

What are Candidate Forums?

- Candidate Forums are an opportunity for candidates to meet and speak to parents and designated Selectors from their community in order to discuss why they should be selected to serve on an education council.

Are candidates required to attend the Candidate Forums?

- No. However, candidates are strongly encouraged to attend. The forums provide an opportunity for candidates to engage the community directly and express why they believe they should be selected to serve on a council.

In addition to applying to be candidates, are there other ways for parents to be involved with the selection process for the Councils?

- Yes, there are a variety of ways for parents to participate. You can help recruit other candidates to apply for the Councils; attend and ask questions of the candidates during Candidate Forums in late April; help campaign for the candidates you support; and urge your Parent Selectors to vote for the candidates you support during the Selector's Vote.

Important Dates

February 13-March 27:

Apply to Serve on an Education Council

April 8-April 25:

Candidate Forums

May 1-May 14:

Selector's Vote

For More Information and Assistance:

Education Councils

can be found at

www.schools.nyc.gov/Offices/CEC/default.htm

Information regarding the

Selection Process

can be found at

www.nycparentleaders.org

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact the

Division of Family and Community Engagement

at CECSelectionprocess@schools.nyc.gov
or 212.374.4118

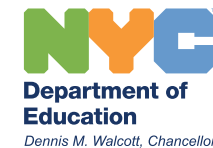


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In 2013, parents will have a unique opportunity to take an active role in the policies and decisions affecting their children at the district level. Community and Citywide Education Councils play an essential role shaping education policies for NYC public schools.

APPLYING

How can I apply to serve on a Council?

- You can apply online beginning February 13th, 2013. The application process ends at 11:59 pm on March 27th. Paper applications will also be available for download at that time.
- For those lacking access to a personal computer, the Division of Family and Community Engagement (FACE) will provide information regarding how individuals may access computers at FACE's office, in local district offices and schools, and at public libraries.
- To apply to serve on a Community Education Council (CEC), be sure to use the drop down bar to indicate which CEC(s) you'd like to serve on!
- To apply to serve on a Citywide Council, be sure to specify which Citywide Council(s) you'd like to serve on!
- Note that if you want to apply to serve on a CEC and a Citywide Council, you must complete two (2) separate application forms.

How long does it take to complete the Council application form?

- The total amount of time required to complete the Council application form is estimated at 25-30 minutes.

Can I apply to serve on more than one Council?

- Yes, interested parents can apply to serve on more than one Council. However, parents can only be selected to serve on one Council. Parents applying to serve on multiple Councils must rank each Council they would like to serve on in the order of preference.

What if I'm selected to serve on multiple Councils?

- Parents applying to serve on multiple Councils must rank each Council they would like to serve on in the order of preference. In the event that a parent is selected to serve on multiple Councils, the parent will be assigned to serve on the Council which the parent ranked the highest from among the Councils to which the parent is selected.

How Does The Selection Process Work?

How will parent members of the CECs and Citywide Education Councils be selected?

For CECs – Parent members will be selected by designated selectors during a Selector's Vote held from May 1 to May 14, 2013. The PA/PTA President, Secretary, and Treasurer (or their respective designees) for every school in the community school district will be eligible to cast votes in the Selector's Vote.

For the CCHS – Parent members will be selected by designated selectors during a Selector's Vote held from May 1 to May 14, 2013. The PA/PTA President, Secretary, and Treasurer (or their respective designees) for every high school in each borough will be eligible to cast votes in the Selector's Vote.

For the CCELL – Parent members will be selected by designated selectors during a Selector's Vote held from May 1 to May 14, 2013. The Presidents' Council for each community school district, borough and District 75 shall each select one parent of an ELL student from among its members to serve as a designated selector for the CCELL election. If there is no eligible parent of an ELL student serving on the Presidents' Council, then the Presidents' Council shall solicit parents of ELL students from its district or borough to volunteer to serve as a designated selector for the CCELL election.

For the CCSE – Parent members will be selected by designated selectors during a Selector's Vote held from May 1 to May 14, 2013. The Presidents' Council for each community school district, borough and District 75 shall each select one parent of a student with an IEP from among its members to serve as a designated selector for the CCSE election. If there is no eligible parent of a student with an IEP serving on the Presidents' Council, then the Presidents' Council shall solicit parents of students with an IEP from its district or borough to volunteer to serve as a designated selector for the CCSE election.

For the D75 Council – Parent members will be selected by designated selectors during a Selector's Vote held from May 1 to May 14, 2013. The PA/PTA President, Secretary, and Treasurer (or their respective designees) for every District 75 school will be eligible to cast votes in the Selector's Vote.

NOTE: In some cases, it may be necessary to conduct runoff elections after May 14, 2013. Where necessary, such runoffs will be held between May 16 and May 21 of 2013.