

Appendix 13-2: Quick Reference Guide for Dispositional Hearings

Offense Classification

[G.S. 7B-2508(a)(1), (2), (3)]

- **Violent:** Adjudication of a Class A through E felony
- **Serious:** Adjudication of a Class F through I felony or a Class A1 misdemeanor
- **Minor:** Adjudication of a Class 1, 2, or 3 misdemeanor

Delinquency History Points

[G.S. 7B-2507(b)(1), (2), (3), (4)]

- Each prior adjudication of a Class A through E felony = 4 points
- Each prior adjudication of a Class F through I felony or Class A1 misdemeanor = 2 points
- Each prior adjudication of a Class 1, 2, or 3 misdemeanor = 1 point
- If the juvenile was on probation at the time of offense = 2 points

Multiple Prior Adjudications

[G.S. 7B-2507(d)]

- For purposes of determining the delinquent history level, if a juvenile is adjudicated delinquent for more than one offense in a single session of district court, only the adjudication for the offense with the highest point total is used.

Special Dispositional Circumstances

- If the disposition chart prescribes a Level 2 disposition, the court may impose a Level 3 disposition if the juvenile was previously committed to a youth development center in a prior juvenile action. [G.S. 7B-2508(d)]
- The court may impose a Level 2 disposition rather than a Level 3 disposition if the court submits written findings that substantiate extraordinary needs of the juvenile. [G.S. 7B-2508(e)]
- A juvenile who has been adjudicated for a minor offense may be committed to a Level 3 disposition if the juvenile has been adjudicated of four or more prior offenses. For purposes of determining the number of prior offenses, each successive offense is one that was committed after adjudication of the preceding offense. [G.S. 7B-2508(g)]

Violation of Probation

- The court shall not order a Level 3 disposition for violation of the conditions of probation by a juvenile adjudicated delinquent for a minor offense. [G.S. 7B-2510(f)]
- If the court finds that the juvenile has violated the conditions of probation, the court may continue the original conditions of probation, modify the conditions of probation, or order a new disposition at the next higher level on the disposition chart (except that the court may not impose a Level 3 disposition for a juvenile adjudicated delinquent for a minor offense). Part of the new disposition may include an order of confinement in a secure juvenile detention facility for up to twice the term authorized by G.S. 7B-2508. [G.S. 7B-2510(e)]