

NLCA

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



WHAT IS THE LONG TERM VISION OF NLCA?

Our God given vision consists of supplying the solid foundation of Christ to children from kindergarten all the way through twelfth grade. The incoming third graders will have opportunity to graduate high school from NLCA, all the while learning and applying God's truths in the community around them.

WHAT DOES THE ENROLLMENT / ADMISSIONS PROCESS LOOK LIKE?

1. Meet the director (optional). Getting to know you is important to us. Schedule a meeting and plan to spend 30 minutes with the director. She will be happy to answer questions and help you learn more about our program.
2. Apply online: A non-refundable application fee of \$80 is required for each new application.
3. Gather enrollment documents: Birth certificate, immunization records or exemption letter.
4. Schedule a kindergarten screening (kindergarten only). This meeting allows your family the opportunity to meet the kindergarten teacher and provides us with information about your child's social and emotional security.
5. Enroll online: Once accepted there is an enrollment fee of \$250 per student. This helps cover the cost of consumable books and materials.

HOW MANY STUDENTS WILL THERE BE PER CLASS? WHAT ADDITIONAL SUPPORT WILL THERE BE IN THE CLASSROOMS?

A focus of NLCA is to provide intimate, top-notch instruction that reaches students on an individual and personal level. In order to meet this goal, class sizes will be limited to 20 students, and each classroom will have a part-time dedicated teacher's assistant to help maximize instruction time.

IS NLCA ACCREDITED? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN AND WHY IS THAT IMPORTANT?

The school's leadership highly values the accountability and credibility that comes with achieving school accreditation, but this cannot be fully achieved until NLCA has been in operation for multiple years. In the meantime we are members and will carefully operate the school in accordance with ACSI's established accreditation standards with that goal in mind. By valuing and adhering to the ACSI accreditation process, it ensures NLCA is delivering the highest level of education with standards that have benefited kingdom educators since 1978: "ACSI exists to strengthen Christian schools and equip Christian educators worldwide as they prepare students academically and inspire them to become devoted followers of Jesus Christ."

HOW MUCH IS TUITION? HOW COMPARE TO LOCAL SCHOOL?

NLCA'S goal is to provide a high level of personal attention to each student, and provide our staff the support needed to execute their crucial role in each child's lives. Each NLCA classroom will be staffed with an experienced educator and dedicated teacher's assistant. Given our partnership with New Life Community Church we are able to accomplish this for approximately \$7,450 per year (\$620 per month), compared to \$9,000-\$10,000 for other private schools (within 20 mile radius).

WHAT IS A NLCA "SCHOLARSHIP" AND HOW DOES ONE QUALIFY?

New Life Christian Academy is committed to making sure Christian families of all incomes can partake in this Biblical education. This will be accomplished by a needs-based scholarship fund. NLCA will partner with FACTS, a student information system (SIS), that provides both an online application for financial aid and a needs-based calculator. Financial aid will be offered as funds are available from NLCA fundraising events.

WHAT CURRICULUM WILL NLCA BE USING?

Curriculum was decided upon by collaboration of Director, School Board, and classroom teachers in the spring, with input from multiple private school consultants. NLCA is using a combination of different curriculum sources such as Saxon for Math, Heggerty "Bridge into Reading" for phonics, Foundations and Frameworks for reading, and BJU Press for science and social studies.

WILL MY CHILD'S RECORDS (ATTENDANCE, GRADES, ENROLLMENT STATUS) BE SENT TO A FUTURE SCHOOL UPON REQUEST?

NLCA will send/request records to facilitate the move to and from private education. NLCA will also benchmark test in the spring and fall of each year using MAP assessment, a nationally-normed test used by many local public schools. This alignment with public education will ease transitions and provide educators data needed to guide instruction for the benefit of our students.

WHAT ABOUT TRANSPORTATION? HOW DOES STUDENT PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF FUNCTION?

Parents will be responsible for bringing children to school and picking them up daily. At this time, NLCA does not provide after school programs or student transportation. Student drop-off will be available from 7:45am to 8:00am with pick-up between 3:15pm to 3:30pm each school day.

WILL A SCHOOL NURSE BE PRESENT OR SOMEONE TRAINED TO PROVIDE BASIC MEDICAL SERVICES FOR STUDENTS?

While a school nurse will not be a part of our staff at this time, NLCA is conveniently located near an urgent care facility for any emergencies that may occur. Our staff is CPR certified. Administration of medication at school is discouraged. Taking medication should be scheduled at times other than school hours whenever possible. If this is not feasible, proper documentation must be provided by the parent/guardian and all school policies must be adhered to, as outlined in the student handbook.

WHAT WILL LUNCH AT NLCA LOOK LIKE?

We have partnered with Hy-Vee to provide a box lunch each day, for as low as \$6 per box! That's 40% off the normal retail price and can easily be ordered through the FACTS parent portal / app. The portal will allow parents to pay for lunches and pick meals one month ahead, with plenty of choices ranging from biscuits and gravy to turkey sub sandwiches. And of course, students can bring their own lunch anytime they choose.

IS BREAKFAST PROVIDED? WHAT ABOUT SNACKS?

NLCA will not be providing breakfast. Students will need to arrive prepared and ready for their school day. Students will be allowed to bring a snack of their choosing.

HOW WILL I KNOW IF MY KINDERGARTENER IS READY TO BEGIN SCHOOL? WHAT ARE THE BASIC READINESS REQUIREMENTS?

Students wishing to attend NLCA should turn age 5 prior to August 31st. Recommended readiness requirements include the following, but are not limited to:

- Reciting the alphabet
- Identifying capital and lowercase letters
- Voicing sounds of individual letters
- Rote counting to 10
- Counting objects
- Identifying numbers 0-10
- Writing numbers 0-10
- Identifying colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, pink, gray, black, white, brown)
- Rhyming CVC words (cat/bat, rug/bug, etc.)
- Reciting full name
- Spelling first name
- Holds pencil correctly
- Holds scissors correctly
- Can follow 2-3 step instructions
- Identifying shapes (triangle, circle, square, star, heart, diamond, rectangle, oval)
- Tracing



DON'T SEE YOUR QUESTION HERE?

We're happy to answer your questions! If your question is not listed here, please get in touch with us via email or phone and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.



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