

NLCA

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



WHAT IS THE LONG TERM VISION OF NLCA?

NLCA exists to disciple everyone under our care in the whole counsel of God. Our God given vision consists of supplying the solid foundation of Christ to children from kindergarten all the way through twelfth grade.

WHAT DOES THE ENROLLMENT / ADMISSIONS PROCESS LOOK LIKE?

1. Fill out an inquiry on NLCAgardner.org.
2. Meet the director. Getting to know you is important to us. Our admissions team will reach out to you to 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.
3. Apply online: A non-refundable application fee of \$25 is required for each new application.
4. Attend 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?

We're excited to announce that New Life Christian Academy is now officially accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)! This important milestone reflects our dedication to academic excellence and spiritual growth, confirming that our mission, programs, and practices align with ACSI's trusted standards. ACSI accreditation affirms that NLCA provides high-quality Christian education, preparing students both academically and spiritually. We're thankful for your continued support and give all glory to God for His work through our school.

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?

NLCA is using a combination of different curriculum resources such as Saxon for Math, Heggerty "Bridge into Reading" for phonics, and BJU Press for science, social studies, and language arts.

MY CHILD HAS LEARNING DIFFERENCES, CAN THEY STILL ATTEND NLCA?

It depends. We encourage you to schedule an ed consult with our Director to discuss your child's needs and determine if NLCA is the right fit for your family. She considers helping families find the best educational environment for their children an important part of her ministry whether you end up enrolling your child or not. Please bring any current documentation (IEP, current accommodation's, other information that would aid the conversation.)

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 committed to providing a safe environment. Our staff is First Aid and 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 Trails Cafe to provide a box lunch each day. Lunches can easily be ordered through the FACTS parent portal / app. The portal will allow parents to pay for lunches and pick meals one week ahead, with plenty of choices ranging from cheese pizza to pancake and bacon. 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 must 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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