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COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA**

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**HOW CAN YOU TAKE  
ADVANTAGE OF  
THE COURT TOURS AND MOCK  
TRIAL PROGRAM?**

The Court and its partners in the education community are proud to offer this enhanced educational opportunity to Santa Clara County schools.

Please take advantage of the *Court Tours/Mock Trial* program. For more information please contact:

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**COURT TOURS AND  
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PROGRAMS FOR  
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COUNTY SCHOOLS**



**SANTA CLARA COUNTY  
OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

## HOW CAN YOUR SCHOOL BENEFIT FROM THE COURT TOURS/MOCK TRIAL PROGRAM?

The *Court Tours/Mock Trial* program will provide your students with a valuable inside look at how our legal system operates.

(Note: The judges cannot offer legal advice, nor can they comment upon specific cases.)

## WHO IS INVOLVED IN THE COURT TOURS/MOCK TRIAL PROGRAM?

This project was conceived and implemented by the Community Outreach and Planning Committee of the Superior Court. The Court's partners in this effort include:

- ▶ San Jose Unified School District
- ▶ Santa Clara County Office of Education
- ▶ Santa Clara County Bar Association
- ▶ Office of the District Attorney
- ▶ Office of the Public Defender

## COURT TOURS/MOCK TRIAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- The *Court Tours/Mock Trial* program is open to all elementary and middle schools, public or private
- The program is designed for students in grades 2 – 8, but can also accommodate high school students
- Students will be given a guided tour of a courthouse including information about court operations and the California legal system
- The tour can include an interactive mock trial component, allowing students to play the roles of attorneys, witnesses, jurors and judges
- Students will interact with judges and other justice system professionals

The program goals are:

- ▶ To provide students with a first-hand look at the Court's role in the Judicial Branch of government
- ▶ To strengthen the Court's ties to the educational community in Santa Clara County

***Participating schools must provide proof of adequate liability insurance***

## MISSION STATEMENT:

The Superior Court serves the public by providing equal justice for all in a fair, accessible, effective, efficient, and courteous manner:

- By resolving disputes under the law
- By applying the law consistently, impartially, and independently
- By instilling public trust and confidence in the Court