



JUSTICE COURT
PRECINCT ONE
WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS

COURT COST & TRUANCY PROGRAM

“ONE STUDENT AT A TIME”

211 COMMERCE BLVD
ROUND ROCK, TX 78664

PHASE I

COURT COST

Today, I am requesting the Commissioners Court of Williamson County allow me the option of adding a \$5.00 fee to each criminal case filed in my court for the purpose of hiring a case manager to help assist with a truancy program.

The authority to charge the fee is found in the Gov Code, and the Texas Code of Criminal Procedures whereby the Commissioners' Court may create a juvenile case manager fund and may require any defendant convicted of a fine-only misdemeanor offense in a justice court to pay a juvenile case manager fee not to exceed \$5.00 as a cost of court.

At the current rate the following cases could generate the following revenue. (*see Chart One*)

Year	J-09	F-09	M-09	A-09	M-09	J-09
Referrals	376	477	463	465	462	452
AT \$2.00	\$752.00	\$954.00	\$926.00	\$930.00	\$924.00	\$904.00
AT \$5.00	\$1,880.00	\$2,385.00	\$2,315.00	\$2,325.00	\$2,310.00	\$2,260.00

(Chart One)

The Justice Court for Precinct One had 255 fail to attend school cases filed in 2008-09. Currently, the Juvenile Service Department assigns one probation officer to each JP court. The total service area includes Round Rock ISD, and specifically, takes in Round Rock High School, McNeil High School, and Stony Point High School. This also includes all the feeder school. The Court along with the City of Round Rock, Round Rock ISD, and the LifeSteps are developing a program to help assist with truancy issues.

The court cost for the case manager would be placed in the case manager line item and would help pay for a case manager to assist with fail to attend school case as defined by Texas Education Code 25.093 and 25.094. The case manager would be an employee of the Juvenile Service Department.

PHASE II

MEMORADUM WITH OTHER AGENCIES

At this time, Phase II included a Memorandum of understanding between Williamson County, the City of Round Rock, Round Rock Independent School System, and Lifesteps, has not been completed.

No action is being requested from the court at this time.