

Forms of Transfer or Waiver

Judicial Waiver	Requires a waiver hearing in front of a judge who determines the suitability of removing the case to the adult court
Prosecutorial Waiver (direct file)	The decision to try a juvenile in the adult court is made by the prosecutor, who has sole discretion in the matter.
Legislative Waiver/ Statutory Exclusion	The legislature has dictated, through a statute, that certain youths must be tried in the adult court—the juvenile court is excluded from hearing the case.
Once/Always	Once a youth has been adjudicated in adult court, the youth is permanently under the adult court's jurisdiction.
Reverse Waiver	Criminal courts can return certain cases to the juvenile court.