

Policy on Founding Family Definition	
Effective: December 8, 2010	

## Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define the term “Founding Families” as utilized in the approved charter for the Yu Ming Charter School.

## Background

- A. Per the approved charter, if the number of students requesting to attend Yu Ming Charter School exceeds the school’s capacity, enrollment will be determined by public random drawing. Per the approved charter, preference for enrollment in the public random drawing will be given as follows:
  1. Children of employees
  2. Siblings of current students within the Charter School
  3. Children of Founding Families
  4. Residents of Alameda County
  5. All other students in the State of California.
  
- B. During any period of funding under the Public Charter Schools Grant Program (projected to be 2011-2013), the “children of employees” preference must be limited to “children of faculty”. Further, the preference for the “founding families” and “children of faculty” will not exceed 10% of total enrollment.

## Definitions

- A. Founding Family
  1. A “Founding Family” is a family that has contributed a minimum of 50 hours of service toward the development of Yu Ming Charter School prior to January 31, 2011.
  2. The “Original Founding Families” are the five (5) founding families listed in Appendix 1A of the approved Yu Ming Charter. An “Original Founding Family” is also a “Founding Family”.
  3. The Charter School shall maintain a list of founding families as of January 31, 2011.
  
- B. A child of a Founding Family is:
  1. Any immediate member of a Founding Family whether by birth, adoption, or legal guardianship.
  2. Any child of a Founding Family born, adopted or established as a legal member of a Founding Family after the effective date of this policy.
  3. Any child(ren) of a Board member who does not otherwise qualify as a Founding Family shall not be considered children of a Founding Family.

- C. "Contributed to the development of Yu Ming Charter School" means contribution of time spent on a variety of activities, from raising money, to recruitment, outreach, legal counsel, helping obtain and refurbish a facility, translating documents, and more for the benefit of the development and ongoing maintenance of the Yu Ming Charter School. There is no financial obligation to become a Founding Family. Financial donations cannot be considered as a "contribution" under this policy toward becoming a Foundation Family.

### Governing Rules

- A. A record of contributed hours to Yu Ming shall be authorized and maintained by the original founding families as defined above and submitted to the Charter School by January 31, 2011.
- B. The children of Founding Families, as defined above, shall be given lifetime preference in any applicable public random drawing, if otherwise qualified to attend the school. If such children enroll and then leave the school and seek to return at a later time, only Original Founding Families as defined above, shall be given the same preference for re-enrollment as if he or she had not left. All other Founding Families will forfeit the preference.
- C. Disputes concerning eligibility of a child of a Founding Family shall be referred to the officers of the Board of Directors, meeting as an ad-hoc committee. This committee shall be guided by the definitions herein, by the substantiating information provided by the claimant, by the criteria stated above.
- D. As stated above, during any period of funding under the Public Charter Schools Grant Program (projected to be 2011-2013), the preference for the "founding families" and "children of faculty" will not exceed 10% of total enrollment. During that time, if there are more applicants in these preference groups than 10% of total enrollment, then the names shall be entered into a public random drawing from which no more than 10% of total enrollment shall be chosen. Preference within this group shall be given to the Original Founding Families as defined above. Applicants who are not chosen in this drawing for a preference will be entered into the general public random drawing in accordance with the terms of the approved charter.