



# WAKEFIELD YOUTH DIVERSION PROGRAM

Opportunity for first time offenders of low level alcohol & drug related offenses for individuals under 21



**Incident Occurs**  
Examples include: Minor in Possession of Alcohol, Marijuana, etc.



**POLICE IDENTIFY INVOLVED PARTIES**  
Youth are identified by responding officer. Officer confiscates evidence and makes the decision to arrest, summons, cite, place into protective custody, and/or recommends for Diversion. (Note: Any Registry of Motor Vehicle Processes will move forward.)

If arrested, not eligible for Diversion. Court process to follow.

If Diversion is recommended case is forwarded to Police Prosecutor. SRO's are notified

- DIVERSION**
1. Police Prosecutor Selects Elements of Wakefield Youth Diversion Contract
  2. Parent/Guardian contacted, sets up time to meet with Police Prosecutor.
  3. Parent/Guardian and involved party meet to go over Diversion Contract and sign.

Alcohol or Drug related

Marijuana related

Proceed with court process.

**Minimum Penalty:**  
\$100 Fine.  
Plus State mandated completion of a Marijuana Education Class if under 18.

OR

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- Youth Substance Use Education Class
- Written Essay
- Community Service Requirement
- Follow-up Assessment with Instructor
- No further incidents / Alcohol & Drug Free

Diversion contract requirements are time sensitive & will be overseen by Wakefield SAP Coordinator, SRO's, and Police Prosecutor. If completed, NO further action.

If Juvenile does not complete Diversion Contract Requirements, legal process to follow.

\*Diversion Program components detailed on reverse page