

# Resources for Juvenile Expungement

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## Legal Rights Center

Monthly Free Legal  
Expungement Clinics

<https://www.legalrightscenter.org/post-conviction-help.html>

## Forms

[https://www.mncourts.gov/Documents/4/Public/Forms/Juvenile\\_Expungement\\_Single\\_Case\\_Packet.pdf](https://www.mncourts.gov/Documents/4/Public/Forms/Juvenile_Expungement_Single_Case_Packet.pdf)

<https://www.mncourts.gov/GetForms.aspx?c=36&p=118>

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# Juvenile Delinquency Expungement

How to seal your juvenile record  
in Hennepin County

## **The Law**

Minnesota Statute § 260B.198, Subd. 6 governs the expungement of juvenile records.

## **What is Expungement?**

Juvenile expungement involves the sealing of records related to a juvenile court delinquency case.

## **When can I get a record expunged?**

The court may expunge all records relating to delinquency at any time if the court determines that expungement of the record would yield a benefit to the subject (the Respondent) that outweighs the detriment to the public and public safety in sealing the record and the burden on the court and public agencies or jurisdictions in issuing, enforcing, and monitoring the order.

What factors will the Court consider when deciding whether to expunge a record?

The Court will consider:

1. the age, education, experience, and background, including mental and emotional development, of the subject of the record at the time of commission of the offense;
2. the circumstances and nature and severity of the offense, including any aggravating or mitigating factors in the commission of the offense;
3. victim and community impact, including age and vulnerability of the victim;
4. the level of participation of the subject of the record in the planning and carrying out of the offense, including familial or peer influence in the commission of the offense;
5. the juvenile delinquency and criminal history of the subject of the record;

6. the programming history of the subject of the record, including child welfare, school and community-based, and probation interventions, and the subject's willingness to participate meaningfully in programming, probation, or both;

7. any other aggravating or mitigating circumstance bearing on the culpability or potential for rehabilitation of the subject of the record; and

8. the benefit that expungement would yield to the subject of the record in pursuing education, employment, housing, or other necessities.

## **What can be expunged?**

- ✓ Diversion
- ✓ Stay of Adjudication
- ✓ Continuance without a plea
- ✓ Acquittal
- ✓ Delinquency adjudication
  - Petty Misdemeanor
  - Misdemeanor
  - Gross Misdemeanor
  - Felony