

NYC COMMUNITY & CITYWIDE EDUCATION COUNCILS

# 2025 EDUCATION COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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# 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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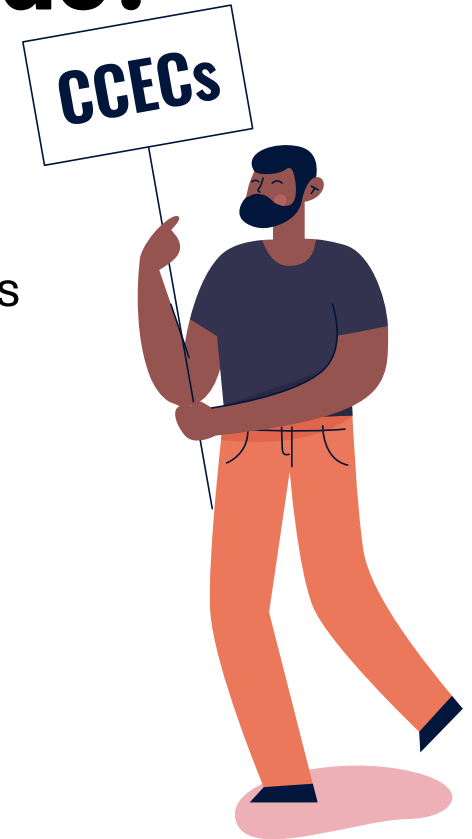


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# What do Community Education Councils do?

## CCEC work includes:

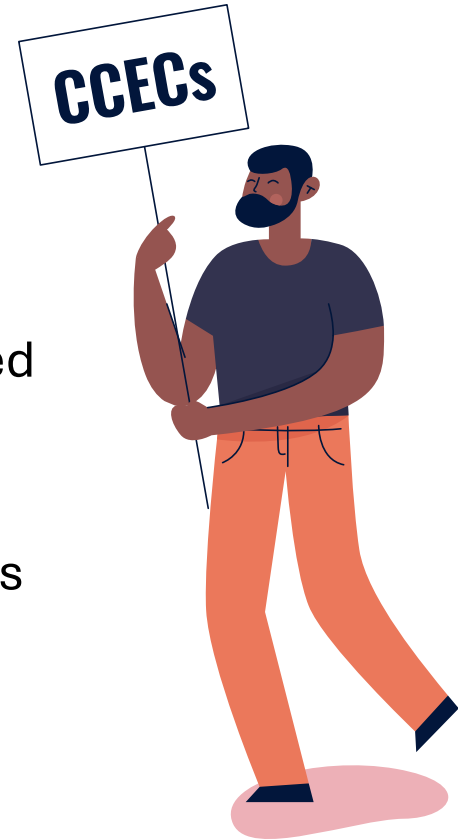
- Working with the local superintendent to evaluate educational programs and student progress
- Recommending improvements to school buildings
- Contributing to the hiring process for superintendents and parent coordinators and evaluating the superintendent yearly
- Approving school zoning lines submitted by the superintendent



# What do Community Education Councils do? (continued)

CCEC work includes:

- Organizing town halls with the Chancellor
- Holding hearings on budget and other matters where feedback is required
- Participating in joint public hearings
- Providing input on school closings and co-locations
- Hosting monthly public meetings for parents to learn and share concerns
- Supporting school communities by connecting parents with resources
- Working with School Leadership Teams



# Why are these Elections important?

- Citywide and Community Education Councils give parents the opportunity to make decisions that impact our children's education.
- Through Citywide and Community Education Councils, or CCECs, parents are elected to represent their communities and work on improving schools.
- They play an important role in approving school zoning lines, recommending how school buildings should be used, and contributing to the hiring process for superintendents and parent coordinators.

# Who elects the Education Council members?

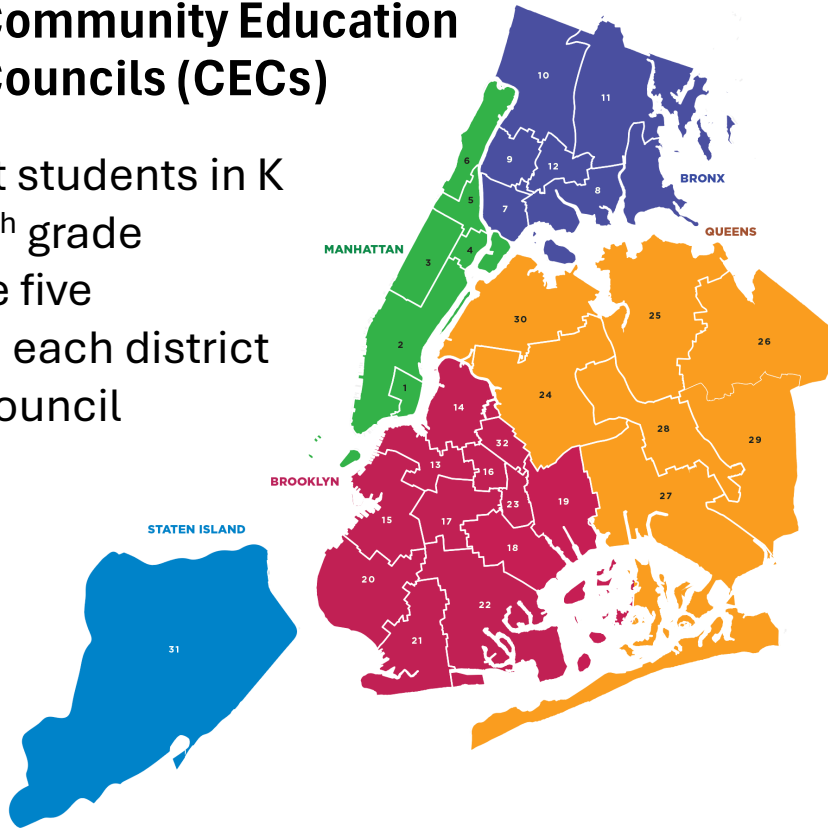
- Voting in Community and Citywide Education Council Elections is open to every NYC public school parent.
- Both parents of a student may vote in the election. Parents use their NYC Schools Account (NYCSA) to cast their ballots.

# 36 Education Councils in NYC

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## Community Education Councils (CECs)

Represent students in K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade across the five boroughs; each district has one council



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## Citywide Education Councils

Represent the interests of four (4) special student populations across the five boroughs



High school students



English Language Learners (ELLs)



Special Education Students (CCSE)



Students in D75 Programs (CCD75)

# Community Education Council Composition

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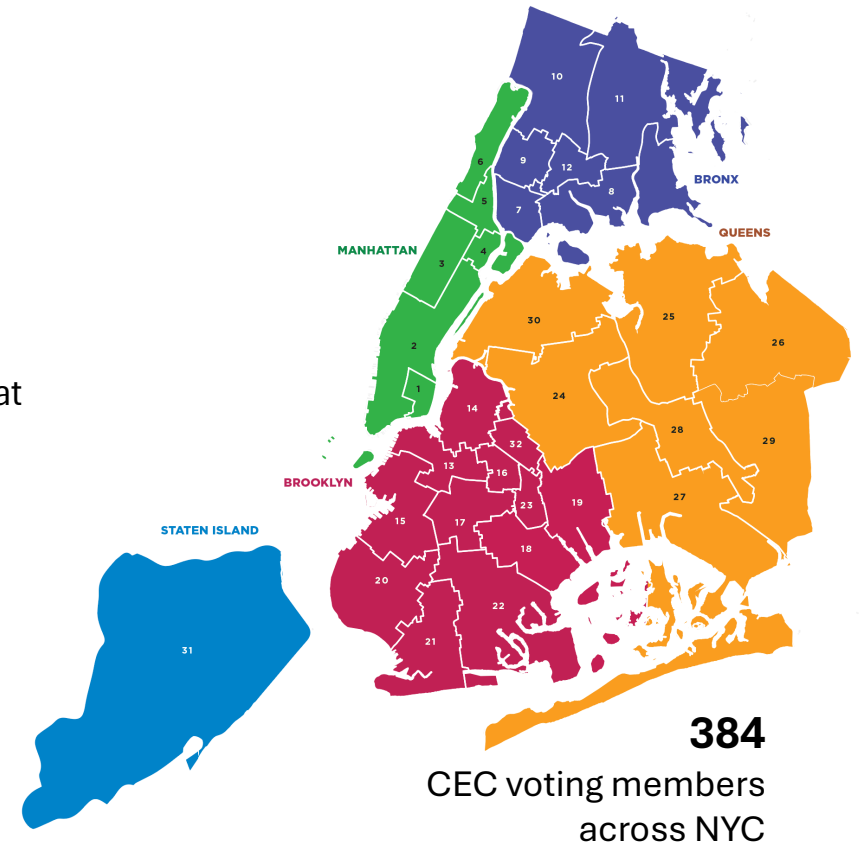
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Non-voting high school seniors per council

12

Voting members per council

- **10** elected parents per council
  - 1 of 10 seats reserved as an English Language Learner (ELL) seat
  - 1 of 10 seats reserved as an Individualized Educational Program (IEP) seat
  - 1 of 10 seats reserved as a District 75 (D75) seat
- **2** Borough President appointees





# Citywide Council Composition 4



## Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)

- **13** voting members
  - 10 elected parents (two per borough)
  - 1 Public Advocate appointee
  - 2 appointees
    - Citywide Council on English Language Learners (CELL)
    - Citywide Council on Special Education (CCSE)
- **1** non-voting high school senior



## Citywide Council on English Language Learners (CELL)

- **11** voting members
  - 9 elected parents
  - 2 Public Advocate appointees
- **1** non-voting high school senior



## Citywide Council on Special Education (CCSE)

- **11** voting members
  - 9 elected parents
  - 2 Public Advocate appointees
- **1** non-voting high school senior



## Citywide Council on District 75 (CCD75)

- **11** voting members
  - 9 elected parents
  - 2 Public Advocate appointees
- **1** non-voting high school senior



# How do I apply?

## Apply through NYCSA

Having trouble getting started?  
Need help?

The parent coordinator at your  
child's school can help you get  
your account open.

# Eligibility is Student Driven

A parent with all their children linked to their NYCSA will be informed of which councils they are eligible for as they complete the online application.

CEC24

Nia's daughter is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader with an IEP in a District 24 school. Nia also has a son who is a 9<sup>th</sup> grader in a Bronx high school

CCHS

CCSE

CEC14

CCELL

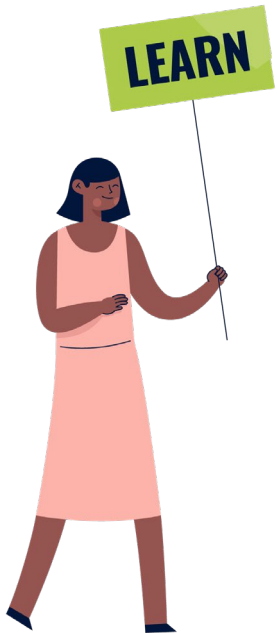
Pablo's son is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader in a District 14 middle school. He is also an English Language Learner

Your District's Data

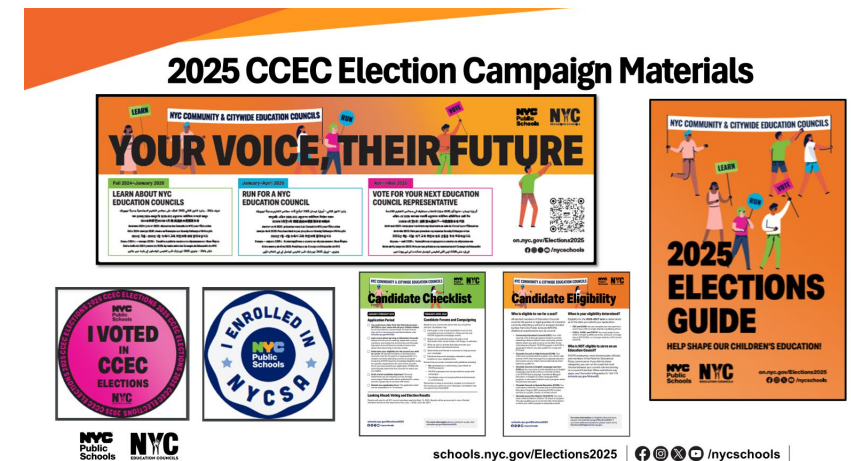


# Ways Schools Can Support the 2025 CCEC Elections

## Increase Awareness



- Post and share materials from your school's elections toolkit which will include the following:
  - Banner
  - Elections Guide
  - Candidate Eligibility and Checklist
  - Stickers
- Share flyers and information at upcoming school events families are invited to attend and track interest
- Host a Watch Party of Chancellor's Press Conference on Thursday, January 9th

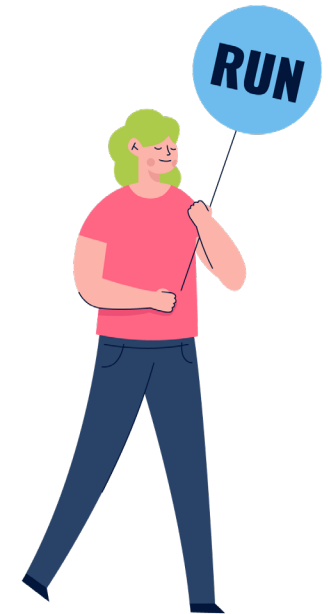


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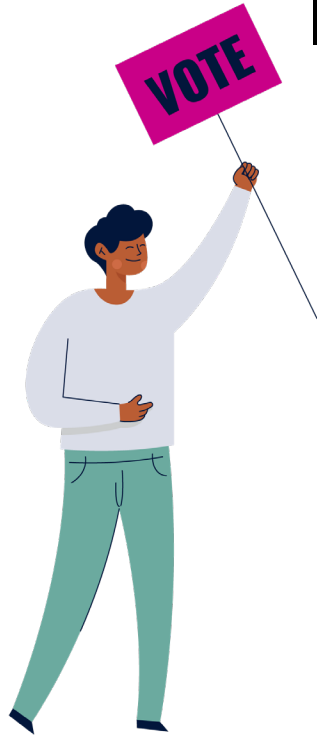
## Encourage and Support Candidacy

- Host an information workshop or conduct 1 to 1 conversations with interested candidates
- Share the invitation to attend the prospective candidate webinar in January
- Ensure all interested candidates have NYCSA and all students linked

***Goal:*** Each school community has  
**2 or more** candidates who apply to **RUN**



# Ways Schools Can Support the 2025 CCEC Elections



## Increase Voting within Your School Community

- Host Voting Parties in the Spring where parents can sign-up for NYCSA and vote on the same day
- Work with your Family Engagement Action Team to promote voting
  - Share and post flyers within the school and neighboring community
  - Personalized outreach to families



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# Candidate Checklist

**JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2015**

## Candidate Period

- ☐ **Meet with a New York City Schoolhouse Council** (NYCSCC) by your name with all your eligible friends and family members, meet privately, meet with current members, and review the Community and Citywide Candidates' Handbook. To learn more about the handbook, go to [www.nycschools.org/nyccsc](http://www.nycschools.org/nyccsc).

**Learn more about serving on Representative Councils** (NYCCRCs) and Citywide Councils, meet with current members, and review the Community and Citywide Candidates' Handbook to learn more about the handbook.

- ☐ **Obtain your eligibility for the candidate pool.** You will be able to run for all member offices of the Education Council, the NYC Schoolhouse Council, eligible offices in a school system attending school or program in attendance at the NYC Schoolhouse Council, eligible offices in a school system for which you are a parent, and eligible offices for which you are a teacher.
- ☐ **Do a brief candidate statement.** Political candidates must not exceed four (4) minutes. Non-political candidates must not exceed four (4) minutes for written or video candidates and three (3) minutes for audio candidates.
- ☐ **Submit your application form.** The application should be completed by 11:59 a.m.

**FEBRUARY-APRIL 2015**

## Candidate Forums and Campaigning

Search for your community about who you should elect.

- ☐ **Participate in the candidate forums** for the community you are running for—these are the only NYCSCC-sponsored local events.

- ☐ **Recruit to run or attend** these events through a mail distribution, social media, word-of-mouth, or other means.

- ☐ **Attend these events** as attendees that help promote your friends' ideas about education.

- ☐ **Write a speech or address** to introduce to help promote your friends' ideas about education.

- ☐ **Develop a speech and campaign introduction** for your community.

- ☐ **Write a speech** or address with guidelines for the community.

- ☐ **Do campaigning or campaigning** as permitted or prohibited.

- ☐ **NYCCRC employees** are not permitted to stand with campaigns.

- ☐ **Candidates may not accept political contributions** or contributions.

- ☐ **Remember to keep your campaign** as involved in the community you represent as your campaign. Candidates may not represent you for them.

## Looking Ahead: Voting and Election Results

Members will vote for all 337 student members starting by May 13, 2015. Results will be announced in June. District members will vote for their terms from July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016.

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For more information about campaigning for a school, visit [nycschools.org/Election2015](http://nycschools.org/Election2015).

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