

Brownsville ISD Police Department Juvenile Restorative Program





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The Juvenile Restorative Program is for children between the ages of 10-16 who have committed, for the first time, a crime classified as a Class "B", Class "A" Misdemeanor, and State jail Felony. It excludes weapons and violence related offenses. (Texas Family Code Sec. 52.031) Offenses that are eligible for this new program include but are not limited to: Possession of Marihuana, Theft, Criminal Mischief and Graffiti.

Program Goals:

- ❖ Focus on healing as opposed to punishment.
- ❖ Establish accountability and reduce continued delinquent behavior.
- ❖ Decriminalize adolescent behavior-Kids make mistakes!
- ❖ Create an obligation to make things right and reestablish the balance that has been offset as a result of a crime-Second Chance

Program Guidelines

Voluntary basis---Participation is not mandatory

Voluntary restitution- to the victim if necessary

Voluntary community service, or other requirements can be assigned

Provide educational, vocational training, counseling, and or other rehabilitative services.

Periodic reporting by the child to Brownsville ISD Police Department

90 Day probationary period

Completion

Upon Successful completion of this program:

Students participating in this opportunistic six week trial and subsequent 90 day probationary period; will have their first time criminal offense permanently cleared by the Brownsville ISD Police Department in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Cameron County Juvenile Board. The case will be closed and not referred to the juvenile court.

