

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.

The Community and Citywide Education Council Elections

The selection process is a bi-annual event mandated by state law that takes place during a 90-day window that extends from February to May. See the [next page](#) for details on how you can run for a seat in 2015!

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Running for an Education Council and the 2015 Elections

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 run 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 run for 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 run for the 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 run for 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 run for 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 to run for a position on an education council.

Key Dates of the 2015 Elections:

Apply to an Education Council – February 11 to March 11

Candidate Forums – March 18 to April 18

Selector Voting – April 19 to May 8

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