

## How to write a petition

1. Give it a title.
2. Identify the group or person whose view the petition represents.
3. State the purpose for submitting the petition and provide facts to support your concern.
4. Make a request related to what you hope to accomplish by submitting this petition (what action you would like to see).
5. Collect signatures, each with a full address beside it.
6. Present your petition to the person or organization that you hope will initiate the change.

## Sample Petition

### Dress Code No More

To: Mr. Downs, Principal of Martindale Collegiate  
From: The students of Martindale Collegiate

We, the students of Martindale Collegiate, feel we should have the right to wear what we like in school. It is a part of our identity, and we feel we are being stripped of our personal freedom of self-expression by having to follow the school's current dress code.

Also, we feel that by wearing what we want, it will minimize confrontation with teachers, as they will no longer have to ask us to go home and change our clothes.

Finally, we feel that if we were given the opportunity to wear what we want, we would be more successful in the classroom because we won't feel stifled in our learning environment. We feel that we are a responsible group and that we should be given the right and privilege to choose what we would like to wear to school.

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Grade:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
1. John Smith	10	11 Main St., Toronto, Ontario, A1B 2C3
2. etc.		

(Refer to pages 46–50 of *Take Action! A Guide to Active Citizenship* for further information on how to write a petition.)