

The mission of the Probation Department is the enforcement of the Order of Probation, which entails a variety of conditions or requirements that the Judge has specifically ordered for an offender to complete or comply with. Probation Officers seek to accomplish this by working with the offender in referring them to appropriate agencies to receive counseling, assistance or support. The goal is to provide the person with opportunities for behavioral change and hold them accountable for making changes that are needed in their attitude, behavior or lifestyle.

Probation Officers also conduct pre-sentence investigations, alcohol and drug tests, and hold regular supervision meetings with each probationer to ensure that they are being held accountable. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of probation results in a hearing in front of the Judge at which time other penalties, including jail time, may be imposed.¹

District Court Probation

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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¹ <https://www.accesskent.com/Courts/63dc/probation.htm>

Drug and Alcohol Information

Any person convicted of a drinking and driving offense in Michigan must complete an alcohol/drug screening or assessment prior to sentence. Assessments can also be ordered by the Judge for any case. The assessment process consists of completing a questionnaire and a personal interview with a state certified assessment agent. The assessment cost is \$75.00 and is due at the time of the interview; however, it may be paid prior to the interview. There is a “no show” fee of \$25.00 for failing to appear for the appointment or failing to reschedule this appointment within 24 hours. Failing to reschedule the appointment within 24 hours will result in a probation violation.

Assessments are ordered for all drinking/driving cases. Failure to complete a court-ordered assessment will result in being remanded to jail for contempt of court.

Drug and Alcohol Testing

There is a \$10.00 urine fee and a \$25.00 mouth swab fee for all drug and alcohol testing.

Failure to show for a scheduled test, failure to pay for the test at testing time, a positive test result, or alter or diluting a urine sample may all result in a violation.

Personal Info Changes

Anyone under the jurisdiction of the 77th District Court is responsible to keep their address, job or phone numbers current with the Court.

If your information changes, call your Probation Officer or the Court. Failure to do so or give inaccurate information, may result in a Probation Violation or Show Cause.

Forms

- 77th District Court Probation - Probation Supervision Report – *(forthcoming)*
- Request to Leave the State – *(forthcoming)*
- Mecosta/Osceola County Counseling Resources – *(forthcoming)*
- AA Attendance Record – *(forthcoming)*