



# SANCTIONED TO READ ORANGE COUNTY

## REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceedings, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance use.

### PLEASE CONTACT

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If you are hearing or voice  
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## READ AND SUCCEED

Studies have shown that a common thread among juvenile defendants is their inability to succeed in academics. For this reason, the Ninth Judicial Circuit developed the Sanction to Read Program — helping young people to become better readers and better citizens.

### BENEFITS OF SANCTIONED TO READ

- Identifies weakness in reading and comprehension
- Offers an individual prescription for learning
- Improves reading skills by at least one grade level
- Helps develop self-esteem
- Improves other subject areas
- Provides hope for a better future
- The program is FREE



### WHAT IS THE SANCTIONED TO READ PROGRAM?

It's been cited in numerous case studies that there is a direct correlation between juvenile crime and academic success. Typically, young people who do well in school are less likely to commit a juvenile crime and more likely to become successful and productive adults. The Sanctioned to Read Program in Orange County was created to help juvenile offenders succeed by developing stronger reading skills and greater self-esteem.

To participate in this free reading program, the youth must first be ordered into Sanctioned to Read by a circuit judge or court staff. Once in the program, a child is evaluated through a series of five diagnostic reading tests that measure the child's phonics, oral reading, written comprehension, and written and oral vocabulary. From this, the Sanctioned to Read coordinator can pinpoint the areas where the student struggles and then create an individualized prescription for learning that will allow the youth to improve their reading skills by the completion of the program.

The dynamic curriculum, reward, and incentive program help keep the student engaged as they build strong academic skills and develop the desire and confidence to succeed. Once basic skills are firmly in place, a student becomes more confident at school and better equipped to succeed in other subjects, such as social studies and science where reading comprehension is so important.

### FUNDING AND OTHER INFORMATION

The Orange County Teen Court Program funds Sanctioned to Read at no cost to participants or their families.

Initial diagnostic testing, progress testing, and tutoring is conducted at the Thomas S. Kirk Juvenile Justice Center. Tutoring is conducted in one-hour sessions from Monday through Friday. A youth must attend a minimum of two sessions per week and preferably four times per week for the program to be most effective.

