

District Certification of Requirements for Completion of a Contract for Excellence

District: **New York City Public Schools**

Date: **August 5, 2025**

Requirement	Requirement Met?	Date Expected or Completed	SED Review
1) Predominantly benefit students with greatest educational needs, including but not limited to:			
(i) students with limited English proficiency and/or English language learners;	Yes	June 7, 2025	_____
(ii) students in poverty;	Yes	June 7, 2025	_____
(iii) students with disabilities; and	Yes	June 7, 2025	_____
(iv) students with low academic achievement.	Yes	June 7, 2025	_____
2) Coordinate Contract for Excellence allowable activities with the district's comprehensive educational plan (CEP) (<i>Optional</i>)	N/A		_____
3) Provide allocations of the contract amount by school and program-level (and any district-wide initiatives)	Yes	August 5, 2025	_____
4) (NYC Only) Class Size Reduction (CSR) Plan:	Yes	July 21, 2025	_____
– Aligned with the capital plan of the district;	Yes	July 21, 2025	_____
– Include reductions for low-performing and overcrowded schools; and	Yes	July 21, 2025	_____
– Include the means to be used to achieve the proposed reduction in class sizes, such as the creation or construction of more classrooms and buildings, placement of more than one teacher in a classroom, or other methods to reduce the pupil-to-teacher ratio			
5) Certify that the district is employing acceptable options for allowable program activities	Yes	July 21, 2025	_____
6) Public Process			
– Contract developed through a public process, consulting with parents/caregivers, teachers and administrators	Yes	July 8, 2025	_____
– Post on district website all forms comprising the proposed Contract for Excellence after submission to SED	Yes	July 22, 2025	_____
District's Contract for Excellence website address: https://infohub.nyced.org/reports/financial/contracts-for-excellence			
– 30-day period for public comment on district's proposed Contract for Excellence	Yes	July 8, 2025	_____
– Give reasonable notice of the public comment period	Yes	May 20, 2025	_____
– Hold at least one public hearing (and in New York City, one hearing per borough/county)	Yes	July 7, 2025	_____
– Prepare and make available upon request a record of public comment received	Yes	July 22, 2025	_____
7) Submission of Contract to Commissioner for Approval:			
After 30-day comment period has ended, hearings conducted, public comment record prepared and posted on a district website, the district may submit their plan for approval.	Yes	August 5, 2025	_____

Superintendent's Certification

I certify to the best of my ability, that the district has met the above requirements and that all relevant and applicable State and federal laws and regulations will be complied with in carrying out its Contract for Excellence plan for School Year 2025-26.

Signature _____

Date ____/____/____

Title **Chief Financial Officer**

Send forms to contractsforexcellence@nysed.gov