

How to Collaborate with School Administration



Schools recognize the power of knowledge, and are often open to new ideas that can improve your educational environment. If your school does not offer the classes that you're interested in, use these suggestions on how to work with your school's administration to try and get them added!

- Be transparent
 - The key to working with administration is to explain the importance and benefits of the change you wish to make. Be sure to use credible research and statistics to back your argument on why your desired change should take place. Communicate why your cause is relevant in order to gain the support of administrators.
- Show widespread interest
 - It's important to have support before asking for school funds to go toward implementing a new class. Consider starting a petition to demonstrate that your fellow classmates and even some teachers are interested in and support your idea. Petitions allow you to both garner support and educate others about the topic. Learn to petition effectively using [this guide](#).
- Communicate effectively
 - Be sure to communicate your concerns, needs, and desires with your administrators. This is best done with the help of existing networks, such as student council or student liaisons, who are already working to improve your school and students-staff relations. If your school doesn't have such an organization, then you can take your idea directly to your teacher and ask what your next step should be.
- Be open to collaboration
 - Remember that you're working with administrators, and not against them! Be open to their feedback and to finding a middle ground between both of your wishes.
 - If there is an existing club, or student government body, consider approaching these clubs to join forces.