



My School DC Parent Advisory Council Overview Lottery School Year 2019-20

About My School DC

My School DC is the common application and public school lottery for DC Public Schools (DCPS) and participating public charter schools (PK3 – grade 12). The common application allows families to apply to public schools in one place instead of applying separately to each school; the common lottery is a single, random lottery that determines placement for new students at all participating schools.

Functions of the Parent Advisory Council

In order to ensure My School DC is a valuable resource to families, it is critical that we engage parents throughout the planning, development, and evaluation process. The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) supports My School DC by providing guidance and feedback on the My School DC application process, including design of the application and targeted engagement strategies; providing input on programmatic direction for My School DC, such as ways in which My School DC can continue to support families upon the conclusion of the lottery; acting as ambassadors of information to their respective communities; and advising the Common Lottery Board – My School DC’s governing body – on major policy decisions.

Membership

Membership is voluntary and includes the following criteria:

- DC resident
- Parent or guardian of a child in or about to attend public school (DCPS or charter)
- Interest in public education and policy, and support of the common lottery process
- **Attendance at each meeting**, including a monthly time commitment of 1-2 hours by way of email or phone
- Share information with and on behalf of your respective communities pertaining to My School DC

My School DC seeks diverse, citywide representation for the PAC to include (at minimum) one representative from each ward. For the 2018-19 lottery school year cycle, My School DC is actively seeking representatives from wards 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Meeting Schedule

The following is the meeting schedule for lottery school year 2019-20:

- Monday, October 15, 2018 (6-8:00 p.m., includes an orientation)
- Monday, January 7, 2019 (6-8:00 p.m.)
- Monday, April 8, 2019 (6-8:00 p.m.)
- Monday, July 8, 2019 (6-8:00 p.m.)

All meetings are held at the Office of the State Superintendent of Education, 1050 First St NE. While childcare is not provided, you are welcome to bring your children to meetings.

How to Apply

Applications are due by **September 14, 2018**. Parents must submit an application to be considered. One can self-nominate or be nominated. The application is available online: <https://goo.gl/forms/6vTo1M5dD8dA1Skq2>. Applications and nominations are evaluated on a variety of factors, including child’s grade level and school sector, areas of interest and experience, and demonstrated ability to share information with your communities. Nominees will also be asked to participate in an application interview with My School DC. For more information or questions, please contact Aryan Bocquet, director of partnerships and engagement, at Aryan.Bocquet@dc.gov or at (202) 727-9306.