## TEEN COURT PEER PANEL



## PLEASE ARRIVE AT THE LONE TREE CIVIC CENTER 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE START TIME OF YOUR HEARING.

Lone Tree Civic Center: 8527 Lone Tree Parkway

Lone Tree, CO 80124

The respondent and their parent(s)/guardian(s) must be present for all Teen Court appointments and hearings. Peer Panels are a sentencing hearing and is NOT to determine innocence or guilt. The respondent and parent/guardian will appear before a panel of trained student volunteers who will determine an appropriate sentence. **Please dress appropriately for this appearance.** 

## What to Expect at a Peer Panel:

- The respondent and parent/guardian will be questioned by the panel of trained student volunteers.
- The respondent and parent/guardian will be questioned separately and then together.
- The student panelists will deliberate on an appropriate sentence. The Peer Panel foreperson(s) will explain the sentence to both the respondent and parent/guardian.
- After the Peer Panel, the respondent and the parent/guardian will meet with the Teen Court Coordinator for a detailed explanation of how to complete the sentence.
- A \$54 court fee paid by the respondent is due on the day of the Peer Panel. Payments may be made with Master Card, Visa, check, electronic check, money order or exact cash.
  - Other fees associated with sentencing requirements may be collected at the Peer Panel (such as class fees).

## **General Information about the Sentence:**

- The purpose of the sentence is to hold the respondent accountable for their actions, increase community safety, provide educational opportunities to the respondent, and to repair the harm that was caused by the incident.
- Sentences will often include community service hours. Community service must be completed at a non-profit organization. Examples: soup kitchens, religious organizations, school, animal rescue groups, etc. All hours are verified by the Teen Court Coordinator.

•	The respondent has three months from the date of the Teen Court Peer Panel to complete their
	sentence requirements.
•	Respondents are also required to not obtain any additional charges within the six month deferred
	prosecution period starting at the date of the intake.

- Please keep the Teen Court Coordinator up to date about your progress completing the sentence. The Coordinator is here to help you problem solve barriers you may encounter.
- The Coordinator will schedule an outtake appointment three months after the Peer Panel. At this meeting, the respondent will demonstrate how they completed the sentencing requirements and to reflect about the process. This will take approximately one hour.

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