

Northwest Christian Schools, Inc.

Preparing Minds Transforming Hearts



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Preschool**
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9th-12th**
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All Application
materials are
available on our
website:
www.nwcs.org

**International Student
REGISTRATION PACKET
GRADES 7-12**

“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

Northwest Christian Schools, Inc.

FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

Preparing Minds...Transforming Hearts

Mission

To prepare 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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NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS, INC.
5104 E BERNHILL ROAD
COLBERT, WA 99005

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in Northwest Christian Schools, Inc. It is apparent by your interest in private, Christian education that you want God's best for your child, whether it is at Northwest Christian Schools or elsewhere.

Our mission at NWCS is to prepare the minds and hearts of our students to become Christian leaders for the 21st Century. We are a learning community committed to serving the Spokane area with quality education within a Biblical worldview. Our faculty uses research-proven instructional strategies to help each student reach their full potential in Christ. NWCS teachers are leaders who understand their God-given roles as mentors of students, and desire to nurture within their students, a Biblical worldview and spiritual vitality. As Christian educators, we encourage our students to internalize the grace of Jesus Christ and to focus their thoughts, attitudes, and actions toward living for God's glory. With the strength the Holy Spirit provides, we fulfill our vision by strategically "Preparing Minds and Transforming Hearts," one student and one day at a time.

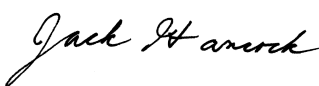
To further its mission, NWCS has partnered with ISNW (International Students Northwest, LLC.) to assist our International students serving as intermediaries between the student and the school, and between the student and host family, as well as assist the student with any needs they may have during the school year.

Please complete the appropriate forms and send the \$300 nonrefundable deposit, in US funds, for each applying student by wire transfer. For wire transfer information please contact ISNW at isnorthwest@yahoo.com. This one-time fee is only for the year of application.

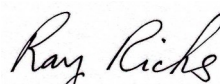
After the completed application is received, it will be dated and processed accordingly.

If you have additional questions regarding this procedure or the NWCS program, please feel free to call ISNW at 509-280-2203.

In His Service,



Jack Hancock, Ed.D
Headmaster



Ray Ricks
High School Principal
rricks@nwcs.org



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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 seeks to nurture the minds and hearts of each student.
- 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. Each school family should attend a Bible-believing church.
- NWCS expects school parents to encourage their children to behave in accordance with all school regulations as outlined in the student handbook.
- NWCS expects parents to be active educational partners through conference attendance, communication with teachers, and homework help, providing a regular study routine in the home.



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Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What are the school hours at the Colbert Upper campus?**
8:20am-2:50pm
- 2. What does the schedule look like at the Colbert Upper campus?**
The high school has seven 45-minute periods each day. Wednesday and Thursday are block days (90-minute periods).
- 3. What are the student dress guidelines at NWCS?**
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 modesty and neatness. Wednesdays are professional dress attire which does not include jeans, T-shirts or very casual clothing.
- 4. What are chapels and how often are they held?**
Chapels are well planned to encourage spiritual growth in our students.
We have chapel 2-3 times per month with Scripture worship songs and guest speakers.
- 5. Is bus transportation provided to and from NWCS?**
We have busing available from Downtown, Central, Indian Trail and Calvary Chapel. Routes will be expanded as needed each school year. Bus passes are available for purchase from the main office of either campus.
- 6. Is NWCS accredited?**
Yes, we are a State Approved educational institution.
- 7. Are NWCS' teachers certified?**
Yes, our teachers have their Washington State certification. The majority of our faculty have a Masters Degree or Professional Certification.
- 8. Do students take standardized tests?**
In High School we offer the PSAT to 10th and 11th graders. 9th grade students participate in NWEA M.A.P. testing. End of year testing will follow Algebra 1 and Geometry.
- 9. Is there a hot lunch program at NWCS?**
In addition to a cold food bar available every day, a rotation menu item is available for purchase (salad, soup, potato bar or pizza).
- 10. What are some of the course offerings at NWCS?**
In addition to the core curriculum, Advanced placement courses in English, Science, Math and History. Courses in the Arts and technology are also available. Please refer to your course description handbook for further details.
- 11. What sports are offered and what league does NWCS compete in?**
The high school competes in the Northeast 2B League and offers football, volleyball, cross country, soccer, basketball, wrestling, baseball, softball, track, golf, and cheerleading.
- 12. Are yearly calendars similar to local school districts?**
Yes.



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International Student Financial Information

School Year 2016-2017

FEE SCHEDULE

Application fee (non-refundable) due with the application	\$300.00 US Funds
Enrollment Fee due upon acceptance	1,500.00 US Funds
Tuition	11,550.00 US Funds
Host Family Fee	9000.00 US Funds
(This fee does not apply to students living with Immediate family)	

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

1. \$300.00 US Funds at application (non-refundable)
2. Upon acceptance into Northwest Christian Schools, \$1,500.00 US Funds will be due , plus any fees associated with exchange or wire transfer. This will secure a position in their class.
3. **Before** student's arrival into the US the full tuition and the Homestay fees for the full year must be already paid in advance.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT POLICIES

All International student applicants must have attended an English speaking Academy for 1 year and be ranked in the upper 20% of their class. Transcript and/or certificate must accompany application showing dates attended and the student's rank in their class.

All International student applicants must have a score on the SLEP test of **45** or above, **650** on TOEFL Jr, **2.7** on iTEP SLATE or a **35** or above on the TOEFL IBT TEST or the equivalent. A copy of the test must accompany the application.

If the International student is applying to enter as a Junior (11th grade) and has not attended a school in the United States for a full year, they must enter as a sophomore (10th grade student). If the student has gone to high school in the United States and wants to enter as a Junior (11th grade) they must have 1 year education in the United States and be able to meet all NWCS graduation requirements. Student may have the opportunity to challenge courses of study for credit to advance the year of graduation, depending upon the graduation requirements met.

The application deadline is June 1st in order to be a student at NWCS for that next school year. Applications for International Students will start in January for the next school year. The application deadline for the Semester Program is Dec 1st for the start of 2nd semester that school year.

Student must remain in the same Host Family for the entire school year. A change may be requested for the next school year through ISNW.

Tuition must be paid in full prior to attendance of the school year attending.

International Students will abide by the policies as stated in the 7-12 Student Guidelines Handbook. The student must embrace the Foundational Principles (shown on page 3); sign the International Student's Statement of Faith and prove to be teachable. Students must attend their host families church each Sunday.

If the student does not meet the above requirements during their designated time of enrollment at NWCS, the school will notify ISNW, and necessary arrangements will be made to return the student to their home country and parents.

Host Families must apply and be accepted, meeting all requirements and signing all documentation with ISNW. They must agree with the NWCS Statement of Faith, and agree with the admissions criteria.

International Student families will provide a signed Tuition Enrollment contract form to be on file with the Business Office at NWCS.



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International Student Registration Application Procedure

REGISTRATION IS COMPLETED WHEN THE FOLLOWING STEPS HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED

Complete this application for admission - one per student.

- Attach copy of student's passport
- 2 Teacher References must be obtained, one must be from an English Teacher (forms included in this packet) plus one from a pastor or a Christian character reference
- Include a \$300.00 non-refundable new student Application Fee.
- Attach a copy of the student's current Immunization Record.
- Include transcript and/or certificate from an English speaking school showing dates attended and rank in class
- Copy of one of these tests with the appropriate score:
 - TOEFL IBT test with a score of **35 or above**
 - TOEFL Jr with a score of **650 or above**
 - ITEP SLATE with a score of **2.7 or above**
 - SLEP test with a score of **45 or above**

Please mail, email or fax all the application and the above forms to:

ISNW- Aaron & Corinna Spuler
18302 N. Hardesty Road
Colbert, WA 99005 USA
Phone 509-891-4008
Email: isnorthwest@yahoo.com

After a complete application is received and reviewed by the administration, notification of the decision will be sent. If accepted an I-20 will be issued. The following documents will need to be turned in at that time.

- Full Tuition Payment and full year Homestay amount is due before the student enters the United States
- Verification of Health and Accident Insurance coverage for in the US

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.



Student Application Form

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) 7 8 9 10 11 12

FAMILY INFORMATION

Father/Guardian's Name: _____
Marital Status

Address: _____ (_____) _____
Street Apt. # City Zip Phone Number

Employed by: _____ Occupation: _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ Can we send text? _____ E-Mail Address: _____
Phone Number

Mother/Guardian's Name: _____
Marital Status

Address: _____ (_____) _____
Street Apt. # City Zip Phone Number

Employed by: _____ Occupation: _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ Can we send text? _____ E-Mail Address: _____
Phone Number

SIBLING INFORMATION

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

CHURCH INFORMATION

Family's Home Church: _____ (____) _____

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: _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Last Attended:

_____ Name _____ City _____ State _____
Phone Number (____) _____

Grade in which currently enrolled: _____

1. Has your child ever repeated a grade? Yes No If yes, what grade? _____

Please describe the circumstances leading to the decision. _____

2. Does your child have difficulty with any particular subject? Yes No

Please describe: _____

3. What do you see as your child's greatest needs in each of these areas:

Spiritual _____

Behavioral _____

Academic _____

Social _____

4. What do you see as your child's greatest strengths in each of these areas:

Spiritual _____

Behavioral _____

Academic _____

Social _____

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) _____ Psychological
_____ Academic (e.g. Woodcock-Johnson) Other _____

Been enrolled in: ___ L.A.P. ___ Title I 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
Describe _____

Been under a doctor's care for a health or psychological condition? Yes No

___ Asthma	Medication: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If Yes, what kind? _____
___ Allergies	Medication: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If Yes, what kind? _____
___ Attention Disorder	Medication: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If Yes, what kind? _____
___ Other	Medication: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If Yes, what kind? _____

8. Describe your child's study habits _____

9. What is the title of the last book your child has read? _____

10. How does your child usually spend his/her free time? _____

11. Has your student been home schooled? Yes No (If enrolled in NWCS's program, please skip)
If yes, what grades? _____

How successful was the experience? _____

How was academic progress measured? _____

Biographical Testimony

STUDENT'S NAME

GRADE

Directions: In the space below, use a minimum of three paragraphs (5 sentences per paragraph) and describe your acceptance of Christ and your spiritual growth since that time. You may want to include favorite Bible verses, people who have had an impact on your life, etc., and how these things affected your Christian growth. If this does not apply to you, please write about people who have had in impact on your life, your positive personal growth and explain how you are open to learn about the Christian values and mission of NWCS. Your composition should exhibit correct spelling, punctuation, sentence structure and neat penmanship, therefore we recommend that you write a rough draft on another sheet of paper before writing your final copy on this form. **Must be in student's own handwriting.**



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English Teacher Reference Form

This reference should be completed by the student's most current teacher. Two teacher references are required for applicants entering grades 9-12.

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: ISNW- Aaron & Corinna Spuler
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Phone 509-891-4008
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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: _____

	Excellent	Good	Poor	Not Known
Rate understanding of English language				
Rate reading comprehension of English language				
Rate listening comprehension of English language				
Demonstrates a positive attitude toward learning				
Has good study habits				
Completes work on time				
Follow directions				
Is neat/ organized				
Demonstrates a teachable spirit				
Is obedient to authority				
Is honest				
Shows an attitude of respect for others				
Is courteous				
Show self-control				
Is interested in student life activities				

Please support your assessment of the English language with the following explanation:

Additional comments that you feel are important in the consideration of this applicant:

Thank you for your thoughtful responses!

Signature _____

Date _____

Position _____

School _____

Address _____

Email Address _____



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Teacher Reference Form

This reference should be completed by the student's most current teacher. Two teacher references are required for applicants entering grades 9-12.

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.

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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: _____

	Excellent	Good	Poor	Not Known
Demonstrates a positive attitude toward learning				
Has good study habits				
Completes work on time				
Follow directions				
Is neat/ organized				
Demonstrates a teachable spirit				
Is obedient to authority				
Is honest				
Shows an attitude of respect for others				
Is courteous				
Show self-control				
Is interested in student life activities				

Additional comments that you feel are important in the consideration of this applicant:

Thank you for your thoughtful responses!

Signature Date Position

School

Address

Email Address



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CHARACTER REFERENCE FORM

This reference should be given to a person who knows you well. We recommend a Church Pastor, Youth Pastor, Elder, Children's Director or Sunday School Teacher. If this does not apply to you, please have this reference filled out by a school counselor, mentor or an adult that knows you well and that has an impact in your life.

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.

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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 demonstrated active participation in church activities (youth group, Sunday School, missions)?

Yes No Don't Know

Comments: _____

8. Would the applicant enhance the spiritual environment of this school? Yes No Don't Know

How: _____

	Excellent	Good	Poor	Not Known
Is interested in spiritual things				
Shows an attitude of Christian love (care & concern for others)				
Is honest				
Shows respect for others				
Demonstrates a teachable spirit				
Show self-control				
Is responsible				
Is obedient to authority				

Additional comments that you feel are important in the consideration of this applicant:

Thank you for your thoughtful responses!

Signature Date Position

Organization

Address

Email Address



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Northwest Christian Schools Statement of Faith for International Students

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible authoritative Word of God.
- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return to power and glory.
- We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Can you agree, to be open and support without reservation, the above Statement of Faith and be willing to attend church each Sunday with their host family?

YES

NO

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____