

Nominations are now being taken for 2011-13 CEC3

FAQs Regarding CEC3

What is a CEC?

CECs are education policy advisory bodies responsible for reviewing and evaluating schools' instructional programs, approving zoning lines, and advising the Chancellor. CECs play an essential role in shaping education policies for the New York City public schools. Council members hold meetings at least every month with the superintendent and public at-large to discuss the current state of the schools in the district.

Who makes up a CEC?

Nine (9) elected parent leaders who each have a child currently attending a public school in the district, or who attended a public school in the district within the preceding two years. At least one parent on the CEC must be the parent of an ELL student, and at least one must be the parent of a student with an IEP; Two (2) residents and/or local business owners appointed by the borough president; and One (1) non-voting high school senior who lives in the district and is an elected leader at his or her school.

How can I find CEC3?

CEC3 has an office in room 204 of JOA Complex: 154 West 93 Street, between Amsterdam & Columbus Aves. Mary Kane is the administrative assistant. The phone number is 212-678- 2782 and e-mail is cec3@schools.nyc.gov

Eligibility - Who may serve on the CEC3?

- Parents of public school students in grade k-8 are eligible to serve on the CEC for the Community School District in which their child attends school or who attended a public school in the district within the preceding two years;
 - Parent members of School Leadership Teams (SLT) of District 3 schools;
 - PA/PTA Presidents and officers are now eligible to run for election to the CECs and Citywide Councils.
- Who cannot serve on a CEC?
- Persons holding elective public office or elective or appointed party positions (except delegate or alternative delegate to a national, state, judicial, or other party convention, or member of a county committee);
 - Current DOE employees;
 - Persons who have been convicted of a felony;
 - Persons who have been removed from a Community School Board, Community Education Council, the Citywide Council on Special Education, or the Citywide Council on High Schools for an act of malfeasance or conviction of a crime that is directly related to his or her service on one of the councils;
 - Persons who are serving on another CEC, the CCHS, CCELL, CCSE or the D75 Council;

- Persons who have a financial conflict of interest, as determined by the DOE Ethics Officer or another designee of the Chancellor based on the Conflicts of Interest Law of the City of New York; and
- Persons who have been removed from a PA/PTA, School Leadership Team (SLT), District President's Council, Borough High School Council, or Title 1 Committee for an act of malfeasance or conviction of a crime that is directly related to his or her service on a council.

How do I apply to serve on the CEC3?

Eligible parents can apply to serve on one Council by completing a short application.

On line applications are found at:

<http://www.powertotheparents.org/en-ApplicationForm>

OR print application are found at:

http://www.powertotheparents.org/files/Community_English.pdf

When is the application Deadline?

Midnight - April 9th, 2011

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

The total amount of time 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.

What if I am elected 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 elected 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 elected.

How will parents learn about the CEC3 candidates?

The District 3 2011-13 CEC Candidate Forum will be held:

Monday, April 11 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

JOA Auditorium - 154 West 93 Street (between Amsterdam & Columbus Aves).

Are all candidates required to attend the Candidate Forum in their district?

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

More Questions? Go to www.powertotheparents.org or call 311 or contact the District 3 Family Advocate, DJ Sheppard by email: djshepp@schools.nyc.gov

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