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JUVENILE DRUG COURT ***STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS***

You are being referred to the Juvenile Drug Court Program, upon program enrollment, ongoing participation or successful completion of the Drug Court Program, you will then be allowed to remain in your currently assigned school of the Hillsborough School District, and you may qualify to have an opportunity for your charge(s) to be dismissed. You are responsible for following these instructions:

- * Upon being referred or from the date of your arrest, you have three (3) business days to contact the Drug Court Programs Office for program registration.
- * Students must enroll and begin a substance abuse treatment program which the appropriate level of treatment will be determined by the student's level of drug involvement. The exact length is determined by the treatment, services needed and compliance. You are required to participate in random urinalysis, drug education classes as well as group and individual counseling. Youth who continually test positive for drugs during treatment may be referred to DETOX and/or an inpatient residential treatment facility. Furthermore, attendance of NA/AA meetings may be required. **EACH STUDENT REFERRED BY HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST BE EVALUATED AND COMPLETE ALL RECOMMENDED TREATMENT.**

Please call 813-272-6179, if you reach the voice mail, speak very clearly and leave your name and telephone number. This phone number receives a large volume of calls, so please be patient. If voice mail capacity is full, it is your responsibility to continue calling. Your call will be returned within 24-48 hours. Once you have made this call and spoken to a Drug Court Specialist, you will be referred for a treatment assessment. You are required to contact the school assistant principal to report your scheduled appointment date and time. Furthermore, provide proof of attendance and participation upon being assessed.

Following these instructions is necessary to assist school officials to reach a decision concerning your current and future placement in the Hillsborough County School System.

Upon being arrested, you will be processed through the Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) which a recommendation will be made to the State Attorney's Office. Pending charges may take up to ninety (90) days for official filing. Once your charge(s) has been officially filed in the Juvenile Drug Court Program, you will receive a notice to appear in the mail/service with a scheduled court date. If charge(s) are dropped by the State Attorney's Office or officially filed in another court division other than Juvenile Drug Court, you are still required to continue and successfully complete treatment as recommended from your initial evaluation, failure to do so can result to a change of school placement.

If you fail to schedule or attend an intervention assessment appointment, fail to attend Court or sign the Juvenile Drug Court Contract, a change of placement will be recommended at the discretion of School Administration. Furthermore, failure to appear in Court may result in Pick UP-Order for your arrest.

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