



## My School DC Parent Advisory Council Overview Lottery School Year 2024-25

### About My School DC

Washington, DC residents have many public school options. My School DC, in partnership with DC Public Schools (DCPS) and DC public charter schools, makes it easy for families to take advantage of these options through a common application and public school lottery. The common application allows families to apply to multiple public schools in one place, and the common lottery is a single, random lottery that determines placement for new students at all participating schools. More at [MySchoolDC.org](https://MySchoolDC.org).

### About the Parent Advisory Council

Parent voices are critical to ensuring that My School DC is an equitable and valuable resource for families. Parents and guardians who serve on the My School DC Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will learn about My School DC priorities, provide input on the design and implementation of policies, programming, and new initiatives, serve as ambassadors of information to their respective schools and communities, and advise the [Common Lottery Board](#) – My School DC’s governing body – on major policy decisions. The PAC is comprised of parents and guardians from all eight Wards of the District. In addition, My School DC aims to ensure representation of families with children in early learning, elementary, middle, and high schools who attend DC Public Schools (DCPS) and DC public charter schools.

### 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 all quarterly meetings\***;
- Monthly time commitment of 1-2 hours (i.e. serving on a PAC working group, volunteering at special events, sharing feedback with My School DC staff members, etc.);
- Share information with and on behalf of your respective communities (i.e. sharing social media posts, emailing neighborhood listservs, co-leading Lottery 101 sessions, etc.).

### Meeting Schedule

The PAC meets quarterly on Monday evenings from 6-8:00 p.m. New PAC members will have an in-person orientation before the quarterly meetings begin.

The following is the meeting schedule for the 2024-25\* school year lottery cycle:

Saturday, September 30, 2023 (10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; new member orientation session)  
Monday, October 2, 2023 (6-8:00 p.m.; quarterly meeting)  
Monday, January 8, 2024 (6-8:00 p.m.; quarterly meeting)  
Monday, April 8, 2024 (6-8:00 p.m.; quarterly meeting)  
Monday, July 8, 2024 (6-8:00 p.m.; quarterly meeting)

*\*Meeting dates are subject to change with advance notice. Meetings will be held virtually and in-person during the 2024-25 school year lottery cycle. Virtual meetings will be held on the Microsoft Office Teams platform and in-person meetings will be held at the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) located at 1050 First St NE.*