

## Dispositions

A disposition is the corrective action decided on by the court process which adheres to one of the pillars of accountability, community connection, and skill building.

### *Dispositions may include:*



Learning opportunities such as prevention classes or research.



Social connection opportunities such as mentoring or team involvement.



Creative opportunities in the arts or community projects.



Educational opportunities such as tutoring or extracurricular activities.



## Youth Court is an excellent opportunity for volunteers to:

- Learn more about criminal justice and legal systems
- Conduct a court hearing
- Engage in various leadership opportunities
- Partner with community programs
- Learn about prevention science
- Be an agent of change within your community



*A Restorative Justice Model*

## What We Do

Magna Kearns Youth Court is a restorative justice process that examines cases of elementary, middle, and high school students for eligible state and school offenses and then determines what can be done to repair the harm while holding the person who caused it accountable for their actions.

## How We Do It

A youth court panel will hear the offenses and deliberate and formulate positive dispositions that meet the needs of the youth offender while also restoring justice.

If the youth offender fails to complete their disposition contract, their case will be sent back to the referring party, who may take further disciplinary action.

## Why We Do It

The Magna Kearns Youth Court strives to develop youth centered respect for the rule of law, positive citizenship attitudes, encourage civic engagement, and promote educational success through a diversity of dispositions.



## Based on Utah Code Youth Court 80-6-902

1. Juvenile offense is committed.
2. Referral is made (Note: youth offender must admit to the offense to take part in the Magna Kearns Youth Court).
3. The referral is screened, if approved.
4. Parent consent is given.
5. Intake is completed.
6. Guardian and juvenile attend Youth Court Hearings and assigned a disposition contract and mentor.
7. Case is closed upon successful completion of the disposition.

## Magna Kearns Youth Court Process

## Referrals

We accept referrals from a variety of sources including:

- The Juvenile Justice Court
- Prosecuting Attorneys
- Granite School District
- Law Enforcement
- Parents/guardians

Offenses appropriate for referral to Magna Kearns Youth Court include (Note this is not an exhaustive list):

- Alcohol (possession, consumption and/or purchase)
- Assault (minor)
- Bullying/Cyber-bullying
- Criminal Mischief
- Disorderly Conduct
- Fighting
- Marijuana
- Paraphernalia
- Theft
- Tobacco/E-cigarettes
- Trespassing
- Truancy\*
- Vandalism
- Other

\*For truancy referrals in Granite School District please contact Prevention and Student Placement.