

**COSHOCTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT: POLICY ON SEALING AND
EXPUNGEMENT OF JUVENILE CASE RECORDS: (by Local Juvenile Rule 19)**

RULE 19.1 Sealing

(A) The Court shall consider sealing of Juvenile records upon application or upon the Court's own motion at any time after two years after the later of termination of any (all) orders made by the Court or upon unconditional discharge from the Department of Youth Services, if at the time the juvenile is not under the jurisdiction of the Court as an alleged or adjudicated delinquent child as outlined in Section 2151.356(C) of the Ohio Revised Code.

(B) To seal a juvenile record means to have the record removed from the main file of similar records and to have it secured by the Court in a separate file that contains only sealed records accessible only to the Juvenile Court, as defined in Section 2151.355(B) of the Ohio Revised Code.

(C) Cases adjudicated delinquent for committing Aggravated Murder, Rape, Sexual Battery or Gross Sexual Imposition, shall not be sealed as outlined in Section 2151.356(A).

RULE 19.2 Expungement

(A) The Court must expunge all sealed records either five years from sealing or from the juvenile reaching age 23, whichever comes first. After the record has been sealed, application may be made for earlier expungement. If the prosecuting attorney files a response that objects to the expungement of the records, the Court must conduct a hearing before the records may be expunged, as defined in Section 2151.358 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(B) To expunge the record means to destroy, delete and erase the record, as appropriate for the record's physical or electronic form or characteristic, so that the record is permanently irretrievable as defined in Section 2151.355(A) of the Ohio Revised Code.