

OUR SCHOOLS NEED PARENTS LIKE YOU



What are Community Education Councils and Citywide Education Councils?

Parents have a powerful voice in shaping the policies and priorities of New York City schools. From advising the Chancellor to working directly with the district superintendent and reviewing district educational programs and needs, the 32 Community Education Councils and 4 Citywide Education Councils play a major role in education policy and help make our public schools the best they can be.

Community Education Councils (CECs)

CECs allow for parent involvement on the district level. There are 11 voting members: 9 elected parents of students K-8 (including a parent of an ELL and a parent of an IEP student), and 2 members appointed by the Borough President.

Citywide Education Councils

Citywide Education Councils allow for parent involvement at the city level, advocating for specific populations. Like CECs, these councils have 11 voting members each (9 elected parents and 2 appointees), except for the Citywide Council on High Schools which has 13 members (10 elected parents and 3 appointees).

The 4 Citywide Education Councils are as follows:

- Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)
- Citywide Council on Special Education (CCSE)
- Citywide Council on English Language Learners (CCELL)
- Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)

Every council includes 1 non-voting high school student.

Why Now?

Some education councils will have vacancies throughout the two-year term. This is an opportunity for you to serve.

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Who Can Serve on an Education Council?

Who Can Serve on a Community Education Council?

If you are a parent of a student who currently attends a K-8 district school... **Then you can serve for the CEC in that district.**

Who Can Serve on the Citywide Council for Special Education?

If you are a parent of a child with an IEP who currently receives special education services that are provided by and/or paid for by the Department of Education... **Then you can serve on the CCSE.**

Who Can Serve on the Citywide Council for High Schools?

If you are a parent of a child who currently attends a district high school... **Then you can serve on CCHS representing the borough in which the high school is located.**

Who Can Serve on the Citywide Council for District 75?

If you are a parent of a child currently receiving special education services in a District 75 school... **Then you can serve on the Citywide Council for District 75.**

Who Can Serve on the Citywide Council for English Language Learners?

If you are a parent of a student in a bilingual or ESL program ("ELL students"), or have had a child in a bilingual or ESL program within the last two years... **Then you can serve on the CCELL.**

Who Cannot Serve on these Councils?

You cannot serve on any Education Council if you are a public official, DOE employee, member of the Panel for Education Policy, or have been removed from any education council, PA/PTA, SLT, Presidents' Council or have been convicted of certain crimes.

When is eligibility determined?

Eligibility is determined as of the date that the parent submits an application for a position on an education council.