



New judges tour Hillcrest



Superintendent Troy Gregg (left) briefs new judges on security procedures before he escorts them inside the fence at Hillcrest YCF.

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New judges from across the state visited Hillcrest YCF March 6 for a tour of the facility and to meet staff and youth. The Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) organized the visit by the nine judges, all elected or appointed within the past year. They preside over cases in the Court of Appeals and in courtrooms in Douglas, Jackson, Lane, Linn, Multnomah and Washington counties. The visit's purpose was to educate new members of the judiciary about Oregon's juvenile justice system and to get a first-hand look at an OYA close-custody facility.

Superintendent Troy Gregg briefed the judges on OYA's mission, initiatives and operations before escorting them on a tour of Hillcrest, including the school, gym, living units and cafeteria. Two youth, John and Juan, also accompanied the judges and answered their questions about life at Hillcrest. Cheryl Fowler, the OJD staff member who organized the visit, said Hillcrest has hosted these types of judicial tours for the past 15 years.



Youths John (left) and Juan answer questions from the judges about Hillcrest's barber shop.