

2026 Prevention Webinar Series: Accountability Practices and Peer Court

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Agenda

- Welcome/Introduction
Tanya Albornoz, Prevention Coordinator
- Overview: Accountability/Restorative Practices
Cuong Nguyen, Prevention Specialist
- Featured Presentation: Canyons Peer Court (CPC) and Panel Discussion
Charisse Hilton and CPC Panelists
- Wrap up
Cuong Nguyen, Prevention Specialist

Accountability practice

[R277-100: Definitions for Utah State Board of Education Rules R277-609: Standards for LEA Discipline Policy](#)

- Any evidence-based practice that increases academic outcomes, decreases behavior that disrupts the learning environment and holds students accountable for their actions by requiring them to take responsibility to repair harm and provide restitution when appropriate.
- Practices may include behavior plans, restorative practices, and increasing engagement.*

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Utah Code 53G-8-211: Responses to School-based behavior

- [Utah Code Section 53G-8-211: Responses to school-based behavior](#)
Prohibits referrals to law enforcement or juvenile court for, truancy (with exceptions) class C misdemeanors, infractions, status offenses, and offenses committed on school grounds. It allows referrals for these offenses to alternative school-based interventions including mobile crisis outreach teams, receiving centers operated by Utah Division of Juvenile Justice Services, **youth courts**, and other **restorative justice programs**.
- May refer for truancy if: (a) the minor was previously alleged of being a habitual truant at least twice in the same school year, and (b) the minor was referred to an evidence-based alternative intervention at least two of the previous truants.

What is an accountability practice? How does it serve as an alternative option?

- Building appropriate relationships with students
- Building community and sense of belonging in the classroom
- Effective questioning and conversational techniques when addressing student behavior
- Appropriately addressing student behavior
- Establishing appropriate expectations for behavior and classroom management
- Maintaining an appropriate affect with students when addressing behavior

Restorative justice program

[Utah Code Section 53G-8-211\(1\)\(e\): Responses to school-based behavior](#)

Restorative justice program means a school-based program or a program used or adopted by a local education agency that is designed to:

- To enhance school safety, reduce school suspensions, and limit referrals to law enforcement agencies and courts; and
- To help minors take responsibility for and repair harmful behavior that occurs in school.

Other alternatives as defined under

[Utah Code Section 53G-8-211: Responses to school-based behavior](#)

- Mobile crisis outreach team
- Youth services center
- Certified youth court or comparable restorative justice program
- an evidence-based alternative intervention created and develop by school or school district
- An evidence-based alternative intervention that is jointly created and developed by a local education agency, the state board, the juvenile court, local counties and municipality, department of health and human services
- Tobacco cessation or education program
- Truancy mediation, or
- Prevention or early intervention youth services, DJJYS.



Featured Presentation

[Canyons Peer Court](#) and Panel
Discussion

Resources and Feedback

Utah State Peer Courts (as of Oct. 2025) (1)

- American Fork Youth Court
- Canyons School District Peer Court
- Draper City Peer Court
- East Millard Youth Court
- Gunnison Youth Court
- Heber Valley Peer Court
- Herriman City Peer Court
- Kaysville Youth Court
- Layton Youth Court
- Lindon Youth Court
- Magna Kearns Youth Court
- Nephi Youth Court
- North Sevier Youth Court
- Ogden School District Youth Court
- Payson Youth Court
- Pleasant Grove Youth Court
- Provo Youth Court
- Richfield Youth Court
- Salt Lake Peer Court

Utah State Peer Courts (as of Oct. 2025) (2)

- Sandy Youth Court
- Sanpete County Youth Court
- South Box Elder Youth Court
- South Sevier Youth Court
- Springville Youth Court
- Syracuse Youth Court
- Tooele County Youth Court
- Tri-City Youth Court
- West Millard Youth Court

For more information about Youth Court/Peer Court

- Canyons Peer Court

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