

•MEETING WITH THE PRINCIPAL•

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- Remember where your power as a student leader comes from.
Your power comes from the principal.
You need the principal on your side.
- Gain your advisor's approval.
There is no sense in going to the principal if your advisor won't support your plan.
- Do your homework.
Anticipate all questions the principal might ask such as...
supervision, safety, liability, insurance, interruption of class time, use of facilities, clean-up,
etc.
- Get organized.
Organize your plan before the meeting.
Decide who will attend the meeting (no more than 4).
Make copies of everything you will need.
Make an appointment with the principal's secretary.
- Dress appropriately for the appointment.
- Arrive about five minutes early.
- Briefly explain your purpose to the principal.
- Listen.
- Be willing to alter your plans to meet the principal's concerns.
- Be willing to accept "no" if that's the answer.
You will be asking for other things in the future.
- Type up your notes and file them.
- Send a thank you note to the principal.