

# Local School Councils 101

Everything you need to know about Chicago's 2020 LSC Election on Wednesday, April 22 & Thursday, April 23

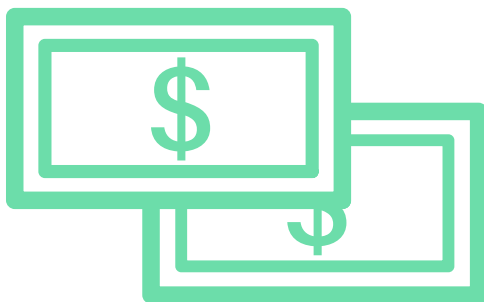
## What is a Local School Council (LSC)?

Local School Councils (LSCs) are school-based management teams that make important decisions on the budget and running of each school in Chicago Public Schools (CPS). Currently, 513 schools have local school councils. They are comprised of 6 parents, 2 community members, 2 teachers, 1 non-teacher staff, and 1 non-voting student adviser (in high schools only).

There are 479 elected LSCs and 34 Appointed LSCs (ALSCs). ALSCs have more limited powers. They are responsible for three main things:



Develop, monitor and approve the School Improvement Plan



Approve how the school funds and resources are allocated



Evaluate and select the school principal

### **Fun Fact**

**With 4,000 seats...LSCs represent the largest governing body in the nation!**

# LSC Election Basics

## Elementary Schools

6am - 7pm



## High Schools

6am - 7pm



## For LSC elections, you must vote in person at the school



Parents and community members will have the opportunity to run and vote for up to 5 candidates for 8 positions on the school's LSC (6 parent members and 2 community members) for the new two-year term of office beginning July 1, 2020.



School staff members will take a poll on election day. They have the opportunity to run and vote for up to 2 candidates for 3 positions on the LSC (2 teacher members and 1 non-teacher member) for the new term of office.



Students will take a poll on different day to select a student representative to advise the LSC.

**More info on CPS LSC elections at**  
**<https://cps.edu/lscrelations/Pages/LSC Elections.aspx>**

# What do you need to vote?

## ELIGIBLE VOTERS

- Parents of students enrolled in the school
- Legal guardians
- Temporary custodians

Any resident 18 years or older living within the school's attendance zone or voting district

## WHAT TO BRING

- Current ID
- Verification by the school or a document showing that you are the parent or guardian of student(s) enrolled in the school

- Current ID
- Document establishing your address



You must vote in person. There is no absentee voting or designating a substitute or proxy.



In the event that a person with a disability who is eligible to vote cannot enter a school, election judges must provide a ballot at curbside.



Eligible voters will get one ballot and can vote for up to five candidates. You can cast one ballot for each school where you are eligible to vote.

**Got questions or need support?**  
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