

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CARBON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
JUVENILE COURT DIVISION  
CRIMINAL COURT DIVISION**

**IN RE: ADOPTION OF PROTOCOL FOR : NO. CP-13-JM-0000001-2025  
SCHOOL JUSTICE PANELS : NO. CP-13-AD-0000011-2025**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 11-2025**

**AND NOW, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025, it is hereby ORDERED and DECREED that effective July 1, 2025, the Carbon County Court of Common Pleas ADOPTS the following protocol for School Justice Panels.**

- 1. Programs for alternative "prosecution" of certain cases involving offenders under the age of eighteen (18) have been established by the Court of Common Pleas of Carbon County in conjunction with the Juvenile Probation Office, the Office of the District Attorney, local school authorities and police agencies serving Carbon County. The program provides for School Justice Panels throughout the County.**
- 2. Cases, other than felonies, may be referred to those panels by police agencies, the District Attorney and juvenile probation officers prior to and in lieu of formal institution of charges. The School Justice Panel hears cases which occur on school property. In the event summary charges have been filed with the Magisterial District Judge, such matter may be referred to a School Justice Panel by the Magisterial District Judge in accordance with 42 Pa.C.S. §1520.**
- 3. Persons accused of offenses referred to this panel must agree to the referral and must waive any otherwise applicable statute of limitations or speedy trial rule or statute. If the panel is unable to successfully resolve a case, it will be returned to the referring/prosecuting authority for prosecution.**
- 4. Referral to the panel of cases pending before the Minor Judiciary will generally not be permitted, however, except with the written approval of the District Attorney and the Magisterial District Judge before whom the case is pending, and under the standards set forth in Pa.R.Crim.P. 458 (Dismissal of Summary Cases Upon Satisfaction or Agreement) or Pa.R.Crim.P. 546 (Dismissal Upon Satisfaction or Agreement), or Pa.R.J.C.P. 335 (Withdrawal of Petition).**
- 5. This Protocol may be modified upon the joint recommendation of the District Attorney of Carbon County, the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of Carbon County and the Carbon County Juvenile Court Working Group subject to the approval of the President Judge.**

The Carbon County District Court Administrator is ORDERED and DIRECTED to do the following with the Administrative Order and Rule:

1. E-mail one (1) copy with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts to [adminrules@pacourts.us](mailto:adminrules@pacourts.us) .
2. Mail one (1) copy with the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* to PA Code and Bulletin, Legislative Reference Bureau, 647 Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120 and e-mail one (1) copy in Microsoft Word format to [bulletin@palrb.us](mailto:bulletin@palrb.us) .
3. Publish this local rule on the [www.carboncourts.com](http://www.carboncourts.com) website within thirty (30) days after the publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.
4. File one (1) copy in the Carbon County Juvenile Court and Clerk of Court's Offices.
5. E-mail one (1) copy for publication in the Carbon County Law Journal.
6. Forward one (1) copy to the Carbon County Law Library.

BY THE COURT:



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