

KIDS COURT JR. COMPETITION RULES

1. Draw a picture and write a paragraph about Topic 1: #Be A Buddy, Not A Bully or write a paragraph about Topic 2: #Indigenous Peoples And The Community (after reviewing the indigenous peoples pictures on our website: ct.gov/chro).
2. Write a paragraph reviewing your picture and what it means to you.
3. Your entry must be submitted by April 15, 2019.
4. Submit your entry to Cheryl.Sharp@ct.gov



KIDS SPEAK JR. ACTIVITIES ARE:

1. Educational
2. Interactive
3. Fun
4. Promoting Kindness
5. Promoting Equality and Fairness

Brochure Creation:

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9:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

The paragraphs will be judged on the student's understanding of the topic, civil rights issues addressed, creativity and thoughtfulness.

Students may win prizes such as: a medal, certificate, plaque, and a cash prize in the amount of \$100, \$50, or \$25

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KIDS SPEAK AND KIDS COURT

JUNIOR

MARCH 26, 2019
GRADES 3-5



State Armory
360 Broad Street
Hartford CT

KIDS SPEAK JR.

This inaugural Kids Speak Jr. will be focused on safe school climate, community, equality and indigenous peoples. Kids will participate in activities that are geared towards sparking conversations about bullying, the communities they live in, fairness and equality and what issues they see within their schools.



PURPOSE

- To educate youth about diversity as well as civil and human rights within Connecticut and New England.
- To reduce bias and create school environments that inspire mutual respect among students and faculty regardless of differences
- To deter discriminatory bullying
- To provide students with a voice and an opportunity to be heard.
- And so much more!

HISTORY

In 1993, then UConn Law School students, Cheryl Sharp and Rae Thiesfield, developed and launched the first Kids Court Competition in the Greater Hartford area to educate students about diversity and civil and human rights issues.

After receiving approval from the Governor's Office in 1996, Attorneys Sharp and Thiesfield-Vann co-chaired the first statewide Kids Court Competition and Kids Speak event. The competition, sponsored by the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, successfully ran for five straight years, allowing thousands of students to participate.

In 2000, Kids Speak/ Kids Court was selected by the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development as one of the best practice award winners, and received the "Simply the Best" award. Kids Court has been featured on Fox 61 News and in local papers throughout the state.

Kids Court returned to Connecticut in April 2011 and Governor Dannel Malloy provided a brief address to students who participated. The 2019 Kids Court JR. promises to be exciting and engaging to a new generation of kids who are now participating in becoming the next generation of passionate civil rights leaders.

KIDS COURT JR. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMPETITION TOPICS

**#BE A BUDDY, NOT A
BULLY**

**#INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
AND COMMUNITY**



Any students currently enrolled in grades three through five, (3-5) who attend a Connecticut, Massachusetts, or New York school or are home schooled in these states are eligible to participate.