

10.4 Pleas.

(a) Admissions. If the child admits the allegations, the judge, associate judge or authorized officer of the court shall then hear information as to the particulars of the act and determine whether the admission is accepted by the court.

The child shall sign a waiver of his or her right to a contested hearing on the merits of the petition. The matter may be disposed of at that time, or it may be scheduled for a dispositional hearing at a later time.

(b) Denials. If the allegations of the petition are denied by the child, the case shall be scheduled for an adjudicatory hearing on the merits of the petition.