

Northwest Christian Schools, Inc.

Preparing Minds Transforming Hearts



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Early Learning Preschool

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Homeschool Extension K-12th

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**All Application
materials are
available on our
website:
www.nwcs.org**

“For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. “

Jeremiah 29:11

HOMESCHOOL K-12 REGISTRATION PACKET

Northwest Christian Schools, Inc.

FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

Preparing Minds...Preparing Hearts

Mission

To nurture the heart, mind and will of each student in the things of God through Bible-centered academics, encouraging them toward a life of fruitful service in the home and church, on the job and in the community.

Vision

To be a premier Christian school serving the Spokane area with quality education. Northwest Christian Schools is a community of faculty, students, families and supporters who are working together with excellence and a commitment to educate and disciple students to become leaders within the church, community and world.

Expected Outcomes

1. We will exalt God with humble attitudes and wise actions. (James 3:13, I Cor. 10:31)
2. We will think and act Biblically, and teach practical and accessible methods which support a Christian worldview. (II Tim. 2:15)
1. We will pray according to God's perfect character with faith and dependence upon Him. (John 14:13)
2. We will demonstrate integrity, personal holiness and fervent love for others. (II Cor. 7:1, I Peter 4:8)
3. We will graduate students that will display Christ-like characteristics, Biblical discernment and loving respect for God and others. (I John 2:20)
4. We will support the values of our Christian families and our local Biblical churches. (Ecc. 4:12)
5. We will expect our teachers to be leaders who work as teams to inspire students to be diligent, creative and life-long learners. (Romans 12:1-2)
6. We will be above reproach within our constituencies and community. (Heb. 13:18)

Cultivating the Heart

In order to encourage God's transforming work in students' hearts, each teacher and administrator at NWC will employ the six "Relational Gestures" as describe in the book *Cultivate* (Jeff Myers, Ph.D., 2010):

- Modeling
- Friendship
- Advising
- Coaching
- Teaching
- Sponsoring



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NWCS Core Values

Honoring God in all endeavors.

Regarding the Bible as God's inspired, written Word.

Seeking God's wisdom and direction through prayer in every direction.

Exemplifying Christ-like character.

Helping students reach their full potential in Christ.

Supporting the family and local church.

Providing education marked by excellence in curriculum and instruction.

Operating with financial integrity.



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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the Northwest Christian Homeschool Extension Program. Congratulations on your decision to consider homeschooling your child! Our program serves veteran homeschoolers and families exploring this option for the first time. You are joining other forward-thinking parents who desire to give their children a strong educational and spiritual foundation.

We are pleased to open the doors of Northwest Christian School to you. Homeschooling requires great commitment for both parent and student. Our heart is to provide support, activities, and classes to ease your job at the elementary level and to partner with families with high school students with our high school curriculum that includes the Grades and Transcript Program.

We offer a weekly enrichment and fellowship day for homeschooled students, grades K-6. Our enrichment day meets once a week, on Thursdays, at Crossover Church. Our Grades and Transcript Program (7-12) allows homeschooled students to earn an accredited NWCS Distance Learning transcript and diploma. Students in our program are welcome to join our athletic programs and many extracurricular school activities at NWC.

I would love to answer any questions you might have about the program. Please feel free to call me at the school. May God lead and direct you as you seek Him to prepare the mind and transform the heart of your child.

In His Service,

Ruth Wagley
Homeschool Program Coordinator
509-238-4005. ext 144
rwagley@nwcs.org



NWCS Homeschool Philosophy of Education

PREPARING MINDS

- NWCS is a learning community committed to preparing our students' minds within a biblical worldview.
- NWCS uses research-proven instructional strategies to help each student reach their full potential in Christ.

TRANSFORMING HEARTS

- NWCS' teachers are leaders who are committed to empowering students to live freely under God-given authority.
- NWCS educators seek to mentor students on a path of discovery toward biblical values and spiritual vitality.
- NWCS seeks to encourage students to internalize the grace of Jesus Christ and to focus their thoughts, attitudes, and actions toward living for God's glory.
- NWCS emphasizes the development of Christian character and leadership skills in all students.

NWCS' COMMITMENT

- NWCS supports the biblical institutions of family and church with encouragement, sensitivity and consideration.
- NWCS expects student outcomes to be achieved while preparing their minds and hearts.
- NWCS empowers our teachers to be servant-leaders that are mission-minded.

FAMILY'S COMMITMENT

- NWCS expects school parents to agree with our Foundational Principles and Statement of Faith.
- NWCS expects school parents to encourage their children to behave in accordance with all school regulations as outlined in the student handbook (found on nwcs.org). Each school family should attend a Bible-believing church.
- **NWCS expects parents to be active educational partners through conference attendance, communication with teachers, and homework help, while providing a regular supervised study routine in the home.**
- NWCS Homeschool Program depends upon parent's systematic, consistent instruction at home and interactive supervision of NWCS curriculum to ensure educational success for our students.
- NWCS Homeschool Program requires participation in graduation ceremonies for all senior students and their families.



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Discover NWCS Homeschool Program

Support for homeschool families within a Biblical worldview

ELEMENTARY (KINDERGARTEN-6TH GRADE)

Our hands-on enrichment day is offered on Thursdays from 9am-3pm at Crossover Church. Our energetic certified teachers provide an active and academic environment and seek to integrate a Biblical worldview into the class day. On that class day, students attend classes in history, science, writing, art, music, PE, and Spanish. Homeschool parents remain the primary teacher(s) providing grades and stewarding academic progress for all core subjects.

SECONDARY (7TH GRADE-12TH GRADE)

Our academic class day is offered on Thursdays from 8am-3pm, and provides strong accountability. Students rotate through their classes each hour, similar to that of a traditional high school day. Our certified teachers instruct on Thursdays and then send home lesson plans and assignments for the remainder of the week. Students complete their work and turn it in the following Thursday. Grades are reported quarterly and recorded as a NWCS transcript, which is important for a high school student who wishes to attend college. Our teachers integrate a Biblical worldview in their subjects, and our curriculum is Christian-based. We seek to prepare students to pursue God's plan and vision for their lives.

Our secondary homeschool parents continue to play an essential role supervising, motivating and challenging their students throughout the week.

Students in our program have the option to graduate from NWCS if they attend NWCS full-time as a senior. Our other option is to earn a NWCS Distance Learning Diploma and to attend our Homeschool Program graduation ceremony.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Sports and extracurricular activities are an important part of a student's life. Students who are enrolled in the NWCS Homeschool Program can participate in most NWCS activities including sports, extracurricular music, theater productions, school retreats, foreign language mission trips, Driver's Ed and chapel.

Homeschool students are welcome to take a NWCS class at the High School campus for an additional fee, and based on availability.

WHAT MAKES US DISTINCTIVE?

- Personalized studies for your student
- High school students earn a transcript towards graduation
- Parent involvement welcomed
- A life-giving atmosphere
- Classes taught from a Biblical worldview
- Freedom to choose curriculum with a Biblical worldview
- Exempt from current public school testing
- No public strings attached
- No need to file a Letter of Intent with your public school district
- You are under the umbrella of a private school as a homeschooling family



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where and when do you meet?

We meet on Thursdays at Crossover Church, which is located right off Highway 2 in North Spokane. Secondary classes are 8am-3pm. Elementary classes are 9am-3pm.

2. What do I do with the extra hour in the morning if I have an elementary and a secondary student?

You can arrange to leave your elementary student with us and we will provide supervision or a place for them to help a teacher until class starts.

3. What are the student dress guidelines?

The goal of NWCS' dress code guidelines is to establish and maintain a policy that is biblically sound, sensitive to the reality of fashions and individual preference with an emphasis on modestly and neatness.

4. Is NWCS accredited?

We are a State Approved educational institution. Student transcripts from NWCS are recognized and accepted everywhere.

5. Are Homeschool teachers certified?

Teachers are Washington State certified or a specialist in their field.

6. Do Homeschool students take certified tests?

Starting at age 8, it is a yearly requirement for students to take a standardized test. Each spring, we offer the Stanford Achievement Test. If a family chooses an alternative standardized test, we just ask that you provide us a copy for your student's file. Secondary students may take the PSAT with students at NWCS.

7. Do you provide curriculum?

Yes! We provide the curriculum for the classes that we teach. Families are responsible for curriculum taught by parents at home.

8. What are some of the course offerings in the Homeschool program?

Elementary:

To make it easier for our families with multiple ages, our teachers collaborate and plan lessons along the same themes each school year. We typically plan our offerings based on a three-year rotating schedule. Math, reading, spelling/grammar, and Bible are classes we ask parents to teach primarily at home.

Proposed Elementary Rotation for 2014-2015- Rotation 3

Elementary Rotation 1: Ancient Times, Geography, Land Animals, Botany, 6 Trait Writing, music, art, PE & Spanish.

Elementary Rotation 2: Middle Ages, the Human Body, Geology, Physics unit, writing, music, art, PE & Spanish

Elementary Rotation 3: Modern Times emphasizing American History, Swimming Creatures, Weather, Astronomy 6 Trait Writing, music, art, PE & Spanish

*Proposed classes are subject to change.

Secondary Course Offerings:

Courses for 2013-2014: British Literature, Understanding Literature, US History, Study Skills & Grammar, Geography, Earth Science, Biology 1, Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1, Geometry, Senior Leadership, Junior High Spanish, Spanish 1 and 2, Art and PE/Outdoor Education.

*Proposed Courses for 2014-2015: Composition and Research, Intro to Literature, World History, Pacific Northwest History, Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Math Fundamentals, Pre-Algebra, Basic Algebra, Algebra 1, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Senior Leadership, Middle School Spanish, Spanish 1 & 2, art, and PE/outdoor education.

- We require our secondary students to take a Bible course at home.
- Students enrolling as seniors are required to take senior leadership.
- For any secondary classes taught at home, we ask parents to keep records and turn in their student's grade(s) each quarter.

*Proposed classes are subject to change.

9. What sports are offered and what league does NWCS compete in?

NWCS Homeschool students are welcome to participate in all athletics at NWCS.

High school athletes (9-12) participate in the Northeast 2B League and are part of the Washington Interscholastic Athletic Association. High school sports are: football, soccer, volleyball, cross-country, cheerleading, basketball, wrestling, track & field, baseball, softball, and golf. For more information, call Aaron Spuler at (509) 238-4005.

The middle school (7-8) participate in the Inland Empire Middle Level league and offers volleyball, cross country, basketball, wrestling, baseball, and softball. For more information, call Aaron Spuler at (509) 238-4005.

Elementary (5-6) teams participate in the Knights of Columbus League (Spokane Diocese of Spokane) and compete against local small Christian and Catholic schools. Elementary sports are: volleyball, cross-country, basketball, baseball, and softball. For more information, call Pam Barnes at (509) 328-4400.

10. Are there any other activities?

Secondary students may enroll in NWCS band and choir for a fee, and participate in the annual theater production, chapels, Girls Jubilee Choir and school retreats. However, they must be fully committed to being at every practice or rehearsal.

11. Are there any events in the Homeschool Program that I should be aware of?

To honor your schedule, we try to keep most of our activities scheduled for Thursdays. To foster community for our families and opportunities for our students, we do plan exciting events throughout the school year. In addition to our holiday and classroom parties, some of these are:

- Fall Parent Orientation- mandatory
- Parent-Teacher Conferences (2 times a year)- mandatory
- Musical Christmas Performances
- Evening of the Arts- mandatory
- Field Day and Family Potluck
- Senior Graduation- mandatory
- 8th Grade Graduation
- Occasional student socials and Mom's gatherings

Homeschool Parent Financial Information

School Year 2014-2015



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APPLICATION FEE

Non-refundable fee \$35.00

ENROLLMENT FEES

	<u>April 3</u>	<u>April 4-30th</u>	<u>May 1–Jun13</u>	<u>June 16</u>
K-6	\$175	225	275	325
7-12	200	250	300	350

Payment of enrollment fees insures a position in the Home School program.

Enrollment fees are due at the time the enrollment contract is processed and are non-refundable.

These fees cover the cost of textbooks, workbooks, and consumable items.

TUITION

Home School Enrichment Day w/Grades & Transcript	7-12	\$1,995
Home School Enrichment Day	3-6	\$1,110
Home School Enrichment Day	K-2	\$935
Grades & Transcripts w/o Enrichment Day	7-12	\$1,580
Includes one class		
Mid-year transfer to fulltime student at NWCS		\$100

ADDITIONAL FEES

For each additional student, take an additional 25% discount (full tuition is paid on 1st student)

Science Lab Fees 7-12	\$50	2014-15 Athletic Fees:
Art Supply Fee K-12	\$30	Grades 5-6 \$ 70 per sport
(extra fee for Chemistry class)		Grades 7-8 \$105 per sport
Tutoring in Math & Science available for extra fee		Grades 9-12 \$125 per sport
Classes in the traditional school	\$1000 per class	Some uniforms and equipment.
(3 traditional classes maximum)		

FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

Northwest Christian Schools, Inc. is financed mainly by tuition and fees charged to families during the school year. However, this income does not fully cover the cost of an education at NWCS. Therefore, the school sponsors a contribution and fundraising program to make up the difference between income and expenses. You will receive information regarding these programs as the school year begins, and we ask that you prayerfully consider your support and participation.

All tuition payments can be made in one of two ways:

- Paid in full to Northwest Christian Schools by May 1st receives a 2% discount.
- Automatic 10 monthly bank withdrawals from your checking or savings account starting in August. A \$41 annual processing fee will be debited from your bank account before your first payment.

In the event a student is to be withdrawn, tuition will continue until the proper withdrawal process has been completed. This includes reviewing and completing the entire gold Business Office withdrawal form. The Business Office must be notified 10 days prior to your students' withdrawal, otherwise your account could be charged.



Home School Registration Application Procedure

REGISTRATION IS COMPLETED WHEN THE FOLLOWING STEPS HAVE BEEN

Complete this application for admission - one per student.

- Attach a picture. (optional)
 - Include a \$35 non-refundable new student Application Fee.
 - Teacher Reference Form
 - Pastor Reference Form
 - Attach a copy of the student's current Immunization Record.
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- Return the application(s) to the office at the Colbert Campus:
5104 E Bernhill Rd
Colbert, WA 99005
 - The Home School Coordinator will call you to schedule an interview.

After Acceptance:

- Sign a financial contract and pay enrollment fees at the Colbert campus business office.

NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY RELATING TO STUDENTS

Northwest Christian Schools, Inc. admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions' policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.



Homeschool Student Application Form 2014-2015

Student
Picture
(Optional)

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student's Name: _____

Last
First
Middle
Name to be used in class

Male/Female (circle one): _____

Birthplace
Date of Birth
Age

Address: _____ (_____) _____

Street
Apt. #
City
Zip
Phone Number

Billing Address (if different): _____

Street
Apt. #
City
Zip

For School Year: _____ - _____

Grade desired: (circle one) K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Kindergarten is available if a minimum of 6 students are enrolled.

Home School Enrichment Day Yes No

FAMILY INFORMATION

Father/Guardian's Name: _____
Marital Status

Address: _____ (_____) _____

Street
Apt. #
City
Zip
Phone Number

Employed by: _____ Occupation: _____

Employer's Phone: (_____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ Can we text you? Yes No E-Mail Address: _____

Mother/Guardian's Name: _____
Marital Status

Address: _____ (_____) _____

Street
Apt. #
City
Zip
Phone Number

Employed by: _____ Occupation: _____

Employer's Phone: (_____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ Can we text you? Yes No E-Mail Address: _____

Do you want your contact information shared in the NWCS directory? Yes No

SIBLING INFORMATION

Name	Age/Grade	School	Planning to apply at NWCS? <small>(If Yes, Indicate Year/Grade)</small>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

CHURCH INFORMATION

Family's Home Church: _____ (____) _____
Name Phone

Pastor: _____ Children/Youth Pastor: _____

Parents:

Church Attendance: Regular Occasional Seldom Never
Sunday School Attendance: Regular Occasional Seldom Never

1. Has the student's father accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior? Yes No
Explain when/how this occurred:

2. Has the student's mother accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior? Yes No
Explain when/how this occurred:

3. How long have you been attending your church? _____ (Years) Member?

4. Briefly describe your child's current understanding of what it means to be a Christian.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Last Attended: (if applicable) _____ (____) _____
Name Phone

Address: _____

Will you give us permission to call your child's previous school to inquire about attendance, academics and behavior? Yes No Parent's Signature _____

- 1. Has your child ever been in kindergarten before? Yes No
- 2. Has your child ever received an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) Yes No
- 3. Has your child been diagnosed as having a special learning difficulty? Yes No
- 4. Has your child been under a doctor's care for a health or psychological condition? Yes No

____ Asthma Medication: Yes No If Yes, what kind?
 ____ Allergies Medication: Yes No If Yes, what kind?
 ____ Attention Disorder Medication: Yes No If Yes, what kind?

Comments: _____

Homeschool Student Application Form (cont.)

5. Has your child been suspended or expelled from school? Yes No
If yes, please explain _____

6. Will you give permission to call your child's previous school to inquire about attendance, academics and behavior?

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

We are very limited in our ability to help students who have serious learning difficulties. Therefore, it is very helpful to us if we know the special needs of potential students.

For any of the following questions that include a YES answer, please provide an explanation.

7. Has your child:
Received individualized testing? Yes No
____ Intelligence (IQ- e.g. WISC) Other _____
____ Academic (e.g. Woodcock-Johnson)

Been enrolled in: ___L.A.P. ___Chapter Program ___Resource Room/Learning Center
___Had an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP)
If so, what subject area(s)? ___Reading ___Math ___Written Expression

Been diagnosed as having a special learning difficulty? Yes No

Been under a doctor's care for a health or psychological condition? Yes No
___Asthma Medication: Yes No If Yes, what kind?
___Allergies Medication: Yes No If Yes, what kind?
___Attention Disorder Medication: Yes No If Yes, what kind?

It is essential that parents initiate a dialogue about the needs of severely allergic children concerning on-site care.

8. Has your student been homeschooled? Yes No
If yes, please explain _____

9. Describe your child's study habits _____



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Homeschool Student Questionnaire

STUDENT'S NAME

GRADE

We appreciate your interest in Northwest Christian Schools. You can be very helpful to us by answering the following questions. Your thoughtful and neatly written answers will help us during the interview we will have with you and your parents. (Elementary applicants may have parental help as needed to answer questions appropriate to student's grade level).

1. Are you a Christian? Yes No

How do you know you are a Christian? _____

2. What is your favorite Bible verse and why? _____

3. How are you involved at church? (Please describe all activities). _____

4. What do you enjoy about your present school? _____

5. What would you change about your present school if possible? _____

6. Suppose the Lord were to ask you to identify the two major areas in your life that He would like to see you improve. What two would you identify? _____

7. What do you do if you disobey your parents? _____

What do your parents do? _____

8. Please enclose a copy of your most recent report card.

Did you receive any below average grades? Yes No

If yes, please explain why: _____

9. What is your attitude toward the importance of homework? _____

12. What is your favorite book? _____

13. What activities or sports do you enjoy? _____



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Christian Character Reference Form

This reference should be given to a Christian adult who knows you well. We recommend a pastor or youth pastor.

Dear _____,
Reference Name

_____ desires to be a _____ grade student at Northwest Christian Schools.
Student's Name

Please complete and return this form in a sealed envelope at the earliest possible date. The information you provide will be kept confidential. THANK YOU for your assistance.

Please return to: **Northwest Christian Schools**
Attn: Homeschool Extension Program
5104 E. Bernhill Road
Colbert, WA 99005
(509) 238-4005

SPIRITUAL AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____

2. In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

3. Has the applicant made a personal commitment to Jesus? Yes No Don't Know

Comments: _____

4. Has there been evidence of Christian growth? Yes No Don't Know

Examples: _____

5. Has the applicant, to your knowledge, ever been in trouble with civil authorities?

Yes No Don't Know

Comments: _____

6. Does the applicant have difficulty in the area of self-discipline? Yes No Don't Know

Comments: _____

7. Has the applicant received an award or achieved any special recognition?

Yes No Don't Know

Comments: _____



Teacher Reference Form

This reference should be completed by the student's most current teacher. If your student was enrolled in full-time traditional school, two teacher references are required.

Dear _____,
Teacher's Name

_____ desires to be a _____ grade student at Northwest Christian Schools.
Student's Name

Please complete and return this form in a sealed envelope at the earliest possible date. The information you provide will be kept confidential. THANK YOU for your assistance.

Please return to: **Northwest Christian Schools**
Attn: Homeschool Extension Program
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SPIRITUAL AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____

2. Has the applicant demonstrated leadership qualities? Yes No Don't Know

Comments: _____

3. Have there been frequent absences or tardiness? Yes No Don't Know

Examples: _____

4. Has the applicant, to your knowledge, ever been suspended or expelled from school, or been in trouble with civil authorities? Yes No Don't Know

Comments: _____

5. Does the applicant have difficulty with self-discipline in school? Yes No Don't Know

Comments: _____

6. Has the applicant received an award or achieved any special recognition?

Yes No Don't Know

Comments: _____

7. Would the applicant be a positive influence to the overall environment of this school?

Yes No Don't Know

How: _____

