

Possible Consequences

include, but are not limited to:

- **Court Costs:**

Vary depending on the amount of paperwork processed through the Clerk's office. The average *minimum* court costs are \$70

- **Community Control Sanctions:**

Including probation, monitoring, and curfews

- **Drug/Alcohol Screening:**

Assessments, treatment and counseling

- **Medical/Mental Health:**

Treatment or counseling

- **Community Service:**

Manual labor for a non-profit agency or a governmental agency

- **Magistrate's License Suspension:**

The Court retains your license for a period of time

- **Out-of-home placement:**

Medina County Juvenile Detention Center (JDC); misdemeanants can be placed at the JDC for up to 90 days

- **Attend a truancy prevention class**

- **Warning to parents**

Any further adjudication of a child as unruly for habitual truancy can result in criminal charges against the parents



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.



KEVIN W. DUNN

**MEDINA COUNTY
JUVENILE COURT JUDGE**



UNRULY CHILD

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**Monday—Friday
8:00 AM—4:30 PM**

What To Expect in Juvenile Court On An Unruly Charge

CATEGORIES OF UNRULY

There are four categories of Unruly behavior:

Wayward or Habitually Disobedient

Any child who does not submit to the reasonable control of child's parents, teachers, guardian, or custodian

Habitual Truant

Any child who is an habitual truant from school and who previously has not been adjudicated an unruly child for being a habitual truant

Health or Morals

Any child who behaved in a manner as to injure or endanger the child's own health or morals or the health or morals of others

Violates the Law

Any child, other than 2923.211(A) *Underage purchase of a firearm* or 2151.87 *Tobacco*, that is applicable only to a child.

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.

If your appearance is not appropriate, you will be sent home and ordered to appear at another time.

Remove all facial piercings before coming to Court.

Gum chewing is not permitted in the courtroom.

Food and beverage are not permitted in the courtroom.

Be on time to Court.

COURT LANGUAGE

First Appearance (Arraignment)

At your first appearance hearing, 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 or Delinquent 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.

Disposition

Disposition is the consequence phase of the hearing. See next page for examples of court consequences in unruly cases.