

NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL
International Student Program
4710 Park Center Avenue NE, Lacey, WA 98516
(360) 491-2966

APPLICATION CHECKLIST 2020-2021

Thank you for your interest in Northwest Christian High School. Our mission is to assist parents in providing a quality education for their children that is distinctly Christian. To help you in the application process, we are providing this checklist so that you can make sure that you complete all the necessary forms.

Step 1: Items necessary to be considered for admission

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00 Application Fee | <input type="checkbox"/> Reference Form: Principal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Reference Form: English Teacher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Parental Agreement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Official Transcript from previous three years of school | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transcript Translation | |

Step 2: Items due upon acceptance

- Certificate of Deposit
- Copy of Passport
- \$600.00 Registration Fee/I-20 Fee (due upon acceptance)
- School Rules
- Dress Code

Step 3: I-20 will be forwarded to applicant by NCHS

Step 4: Items due prior to arrival at NCHS

- Home Stay Application form (if applicable)
- Health immunization form
- Medical Physical or Sports Physical
- Copy of medical insurance card
- Power of Attorney Form
- Photo Release Statement

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TUITION & FEES

All Tuition and fees are non refundable

Application Fee - \$ 100.00

Registration Fee - \$600.00

- New Students – due upon acceptance
I-20 will be issued after receipt of all documentation and registration/I-20 fee
- Returning Students – due April 30th
(Payment of fee holds your place for coming year)

Yearly Tuition - \$14,900.00

Yearly Technology Fee - \$100.00

Late Payment Policy

- If payment is more than 14 calendar days late, there will be a late fee of \$500.00.
- If payment is more than 21 days late, the F-1 visa status may be revoked

Host Family Room and Board

- \$8,000 per year payable in 10 equal payments of \$800.00 per month. Host fees includes transportation to and from school, food and hygiene supplies as provided for family, and utilities. Stipend does not include long distance phone calls, cell phone or private phone line. Cell phones plans must be purchased separately.
- **Please pay your host family directly by the 1st of the month.** Do **not** send this money to NCHS.

Insurance

Illness/Accident Insurance with **coverage while in the U.S. is REQUIRED** for all international students. You must provide proof of insurance by the first day of school. A copy of the medical insurance card is sufficient. Information on insurance can be found online from several companies. You must have a minimum of \$100,000 in coverage. Please read the policy carefully. Not all insurance policies cover sport injuries. If you plan to play sports while attending NCHS you will need sport injury coverage. Do **not** send money for the insurance policy to NCHS.

Sports Fee

Sports participation fee is \$130.00 per sport. Each student is required to have a "sports physical" within two years of participation. The cost of a physical in the U.S. is approximately \$120.00. Because of this we recommend that students receive a physical in their home country and send a translated copy to us.

Socials and Spending Money

NCHS hosts two semi-formal dances during the year. Ticket cost is \$25.00 - \$30.00 for each event. Please provide your student with a reasonable allowance for extras while they are here so they may participate in school events and activities.

SUMMARY OF FEES:

Application Fee	\$ 100.00
Registration Fee	\$ 600.00
Yearly Tuition	\$14,900.00
Host Family Fee	\$ 8,000.00 (payable at 800.00 month)
Technology Fee	\$ 100.00
Sports Fee	\$ 130.00 per sport

I understand and agree to the above Tuition and Fee structure:

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Revised 12/16/2019

Non-Discrimination Policy

Northwest Christian Schools of Lacey; also known as Northwest Christian Academy and Northwest Christian High School, admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to its students. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and grant programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

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STUDENT APPLICATION

The prospective student must complete this form by hand in his/her own handwriting.

Name _____ Gender _____ Grade Entering _____
English name _____ Student E-mail Address: _____

1. Why do you want to come to the United States for school? _____

2. How long have you studied English? _____
3. Do **you** want to learn more English? Why? _____
4. What are **your** goals for high school? _____
5. Why do **you** want to attend Northwest Christian High School? _____

6. Are you planning to graduate from NCHS? _____yes _____no _____undecided
7. Who made the decision for you to study in the United States? _____
8. Have you been an international student before? _____
9. If yes, where did you attend school? _____

10. Have you ever been to the United States? _____ Where? _____
_____ For how long? _____
11. What grade are you currently in? _____
12. What scores (grades) did you receive in school last year? _____
13. What is your best subject? _____ Why? _____
14. Which subject is the most difficult for you? _____ Why? _____
Have you ever failed a subject? _____ What? _____ Describe your
favorite teacher and explain why they are your favorite. _____

15. Describe your attendance and tardy records last year. _____
16. Have you ever been suspended and/or expelled from school? _____ If yes, why? _____

17. What causes the most problems for you in your current school? _____

18. Will you comply with the school dress code? _____
19. Do you smoke? _____yes _____no _____occasionally
20. Do you plan to go on to a university? _____ What careers interest you? _____
21. Do you like to play sports? _____ What sport(s) do you like best? _____
22. What are your hobbies? _____

23. How old are your closest friends? _____
24. What do you look for in a friend? _____
25. Do you consider yourself a leader or a follower? _____ Why? _____

26. Did you receive any help in answering any of the questions? _____ If yes, explain
which one(s) and how much. _____
27. Do you go to church? _____ Where? _____
28. If so, what do you like best about church? _____

29. Will you go to church with your host family? _____
30. Who do you believe God is and what impact does he have on your life? _____

31. Who is Jesus Christ? Do you have a personal relationship with him? _____

Would you like us to find a host family for your student? (Y/N) _____

Are you working with a placement agency? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please list name, address, e-mail and phone numbers: _____

How well does your student speak English? _____ beginner _____ average _____ good

List all previous schools your child has attended, beginning with the most recent:

Year	Grade	Name of School	City	Country

Has your child ever been suspended or expelled from school? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, when? _____ Why? _____

Has your child ever tried drugs, alcohol, or tobacco? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain in detail. _____

Are you a Christian? Mother: (Y/N) _____ Father: (Y/N) _____

Name of Church: _____ Member? Yes _____ No _____

How would you rate your child's attitude toward:

(A) God Excellent _____ Good _____ Poor _____

(B) Parents Excellent _____ Good _____ Poor _____

(C) Authority figures Excellent _____ Good _____ Poor _____

(D) Attending this school Excellent _____ Good _____ Poor _____

Explain how your child will be beneficial to Northwest Christian High School. _____

Rate your child in the following:

	Yes	Usually	Sometimes	No
Completes work on time.				
Is honest.				
Is respectful to others.				
Accepts criticism.				
Shows self control.				
Is neat/organized.				
Works hard.				
Follows directions.				
Is courteous.				
Is obedient to authority.				
Is self-disciplined.				
Is physically healthy.				
Is mentally Healthy.				

What are the strengths of your child? _____

What do you see as your child's greatest needs?

Spiritual: _____

Behavioral: _____

Academic: _____

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Principal Reference Form

This reference form is to be filled out by the applicant's Principal.

Student: _____
(Given Name) (Surname) (Nickname-optional)

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____
2. How do you know the applicant? _____

3. Has the applicant ever been suspended/expelled from school? Yes ___ No ___ Don't know ___
4. Has the applicant ever used drugs, alcohol, or tobacco? Yes ___ No ___ Don't know ___
If yes, please explain. _____

5. List the student's character and personality strengths. _____

6. List the character or personality weaknesses. Explain. _____

7. Would this student be a positive or negative influence on other students? _____
8. Does the applicant have difficulty with self-discipline in school? Yes ___ No ___ Don't know ___

	Yes	Usually	Sometimes	No
Completes work on time.				
Is honest.				
Is respectful to others.				
Accepts criticism.				
Shows self control.				
Is neat/organized.				
Works hard.				
Follows directions.				
Is courteous.				
Is obedient to authority.				
Is self-disciplined.				
Is healthy.				
Is a leader.				

Additional comments that are important in the consideration of this applicant. (Use additional sheets if necessary)

Name _____ Signature _____

Occupation or Position _____

School _____ Phone _____

Date _____

Official school seal:

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ENGLISH TEACHER REFERENCE FORM

This reference form is to be filled out by an applicant's English Teacher.

Student: _____
(Given Name) (Surname) (Nickname)

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____

2. How do you know the applicant? _____

3. Has the applicant ever been suspended or expelled from school? Yes ___ No ___ Don't know ___

4. Has the applicant ever used drugs, alcohol, or tobacco? Yes ___ No ___ Don't know ___

If yes, please explain. _____

5. List the student's character and personality strengths. _____

6. List the character or personality weaknesses. Explain. _____

7. Would this student be a positive or negative influence on the other students? _____

8. Does the applicant have difficulty with self-discipline in school? Yes ___ No ___

9. Please provide an evaluation of the students English skills. Please circle the most correct answer:

When given a news article or short story:

Comprehension: Student can read and understand the details

Student can read and explain basic information

Student can only read a little and explain only basic information

Writing: Student can write using complex sentences, vocabulary and good grammar.

Student can write with only a few minor sentence and grammar errors.

Student writes with limited sentences and vocabulary.

Speaking:

Student has a very good understanding of academic and conversational English.

Student has some understanding of academic and conversational English.

Student has limited understanding and may not be able to communicate well in English.

Additional comments about the students English abilities:

Overall Attitude about School and Schoolwork:

	Yes	Usually	Sometimes	No
Completes work on time.				
Is honest.				
Is respectful to others.				
Accepts criticism.				
Shows self control.				
Is neat/organized.				
Works hard.				
Follows directions.				
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PARENTAL AGREEMENT

1. We agree that the school has full discretion in the placement of our child. Grade placement cannot be guaranteed prior to a student's arrival. Student will receive placement tests prior to class enrollment and we will be notified of the school decision.
2. We understand that if, following a thorough evaluation, it is determined that a student has special needs that cannot be met by our program the school reserves the right to terminate a student's enrollment.
3. The school will make every effort to communicate in a timely fashion with us about any discipline issues that arise in school. We give the school the authority to discipline the student as necessary. Discipline by the school can include the following: detention, in house suspension, out of school suspension and as a last resort expulsion.
4. We understand that NCHS is a private Christian school. As such we understand that the standards of the school do not tolerate profanity, obscenity by word or action, nor disrespect for adults or other persons in authority. Students who persist in undesirable conduct will not be tolerated. We do not permit students to harm others by their negative influence.
5. We understand that international students are not required to be Christians. However, I understand that Bible class and church attendance is required.
6. We agree to pay all tuitions due as explained in **Tuition & Fees**. Tuition must be received prior to beginning of the school year. If the payment is more than 21 days late, the F-1 visa status may be revoked.
7. We agree to pay for any damage caused by our student.
8. We give our permission and will encourage our student to take part in all school activities, including those on and off campus. We absolve the school of any liability or injury to our student during these activities. This does not release the school from liability for any gross negligence or recklessness.
9. We will endeavor to work with the faculty and administration to assure that any grievances are resolved appropriately and promptly.

10. We agree to limit our conversations and computer chats with our student to only once per week. This limit is to assist our student in not only making a successful transition but to assure that they have adequate time to study and rest.

WE HAVE READ THE ABOVE PARENTAL AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO COMPLY WITH ITS PROVISIONS.

Signature of Father/Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of Mother/Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of Student _____ Date _____

It is the mission of Northwest Christian High School to assist the Christian family by providing a Christ-centered, Bible-based education that inspires each student to pursue excellence in moral character, academics, and servant leadership to others.

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SCHOOL RULES

1. Students will behave in a respectful, non-threatening manner on campus and at all NCHS events (play-fighting is not allowed).
2. Students are to be in their seats with their supplies and homework, ready to work when the bell rings to begin the period.
3. Students are not to disrupt classes, harass students, or disrespect teachers.
4. Use of tobacco, drugs and/or alcohol, by students either on or off campus will result in immediate suspension or expulsion.
5. Cell phones and electronic equipment brought on campus must remain in lockers or backpacks, unless permission is given by the teacher, between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
6. Student performance requirements are as follows:
 - a. Students must make up work missed due to absence. Thirteen absences per semester may result in "no credit", and will require class(es) to be retaken when next offered.
 - b. Student absences must be called in by 7:55 a.m. Absences for appointments must be reported to the office upon departure and return to campus.
 - c. Students must attain at least a 'C' in any math class in the second semester in order to advance to the next level. Any grade below a 'C' must be improved in order to be promoted.
7. Eating is not allowed in the classroom unless permitted by the teacher.
8. Students are to speak English only while in the classroom.

I have read the above school rules, fully understand and agree to comply.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

MOTTO: Do what's right because it's right, regardless of the consequences.

Dress Code

While the Northwest Christian High School recognizes that opinions vary considerably regarding appropriate dress, NCHS has established simple guidelines, which students are required to follow while on campus. It is our desire that students live and conduct themselves in a manner pleasing to God. Cleanliness, neatness, appropriateness, and modesty are the general guiding factors with regard to dress. NCHS staff will enforce dress guidelines and educate all students regarding these guidelines. Questions concerning the standard of dress should be directed to the school administration, which will make the final determination as to appropriateness.

The Heart of the Dress Guidelines

To honor God with our appearance. *And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.* (Colossians 3:17)

To pursue purity and reject worldliness. *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.* (Romans 12:1-2)

To look to leadership for guidance. *Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.* (Hebrews 13:17)

To esteem others more highly than ourselves. *Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.* (Philippians 2:3-4)

Expectation for All Students

Students must dress modestly and appropriately at all times.
Hairstyles and fashion should avoid extremes.

- Footwear
 - Must be worn at all times.
 - For Physical Education, sports shoes and socks are the only appropriate footwear.
- Pants/Shorts
 - Must be worn at or above the hip bones.
 - Tears or holes (distressing) may only appear at or below fingertip length.
 - Shorts must be be fingertip length or longer.
- Shirts/Tops
 - Tops must be long enough that when the arms are fully extended and raised overhead, the midriff is not exposed.

- Sleeveless shirts must be at least 3 finger widths on the shoulder. No undergarments (or portions of undergarments) or excessive skin (front, side, midriff, or back) may be showing.
- Clothing design logos or endorsements of products may not refer to or infer gambling, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, foul language, sex, violence, secular music and/or negative mass media.
- Hair and Accessories
 - Hair must be a natural color.
 - Hats, hoods, and/or sunglasses should not be worn in class or chapel.
 - Earrings may be worn in ears (no plugs allowed).
 - In compliance with Washington Code §26.28.085 no minors, under age 18, may have visible permanent tattoos.
- Tattoos, piercings and body modification
 - No tattoos, piercings or body modifications may be made in the United States. Students over age 18 may have a visible permanent tattoo but it must be obtained in their home country. In addition, all piercings or body modifications must be obtained in the home country.

Specifics for Gentlemen

- Acceptable dress includes: shoes, long pants or loose-fitting shorts, warm-ups and shirts - all in accordance with the guidelines above.

Specifics for Ladies

- Acceptable dress includes: shoes, skirts/dresses (no shorter than 3" above the knee), pants or loose-fitting shorts, warm-ups and shirts - all in accordance with the guidelines above.
- Small studs may be worn in the nose. No other facial piercings, including tongue.
- Leggings are permitted when worn with a dress, skirt, or shirt no shorter than fingertip length.

Enforcement Policy

On a first violation of the dress guidelines, a student will be given a verbal warning, helped to immediately correct the situation, and parents will be contacted. Upon second violation, a student may be asked to go home to change his/her clothing and parents will again be contacted. Should a problem continue after clear warnings have been given, appropriate action will be taken by the administration, which may include, but is not limited to, detention or suspension.

The Dress Code is in effect whenever students are on school premises, for any campus events that are off-campus, or where NCHS is being represented (i.e., field trips, school programs, etc.).

Administration reserves the right to amend the dress guidelines at any time.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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PARENT'S LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

In the space below, please type a letter **in English** to the host parents who will share their home with your son or daughter. Describe your child's personality and interests, expectations and relationships. We ask that you be very frank and honest in your letter, and that you comment on your child's strengths and weaknesses. This will be very helpful to us in finding the best host family for your child. Please limit your letter to this page.

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FAMILY ALBUM

_____ Family Album / Family Name

On this sheet please place recent photos (within 2 years) of you and your family and friends. Briefly describe each photo. Write your name clearly on the back of each picture. Please do not use staples, but glue lightly so the pictures can be easily removed. Please feel free to send in more than 2 pictures.

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PHOTO RELEASE STATEMENT

Includes, but not limited to: Promotional Video, School promotional pamphlet, or Video-Taped School Activities.

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of _____, do hereby give my authorization for the following waiver which is to apply to the named student.

I hereby give Northwest Christian Academy or Northwest Christian High School, the Producer of the afore named production, all rights of every kind and character whatsoever in and to all work, poses, acts, plays and appearances made by my child for the pamphlets, videotape and/or program, as well as in and to the right to use my child's photographs, either still or moving, for commercial and advertising purposes in connection therewith. I further give said Producers the right to reproduce in any manner whatsoever any recordings made by my child's voice and all instrumental, musical, or other sound effects produced by my child.

Name of Student (print)

Signature of Student

Date

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian (print)

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Northwest Christian High School

2019-2020 LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR EMERGENCY **MEDICAL CARE**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I _____ (the natural parent or legal guardian)
Print

hereby give permission that my child,

_____ Last First Middle
may be given emergency treatment to include first aid and CPR by a qualified emergency medical or first aid caregiver. I further authorize and consent to medical, surgical and hospital care, treatment and procedures to be performed for my child by a licensed physician or hospital when deemed immediately necessary or advisable by the physician to safeguard my child's health. I waive my right of informed consent to such treatment. I also give permission for my child to be transported by ambulance or aid car to an emergency center for treatment.

Name _____ Signature _____ Relationship _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____

This lower section to be completed by NCHS or Host family

Emergency Phone Number:

Mrs. Diana Downey, International Student Director 360-491-2966

Student Host Address _____
Number and Street City State Zip Code

Home (Host) Phone _____ Student's Birth date: _____

Insurance Company _____

Policy/Membership Number _____ Group _____

Policy Holder Name _____

Allergies _____

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HOMESTAY INFORMATION

Please complete if you need host family arrangements

NAME: _____ NICK NAME: _____

BIRTHDATE: _____ **AGE:** _____ **SEX:** F M

EMAIL ADDRESS:

DO YOU HAVE ANY ALLERGIES OR REQUIRE SPECIAL MEDICAL TREATMENT?

YOUR MAIN INTEREST:

HOBBIES: _____

MUSIC: _____

SPORTS: _____

SCHOOL SUBJECT: _____

DO YOU ENJOY INDOOR PETS? _____ CAN YOU TOLERATE THEM? _____

FOOD PREFERENCES:

FOOD ALLERGIES:

CHECK ITEMS THAT DESCRIBE YOU:

<input type="checkbox"/> Cheerful nature	<input type="checkbox"/> I am very close to my parents
<input type="checkbox"/> Sociable person	<input type="checkbox"/> This is my first trip overseas
<input type="checkbox"/> Active person	<input type="checkbox"/> I have had a home stay experience before
<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer to be alone	<input type="checkbox"/> I want to stay in a foreign country
<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer to be with friends	<input type="checkbox"/> I may become homesick
<input type="checkbox"/> I have many friends	<input type="checkbox"/> I enjoy new adventures
<input type="checkbox"/> I have few friends	<input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in the American culture
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a patient person	<input type="checkbox"/> My parents have traveled in America

STUDENT CARE AGREEMENT

STUDENT

I, _____, agree to obey the rules of my host family and Northwest Christian High School with a respectful attitude and will pay my host family \$ 800.00 on the first day of each month.

Student's Signature

Date

PARENTS

We, _____, agree to
(Both Parents' Name)

entrust the care of my child, _____,
(Student's Name)

to the host parents chosen by NCHS and give them permission to authorize any necessary medical care or other treatment as necessary for their well-being. We also understand that we are responsible for any damages caused by our student (at school or at home), and release the host family from any liability resulting from the actions of my child.

Parents' Signature

Date

STUDENT'S LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

In your own words write a letter which will tell about your personal interests. Your letter should be hand written **in English**. Feel free to continue onto another page. Some suggestions for what to include:

- Describe yourself. Tell about any extra special accomplishments or awards. (Are you an expert soccer player, musician, computer-literate?)
- Tell your future host family about your hopes and expectations for your stay in the USA.
- Describe a typical school day and weekend and how you spend your time with friends away from school.
- Describe a particular experience in your life which seems important to you.
- Describe how you will share your culture with your host family. Describe how and why you think your host community and family will benefit by welcoming YOU as an international student.