



## Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan



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Wayne County families, educators, and administrators recognize the importance of Count Day. All kids need to attend school on the October 5, 2016 Count Day so schools may receive their appropriate level of funding.

The Third Circuit Court supports those efforts, and as the Court's Juvenile Division continues to address truancy and delinquent issues, it has created the Keep Kids in School (KKIS) campaign to bring attention to the impact of suspensions and students missing school. Out-of-school suspensions places youth at risk; up to 40% of juvenile crimes occur during the day at times when children should be in school. Furthermore, children suspended from school and expelled for minor offenses are almost three times as likely to become entangled in the justice system the following year. There are very quantifiable costs associated with dropout rates: \$200,000 is expended on average in social services, court involvement, and reduced earning capacity for each student who drops out of high school.

Therefore, the Third Circuit Court invites the Wayne County educators and community that in addition to getting students to show up at school on Count Date to do what is possible to getting students to show up every day. Keeping Kids in Schools (KKIS) is a priority and benefits everyone.



**The Third Judicial Circuit** is the largest circuit court in Michigan with three operating divisions. The Third Circuit Court has jurisdiction over Civil, Criminal, and Family matters arising in the County of Wayne. The National Center for State Courts has cited the Third Circuit Court as one of the model urban courts in the United States for case flow management and the timely disposition of the Court's docket. For more information, visit [www.3rdcc.org](http://www.3rdcc.org).