

JUVENILE COURT
POLICY/PROCEDURE

MEDIA ACCESS TO JUVENILE COURT PROCEEDINGS

POLICY

Media (print, radio, television) are not granted access to juvenile court proceedings unless specifically authorized by the Court or statute* in a manner consistent with Wisconsin Statutes, Supreme Court and Dane County Court Rules and in the best interests of protecting the welfare of the child and the safety of the public.

Media may be excluded from portions of the proceeding at the discretion of the Court.

Requests for video coverage of any Juvenile Court proceeding must be made in advance in accordance with Circuit Court Rules.

Members of the media shall be expected to comply with §48.299(1)(b) and §938.299(1)(b) related to not divulging information that would lead to the identification of the juvenile who is a subject of proceedings under Chapter 48 or 938 unless otherwise permitted by statute.*

*Pursuant to §938.299, the media may, without specific court approval, attend any hearing that is open to the public. Certain exclusions apply. Refer to Policy I-CC on "**Permitted Attendance at Court Hearings**".