

BEHAVIOR IN COURT - The Court is a serious and dignified place. You must behave accordingly. Respect is to be paid to the Judge, Magistrates and all court personnel. When the Judge or Magistrate enters the courtroom you should stand up until you are told to be seated. You must be quiet and attentive in Court. Speak only when directed to do so by the Judge or Magistrate. The proceedings are recorded on audiotape, so speak clearly.

PROPER ATTIRE IS REQUIRED - This means modest, clean and appropriate clothing. Do not wear shorts, flip flops, midriff tops, miniskirts, tube tops, torn jeans, t-shirts, etc.

Remove all facial piercings before coming to Court.

No gum chewing is permitted in the courtroom.

Food and Beverages are not permitted in the courtroom.

Be on time to Court.



The Honorable Kevin W. Dunn is one of four Common Pleas Court Judges in Medina County. Judge Dunn was appointed in 2013.

The Medina County Juvenile Court has jurisdiction over all cases involving persons under age 18, including those categorized as unruly, delinquent, abused, neglected or dependent.

In addition to serving as our county's Juvenile Judge, Judge Dunn is the Probate Judge.

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UNRULY CHILD

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WHAT TO EXPECT IN JUVENILE COURT ON AN UNRULY CHARGE

THERE ARE FOUR CATEGORIES OF UNRULY BEHAVIOR:

- Any child who does not submit to the reasonable control of child's parents, teachers, guardian, or custodian, by reason of being **WAYWARD OR HABITUALLY DISOBEDIENT**;
- Any child who is an **habitual truant** from school and who previously has not been adjudicated an unruly child for being an habitual truant;
- Any child who behaves in a manner as to injure or endanger the child's own **HEALTH OR MORALS** or the health or morals of others;
- Any child **WHO VIOLATES A LAW**, other than 2923.211(A) [underage purchase of a firearm] or 2151.87 [tobacco], that is applicable only to a child.



• **FIRST APPEARANCE (Arraignment):**

At your first appearance, you will be advised of the nature of the charges against you, the possible consequences of those charges, and your rights in Court. You will be asked to enter a plea.

- **PLEAS:** A plea is an answer to the Court to the charges against you. In Juvenile Court, the pleas are **Admit** and **Deny**.

Admit: Pleading "Admit" is like pleading Guilty in Adult court. You are admitting that the facts and charges against you are true. You will be found an Unruly Child.

Deny: Pleading "Deny" is like pleading Not Guilty in Adult court. You are contesting, or denying, the charges against you. An adjudicatory hearing (Trial) will be set for another day.

• **ADJUDICATORY HEARING (Trial):**

At this time you have the right to question witnesses against you. You have the right to bring witnesses to testify for you. You do not have to testify against yourself.

POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- **Court Costs:** Costs vary depending on the amount of paperwork processed through the Clerk's office. The average *minimum* court costs are \$70.
- **Community Control Sanctions:** Some examples include probation, community service, monitoring, and curfews.
- **Drug/Alcohol screening, treatment and counseling.**
- **Medical/Psychological treatment or counseling.**
- **Community Service**
- **Magistrate's Suspension:** The Court retains your license for a period of time. This is most often used for violations involving drugs or alcohol.
- **Out-of-home placement at a sheltercare facility.**
- **Attend a truancy prevention class.**
- **Warning to parents** that any further adjudication of a child as unruly or delinquent for **habitual or chronic truancy** can result in criminal charges against the parents.