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What are Community and Citywide Education Councils (CCECs) and what do they do?

Education councils help shape policies and priorities for New York City Public Schools (NYCPS). By law, each council has powers and duties concerning a range of matters, including working directly with district superintendents, reviewing educational programs, approving school zoning lines, and making recommendations to improve services to NYCPS students. There are 32 Community Education Councils (CECs) and four Citywide Councils.



Community Education Councils (CECs)

CECs are volunteer parents and community leaders dedicated to supporting local district schools to improve student achievement. Their responsibilities include:

- Working with the local superintendent to evaluate educational programs and student progress
- Recommending improvements to school buildings
- Contributing to the hiring process for superintendents and parent coordinators and evaluating the superintendent yearly
- Approving school zoning lines submitted by the superintendent
- Organizing town halls with the Chancellor and holding hearings on budget and other matters where NYCPS is required to collect public feedback
- Participating in joint public hearings and providing input on school closings and co-locations
- Hosting monthly public meetings for parents to learn about NYCPS policies and share concerns
- Supporting school communities by connecting parents with resources and working with School Leadership Teams

Citywide Education Councils

Citywide Education Councils are volunteer parents and community leaders who are responsible for advising and commenting on NYCPS educational practices that concern specific populations of students.

There are four Citywide Councils, each representing a particular student group:

- Citywide Council on High Schools
- Citywide Council on English Language Learners
- Citywide Council on Special Education
- Citywide Council for District 75

Education Councils by the Numbers

32

Community Education Councils (CECs) represent 32 Community School Districts across the five boroughs

+ 4

Citywide Councils that represent high school students, English Language Learners (ELLs), and students with disabilities across the five boroughs

= 36

Education Councils

Each **Community Education Council (CEC)** has 12 voting members and two non-voting members who support their district's schools:



- **Nine** are parents or guardians of students in Pre-K through grade 8 in district schools. These members are elected by parents attending these schools.
 - **One** of these nine must be a parent or guardian of a student with an IEP.
 - **One** of these nine must be a parent or guardian of an English Language Learner.
- **One** is a parent or guardian of a student attending a District 75 (D75) school or program in the CEC's district. This member is elected by parents of students in these schools and programs.
- **Two** are district residents or business leaders appointed by the Borough President.
- Additionally, each CEC includes **two** non-voting high school seniors living in the district who are appointed by the Community Superintendent.

The four **Citywide Education Councils** represent:

- High school students (Citywide Council on High Schools)
- English Language Learners (Citywide Council on English Language Learners)
- Students with disabilities (Citywide Council on Special Education and Citywide Council for District 75)

Each Citywide Education Council advises on educational policies, issues an annual report regarding the effectiveness of NYCPS policies and practices, and holds monthly public meetings for parents to learn about NYCPS policies and share concerns.

Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS) has 13 voting members and one non-voting member:



- **Ten** (two from each borough) are elected by high school parents or guardians in the borough.
- **One** is appointed by the Public Advocate, based upon their business or education experience.
- **One** is appointed by the CCSE and must be a parent or guardian of a high school student with an IEP.
- **One** is appointed by the CCELL and must be a parent or guardian of an English Language Learner in high school.
- **One** non-voting high school senior is appointed by the Chancellor's Student Advisory Council.

Citywide Council on English Language Learners (CCELL) has 11 voting members and one non-voting member:



- **Nine** are parents or guardians of ELL students enrolled in a Dual Language, Transitional Bilingual Education, or English as a New Language (ENL) program currently or within the last two school years. These members are elected by parents of students who are current ELLs.
- **Two** individuals with extensive experience and knowledge concerning the education of ELL students are appointed by the Public Advocate.
- **One** non-voting high school senior who is (or was) an ELL student is appointed by the Office of Multilingual Learners in NYCPS.

Citywide Council on Special Education (CCSE) has 11 voting members and one non-voting member:



- **Nine** are parents or guardians of students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) who receive special education services paid for by NYCPS. Two of these nine must be parents or guardians of students enrolled in a D75 program. These members are elected by parents of students with an IEP in public, non-charter schools.
- **Two** individuals with experience and knowledge in education, training, or employing individuals with disabilities are appointed by the Public Advocate.
- **One** non-voting high school senior with an IEP is appointed by the Office of Special Education.

Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75) has 11 voting members and one non-voting member:



- **Nine** are parents or guardians of children enrolled in a District 75 school or program; members are elected by parents of students attending District 75 schools/programs.
- **Two** members are appointed by the Public Advocate; must be individuals with extensive experience and knowledge in educating, training, or employing individuals with disabilities.
- **One** non-voting high school senior attending a District 75 program is appointed by the District 75 Superintendent.

CCEC Election 2025: Timeline Overview

MID-JANUARY-MID-FEBRUARY

Application Period

Apply for an Education Council seat.

LATE FEBRUARY-LATE APRIL

Candidate Forums

Candidates share why they should be elected.

LATE APRIL-MID-MAY

Vote Online

Voting period will end on May 13, 2025.

JUNE 2025

Results Announced

JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2027

Education Council Member Term

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