**Duval County Teen Court Program**

Teen Court is a pre-arrest diversion program designed for eligible misdemeanor offenders between the ages of 10-17.  The program gives youth the opportunity to accept responsibility for their actions and make reparation through the use of therapeutic interventions, written assignments and community service.  Specially trained youth serve as prosecutors and defense attorneys, bailiffs and jury members.  A volunteer judge, who is a practicing attorney oversees a mock trial and approves a sentences formulated by the jury.  The defendant, along with their parent/guardian, signs a contract agreeing to complete all of the assigned tasks.  Upon successful completion of all tasks, no arrest or criminal charges will appear on the youth’s record.