

<b>Administrative Procedures Manual</b>	<b>Administrative Procedure 385</b>
	<b>Student Petitions, Demonstrations and Strikes</b>
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## Background

Gathering signatures for petitions or peaceful demonstrations by students is permitted; however, in order to minimize potential interruption to the educational process, an individual or organization must follow this Administrative Procedure when requesting permission to gather signatures for petitions or display demonstration material in all Division schools.

## Procedures

1. Students must obtain prior authorization of the Principal before circulating any petitions.
2. Authorization Criteria
  - 2.1 If a petition advocates illegal action or disobedience to published rules or student conduct adopted by the Division or encourages disruptive behaviour, the Principal shall disallow its distribution in the school.
  - 2.2 The time and place for circulation shall be established by the Principal.
  - 2.3 The petition must contain the names and addresses of the originators.
3. Sanctions
  - 3.1 Students circulating unauthorized petitions may be subject to suspension.
4. Demonstrations and Strikes
  - 4.1 Any student who encourages, promotes or participates, while at school or at a school sponsored activity, in sit-ins, walk-outs, blockages of entrances, or trespasses or otherwise substantially or materially interferes with the normal educational processes may, at the discretion of the Principal, be suspended from school.