

# *What is Teen Court?*

Teen Court is a unique program designed to give youth between the ages of 11 and 17 who have committed a misdemeanor offense **and** admitted guilt, a second chance. Those who are admitted to the program must go to a sentencing hearing in a REAL courtroom with their peers serving as Prosecuting Attorneys, Defense Attorneys and Jurors. Judges or local attorneys preside over each case to ensure a fair hearing.

Teen Court serves all of District 7 (Nash, Edgecombe, & Wilson Counties). Court is held in the evenings at 6:00pm on various Tuesday evenings.

## *Who Benefits from Teen Court and How?*

**Teen Court is a resource the Schools/Communities can use to:**

- Promote positive attitudes
- Reduce recidivism
- Reach young offenders at a crucial time and encourage them to change their lives for the better
- Improve communication between the schools and community
- Free the juvenile justice system to focus on more serious offenders
- Educate youth about their rights and responsibilities

### **Youth Clients:**

- Learn to accept personal responsibility for their actions.
- Learn to respect another person's property and rights
- Experience positive motivation toward self improvements
- Have a second opportunity to become a valuable member of the community
- Get a true picture of how their peers view their actions

Help us save and create a better future for our Youth.  
Support the **WILSON COUNTY TEEN COURT PROGRAM!!**



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