



Current Policy

POLICY TITLE: Sibling, Founder, and Staff Preference	
ADOPTION/EFFECTIVE DATE: September 30, 2011	MOST RECENTLY UPDATED: October 14, 2014

POLICY

All charter schools may give enrollment preference to siblings of current students. In the case of a conversion of a school, priority should be given to the students enrolled at the school at the time of the conversion, siblings of those students, and students who reside within the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) attendance boundaries in which the school is located.

Preference in admission may be given to an applicant who is a child of a member of the public charter school's founding board so long as enrollment of founders' children is limited to no more than 10% of the school's total enrollment or to 20 students, whichever is less.

Preference in admission may be given to an applicant who is a child of a member of the public charter school's full-time staff so long as enrollment of employees' children is limited to no more than 10% of the school's total enrollment.

None of the above preferences relieves the obligation of the school to comply with DC residency requirements for all students. These residency requirements apply to all children, including siblings, children of founders, and children of employees.

Board Approval Acknowledged By:

Rick Cruz
DC PCSB Board Chair

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POLICY TITLE: Sibling, Founder, and Staff Admission Preference	
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POLICY

This policy describes the preferences in admission that public charter schools may give to applicants. The policy applies to all schools, including those participating in My School DC, the citywide common lottery system.

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A multi-campus local education agency (LEA) or network of member schools¹ may opt to provide an admission preference to a student, or sibling of a student, who is currently enrolled at or matched to another campus within the LEA.

With prior approval from the DC Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB), LEAs may provide an admission preference to an applicant with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or an applicant in a disability category pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

With prior approval from DC PCSB, an LEA may provide an admission preference to children of active duty members of the United States Armed Forces; provided, that DC PCSB may not permit more than one public charter school with such a

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