

LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT TRAFFIC COURT!!!

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Liberty High School's Student Traffic Court will exist through a unique and enduring relationship with the Issaquah District Court. The program began at Issaquah High School more than thirty-five years ago. Students, administrators and parents have valued this program for its benefits to the student "Defendants," as well as those who serve as members of the Student Court.

The intent of the Student Traffic Court is to allow students who have been cited for minor traffic infractions, such as speeding, to take responsibility for their actions, while keeping their relatively new driving records clean. Qualified Liberty High School students are allowed to appear before the Student Court (instead of the District Court) and receive a penalty of community service hours to be performed. If these hours are performed successfully and within the identified timeline, the infraction will be dismissed.

HOW IT WORKS

When an individual is cited for a traffic infraction, the citation is filed with the District Court. The student cited, becomes the "Defendant." Once the Defendant receives a copy of the citation, they should do the following:

- Write a letter to the court that is identified on the ticket requesting that the ticket be remanded over to the Liberty High School Student Court advisor Marsha Denton. That letter needs to be mailed within 48 hours of the student receiving the ticket.
- Make a copy of the letter and the ticket (both sides) to keep.
- After the letter has been mailed for two days, begin calling the court to make a verbal request that the letter will be sent to LHS. Continue to call until you receive verbal confirmation that the ticket will be sent to the court.
- Once the ticket arrives at LHS, Dr. Denton will call the student in to discuss the court procedures / time / location / etc. Please understand that neither LHS nor the LHS Court advisor has ANY power to sway the court to choose to refer the ticket to the LHS Student Court. It is a matter between the student and the district court to which they are responsible.

The Defendant always has the option of admitting the infraction and paying the fine, in which case, the Student Court would not be involved. In the request for referral, the Defendant must understand that the Student Court will not be entitled to find the infraction "not committed." A request to transfer the citation may be done in one of three ways: Students may only take advantage of the Student Court opportunity once.

If you have any questions, call Dr. Denton, Assistant Principal, at 425-837-4802 or email dentonm@issaquah.wednet.edu.