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## What Are Education Councils?

Education Councils give parents a powerful voice in shaping the policies and priorities of New York City schools. Members of the Community Education Councils and 4 Citywide Councils advise the Chancellor on a range of matters, work directly with the district superintendents, review district educational programs, approve zoning lines and make recommendations on capital improvements in order to make our public schools the best they can be.

### Community Education Councils (CECs)

These councils are an opportunity for parents to get involved at the district level. Each CEC has 11 voting members: 9 elected parents of students K-8, including at least one parent of an English Language Learner and one parent of a student with an IEP, and 2 members appointed by the Borough President.

### Citywide Education Councils

Citywide Education Councils are an opportunity for parents to advocate for specific student 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:

- ▶ 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)

### Electing Education Councils

State law mandates new elections for Education Council members every two years. The NYC Department of Education is responsible for managing the process, which takes place during a 90-day period that extends from February to May. See **next page** for details on how you can run for a seat in 2017!

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*Your voice matters. Consider running for an NYC Education Council.*

### **Who Can Serve on a Community Education Council (CEC)?**

If you have a child in grades K - 8 in a public, non-charter school... then you can run for the CEC in the district where your child's school is located.

### **Who Can Serve on the Citywide Council for High Schools (CCHS)?**

If you have a child in a public, non-charter high school... then you can run for the CCHS representing the borough in which your child's high school is located.

### **Who Can Serve on the Citywide Council for Special Education (CCSE)?**

If you have a child with an IEP who currently receives special education services provided by or paid for by the Department of Education... then you can run for the CCSE.

### **Who Can Serve on the Citywide Council for English Language Learners (CCELL)?**

If you have a child who is or was at any point in the past two years an English Language Learner... then you can run for the CCELL.

### **Who Can Serve on the Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75)?**

If you have a child who is currently enrolled in a District 75 school or program... then you can run for the CCD75.

### **Who Cannot Serve on an Education Council?**

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 you submit your application to run for a position on an Education Council.

### **Key Dates for the 2017–2019 Term Elections:**

#### **February 9 to March 5**

Apply to an Education Council

#### **March 20 to April 21**

Candidate Forums

#### **April 23 to May 9**

Selector Voting

#### **May 15**

Results Announced

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