What are the Community and Citywide Education Councils?
By serving on an Education Council, parents have a powerful voice in shaping the policies and priorities for 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 offer parents the opportunity to impact education at the district level. There are 11 voting members: 9 elected parents of students in PreK-8th grade (including a parent of an English Language Learner and a parent of an IEP student), and 2 Borough President appointees.

Citywide Education Councils
Citywide Councils offer parents the opportunity to shape education policy 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).

Every council also includes 1 non-voting high school student.

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)

Education Council Elections
Elections for Education Councils are held every two years according to rules specified by New York State law. The application period opens on February 14, 2019. See next page for candidate qualifications and campaign schedule.

For more information visit: schools.nyc.gov/run2019
Our schools need parents like you!

Education Council FAQs

Who Can Serve on a Community Education Council?
If you are a parent of a student who currently attends a PreK-8th grade public (non-charter) school... Then you can run for the CEC in that district.

Who Can Serve on the Citywide Council on High Schools?
If you are a parent of a student who currently attends a public (non-charter) 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 on English Language Learners?
If you are a parent of an English Language Learner in a bilingual or ESL program, currently or within the past two years... Then you can run for the CCELL.

Who Can Serve on the Citywide Council on Special Education?
If you are a parent of a student with an IEP who currently receives special education services that are 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 District 75?
If you are a parent of a student currently receiving special education services in a District 75 school... Then you can run for the CCD75.

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 or Presidents’ Council, or have been convicted of certain crimes.

When Is Eligibility Determined?
Eligibility is determined as of the date that you submit your application to run for a position on an Education Council.

To join our mailing list, email: Elections2019@schools.nyc.gov

Dates to Remember for the 2019 Elections

February 14 - March 6: Apply to a Council
March 19: Candidate Conference
March 25 - May 1: Attend a Candidate Forum
May 2 - May 14: Online voting by PA/PTA officers
May 21: Election Results Announced