



Contract for Excellence 2025-2026 Annual Hearings

State law requires DOE to submit a contract for excellence for the 2025-2026 school year. The contract for excellence provides information on how certain State aid will be used for designated activities that are designed to improve student achievement, with a focus on students with the greatest educational need.

The contract for excellence must be developed through a public process, which must include a public hearing held within each New York City county. In addition, public meetings must be held in each community district related to district-specific contracts.

Under amendments to State law made in 2022, 2023, and 2024, DOE's contract for excellence must also include a plan to reduce class sizes, beginning in September 2023. DOE must submit the draft contract to the State for preliminary review within two weeks following the completion of the public process, after analyzing public comments received about the proposed plan.

Borough Hearing Schedule

Hearings will be online via ZOOM. Scheduled Start Time is 6:00pm.

Registration for each event will be posted on the following site on the day of the event: <https://infohub.nyced.org/reports/financial/contracts-for-excellence/c4e-2025-2026-annual-hearings>. The virtual meeting room will be open one hour before the start of the meeting to allow members of the public to sign up for public comment.

Bronx – Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Manhattan – Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Staten Island – Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Queens – Thursday, June 12, 2025

Brooklyn – Monday, June 16, 2025



Comments may be submitted at the hearings or by sending e-mails to ContractsForExcellence@schools.nyc.gov.

The deadline for submitting public comment is July 8, 2025.