

**COSHOCTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT**

**POLICY ON SEALING AND EXPUNGEMENT OF JUVENILE CASE RECORDS**

**(By Local Juvenile Rule 19)**  
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**RULE 19        SEALING AND EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS**

In most cases, application may be made to the Coshocton County Juvenile Court for an order to seal a juvenile record, or to expunge the record under Section 2151.358 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**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 six months after one of the following:

1. The termination of any court order made in relation to the adjudication;
2. The unconditional discharge of the person from the Department of Youth Services or other institution or facility;
3. The Court enters an order determining that the child is no longer a juvenile offender registrant.

(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, Murder, and Rape, shall not be sealed as outlined in Section 2151.356(A). Cases adjudicated delinquent for committing Sexual Battery or Gross Sexual Imposition may be considered for sealing pursuant to Section 2151.356 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(D)        No fee shall be charged for any person applying to have their records sealed, pursuant to Section 2151.356 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**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.