.

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