

Elections Guide



Run

Top 5 reasons you should consider running for one of these impactful volunteer positions:

- 1 Learn about DOE initiatives, schools, and programs
- 2 Advocate for what is important to you as a parent
- 3 Vote on school rezoning, school closings, and co-locations
- 4 Build relationships with other parents
- 5 Engage directly with local leadership, district leadership, and DOE leadership as collaborative partners shaping the future of your school communities



What are Education Councils?

Education Councils help shape policies and priorities for New York City schools. The Councils' powers and duties include advising the Chancellor on a range of matters, working directly with the district superintendents, reviewing district educational programs, approving school zoning lines, organizing town halls and making recommendations on capital improvements to schools. There are 32 Community Education Councils (CECs) and four (4) Citywide Councils.

32 Community Education Councils

Community Education Council (CEC)



- **10 elected parents including:**

- One (1) parent of an English Language Learner
- One (1) parent of a Special Education student
- One (1) parent of a student attending a school in District 75 (If your child is enrolled in a District 75 program, you can run for a seat on the CEC for the district where your child's program is located)

- **2 appointees**

The 32 CECs offer parents an opportunity to get involved in their child's school district. If your child is in Pre-K through grade 8 in a public, non-charter school, you can run for the CEC in that district. Parent members are elected by all parents in the district.



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4 Citywide Education Councils

The four Citywide Education Councils advocate for specific populations: high school students, English Language Learners, and students with disabilities.

Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)



- 10 elected parents
- 3 appointees

If your child is in a public, non-charter high school, you can run for CCHS, representing the borough where your child's high school is located. Parents members are elected by all parents of high school students in that borough.

Citywide Council on English Language Learners (CCELL)



- 9 elected parents
- 2 appointees

If your child is or was in the past two years an English Language Learner, you can run for CCELL. Parent members are elected by parents of English Language Learners.

Citywide Council on Special Education (CCSE)



- 9 elected parents
- 2 appointees

If your child has an Individualized Educational Program (IEP) and receives special education services paid for by the NYC Department of Education, you can run for CCSE. Parent members are elected by parents of public school children with IEPs.

Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)



- 9 elected parents
- 2 appointees

If your child is enrolled in a District 75 school or program, you can run for CCD75. Parent members are elected by parents of students in D75 schools.

2023 Election Key Dates

January 9 – February 13 | Application Period

Apply for an Education Council seat.

February 27 – April 20 | Candidate Forums

Forums are an opportunity for candidates to tell voters why they should be elected to serve on an Education Council.

April 21 – May 9 | Parents Vote Online

Parents vote for all 357 members of education councils.

June 2023 | Results Announced

July 1, 2023–2025 | Education Council Member Term

Sign up for a NYC Schools Account

In order to run for a seat on an Education Council, you need to sign up for a NYC Schools Account first. Sign up today at schoolsaccount.nyc.gov.

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