

# PROVINCE-WIDE STUDENT WALK OUT!



## WHAT IS A WALK OUT?

A form of protest in which students, workers and/or community members collectively leave a place such as a school, workplace or space. The walk out can be spontaneous or planned in advance and may be followed by a rally, picket, blockade or other action.

## WHY DO A WALK OUT?

To demonstrate widespread disapproval, dissatisfaction or frustration by emptying a school, workplace or space. It can be a reflection of frustration over institutional or government policy or in protest of a speaker or contents of a particular speech.

## HOW TO DO A WALK OUT?

- Find out the date and time of your campus walk out and the location students are walking to from your students' union or online at [www.cfsontario.ca/action](http://www.cfsontario.ca/action)
- Talk to your friends and classmates in the weeks and days leading up to the walk out. The more people involved, the more successful we will be!
- On the day of the walk out, set an alarm or reminder for the agreed upon time to leave class.
- After walking out, head to the location of the rally or event happening for those who walked out.

## WALKING OUT AS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

International students often face a higher level of risk when engaging in student action. A few considerations for international students thinking about their ability to participate:

- Walk outs are a type of action with a lower risk level than other actions, such as rallies or occupations, as it simply requires that a large group of people leave a space at the same time.
- International students worried about being marked "absent" should find out if their course instructor is in favour of the student walk out.
- Students' unions should ensure that alternative engagement pieces are available for students who do not feel safe or comfortable walking out.

## IS A WALK OUT THE SAME THING AS A STRIKE?

Walk outs, like strikes, are one of many tactics students use to demonstrate frustration or disappointment with an institutional or government policy. Walk outs and strikes are different tactics because walk outs are generally focused on the initial act of emptying a school, workplace or other space while a strike is focused on withholding work or presence for a sustained period of time.



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**DATE:** MARCH 20, 2019

**TIME:** 12:00PM

**LOCATION:**