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Public Education Champions (PEC) is Education Voters of PA's statewide leadership program for people who are ready to become stronger, more confident advocates for Pennsylvania's public schools.

Public Education Champions in the 2026–2027 cohort are volunteers who will advocate for adequate and equitable school funding by engaging within their school district and broader community with the support of Education Voters of PA.

Throughout the program, PEC participants attend monthly Zoom sessions, complete practical advocacy activities, and connect with a statewide network of public education advocates. Participants are asked to attend, or watch the recording of, at least seven of the eight sessions to get the most from the experience.

Is the Public Education Champion program right for you?

We're looking for people who:

- Care deeply about Pennsylvania's public schools
- Are willing to learn, ask questions, and challenge themselves
- Want to become more effective advocates in their communities
- Can commit to participating throughout the program
- Believe lasting change happens through informed, persistent advocacy

Please note: You do not need prior advocacy experience. We welcome parents, educators, school board members, students, community leaders, and anyone passionate about strengthening public education.

How It Works:

Our PEC program is designed as a cohort experience, which means every participant plays an important role. Applicants should be prepared to:

- Attend or watch at least 7 of the 8 monthly training sessions held via Zoom
- Complete a short reflection or advocacy exercise after each session to help apply what you've learned
- Participate in discussions and share ideas with fellow cohort members
- Choose an advocacy goal that matters to you and build the knowledge, skills, and confidence to accomplish it throughout the program

The monthly reflections aren't homework—they're opportunities to think more deeply about advocacy, connect the material to your own community, and prepare for meaningful action.



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Zoom Schedule – All Zoom meetings held from 7 PM to 8:15 PM (Schedule subject to change)

Wednesday, **September 16** – Session 1

Wednesday, **October 14** – Session 2

Wednesday, **November 18** – Session 3

Wednesday, **December 9** – Session 4

Wednesday, **January 13** – Session 5

Wednesday, **February 10** – Session 6

Wednesday, **March 10** – Session 7

Wednesday, **April 14** – Session 8

Wednesday, **May 12** – Graduation Celebration

Topics Include:

- School Funding 101
- Pennsylvania's Education Budget
- Advocacy Skills & Strategies
- Grassroots Organizing & Power Mapping
- Working with Lawmakers
- Social Media & Communications
- School Privatization
- Education Data & Research

The Registration Process:

Because space in the Public Education Champion program is limited, we'll invite applicants to participate in a brief virtual conversation before finalizing the cohort.

This is not a formal interview. It's simply an opportunity for us to get to know you, learn about your interest in public education advocacy, answer any questions you may have, and ensure the program is a good fit for your goals. The conversation typically lasts 15–20 minutes and is designed to help us build a diverse, engaged cohort from communities across Pennsylvania.

Ready to apply?

Applications for the 2026–2027 Public Education Champion cohort are now open!

Scan the QR code, or click on the link and complete the Google Form. After you apply, we'll reach out to schedule a brief virtual conversation before finalizing the cohort.

Please reach out to Lucas at Lucas@educationvoterspa.org if you have any questions or need help applying! We're happy to help.

