

PURE FACT SHEET

LSC IDs

A few years ago, after several LSC members were arrested for trespassing in their own schools, PURE proposed that every LSC member have an official LSC ID Badge. We felt that every LSC member gets the same kind of background check as school staff, LSC members are school officials, and play an important role in the school. It just makes sense for LSC members to have a similar status as school and central office staff.

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) Chief Executive Officer Arne Duncan agreed and LSC IDs became available in 2003.

This is how it has worked: You should get a letter from your school on school letterhead, identifying you as an LSC member from that school. There's a sample letter below.

Take the letter, and a smile, to the CPS Central Office, 125 S. Clark Street. Check in at the lobby security desk and ask where to go to get your ID (the office moves around).

LSCs can prepare the letters: While it is the principal's responsibility to provide the letter you need to get your ID, most LSC members who came to get an ID last year had not received one. They had to go up to the fifth floor to get a letter from Local School Council Relations. However, an official letter from the LSC secretary or chair should be sufficient.

ID not required!!! You are not required to have an ID! This is just a service for those LSC members who wish to have a school ID which also makes it faster for you to enter the CPs central office.

Sample letter:

Date _____

Safety and Security
Chicago Public Schools
125 S. Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60603

This letter is to verify that _____ is a current sitting member of the Local School Council at _____ School.

Signed,

School principal or LSC chair

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