



# Tuition and Fees

2022-23

## Continuous Enrollment

Nanaimo Christian School practices a Continuous Enrollment process to streamline the annual re-enrollment process, reduce paperwork, and make it more efficient and convenient for our loyal NCS families.

Previously the re-enrollment process had been an "Opt-IN" program. Annually we asked every family, "Are you coming back?" Since the large majority (on average over 94%) of NCS families return year after year, Continuous Enrollment flips it to an "Opt-OUT" process.

As long as you have signed a Continuous Enrollment Contract with Nanaimo Christian School, you will never have to worry about re-enrolling again. Our re-enrollment approach is "once enrolled, always enrolled".

## How do you need to respond for the 2022-23 school year?

In order for Continuous Enrollment to start at NCS, you will need to complete the attached Continuous Enrollment contract. That's it! We will not need to contact you in September for tuition arrangements, or remind you to re-register next January.

If you still have questions about your enrollment, please contact Dawna Ferris, Admissions Coordinator.

## Parent Participation Fee

Parent participation is vital to the effective running of our school and all of its activities. This fee program is asking families to volunteer 20 hours or pay \$250.00 each year. The requirement is the same regardless of the number of children you have enrolled in the school. Volunteer hours can be completed by any adult family member who is willing to adhere to Nanaimo Christian Schools policies and complete a Criminal Record check. Understandably, some families may not be able to volunteer so we do provide an alternative option to donate to the Parent Participation Fund instead. If either option creates a hardship, please speak to the School's Administration.

A post dated cheque can be provided to the business office or the parent participation fee will be processed along with the final tuition payment for families who were not able to fulfill their 20 hours.



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# New Family Capital Improvement Fee

This is a one time tax receiptable fee due upon enrollment, per new family, of \$1000. The purpose of this fee is to help maintain and improve the school campus. This fee also acknowledges that current and past school families have contributed and laid the foundation but that ongoing support from new families is still essential. Families who can not make this contribution will need to meet with the Business Office.

## Tuition for 2022-23

As a level 1 funded school in the Province of BC, Nanaimo Christian School receives 50% of the student grant given to the local public schools. As an example, if a School District 68 student receives \$8000, NCS would receive \$4000 for that student. The rest of the funding is made up through tuition. NCS has made a deliberate attempt to make Christian education affordable for families and offers a graduated tuition rate. As a level 1 school, our costs can not exceed the cost per student in our local school district which means we need to make sure that the combination of tuition and government grants are not higher than the amount the school district receives.

Each year, the Finance Committee and Board reviews the tuition to ensure that the school can function and operate successfully. This includes ensuring staff are compensated fairly, that students have access to programs and resources and that facilities are maintained and safe. This year, the tuition increase is a staggered increase. Tuition increases in 2019-20 and 2021-22 were kept at a minimum in order to support our families through the financial challenges resulting from the pandemic. The average tuition increase in both of these years was less than 2%, which was below the published cost of living adjustment (COLA).

As such, our tuition rates for 2022-23, show an average increase per family of 5.8% and are as follows:

	Oldest 1st Child	Oldest 2nd Child	Oldest 3rd Child	Oldest 4th Child	Oldest 5th Child
<b>K-8</b>	\$6,850	\$2,100	\$1,000	\$200	\$0
<b>High School</b>	\$7,200	\$2,400	\$800	\$200	\$0
<b>% Increase</b>	5.50%	6.50%	7.50%	10.00%	0.00%
<b>TUITION FOR 2022-23</b>					
<b>K-8</b>	\$7,225	\$2,235	\$1,075	\$220	\$0
<b>High School</b>	\$7,595	\$2,555	\$860	\$220	\$0

While the percentage increase may seem high, seeing the annual and monthly impact on families is helpful in understanding the increase.

<b>ANNUAL DIFFERENCE FOR 2022-23</b>					
<b>K-8</b>	\$375	\$135	\$75	\$20	\$0
<b>High School</b>	\$395	\$155	\$60	\$20	\$0
<b>MONTHLY DIFFERENCE FOR 2022-23 (12 months)</b>					
<b>K-8</b>	\$31.25	\$11.25	\$6.25	\$1.67	\$0.00
<b>High School</b>	\$32.92	\$12.92	\$5.00	\$1.67	\$0.00

### After Tax Cost

Every year, parents may receive two tax receipts from Nanaimo Christian School, both of which are used on your tax return to reduce the taxes payable to the government. One receipt incorporates any donations made over and above tuition payments, including those made to the capital campaign, Dare to Believe. The second receipt consists of the portion of the family's tuition relating to "religious" education after deducting the portion allocated to so-called "secular" education. This calculation is made in accordance with Canada Revenue Agency's guidelines and can vary from year to year depending on a number of factors. As an illustration, if a family with two children at NCS paid tuition of \$7500, and the "secular" cost of education was calculated to be \$500 per student, the family would receive a tuition donation receipt of \$6500 (\$7500 tuition minus \$500 per child). For BC residents, all donations in excess of \$200 attract a tax savings of 43.7%, so for a 2 kid family tuition payment of \$7500, the tax savings would be about \$2840, resulting in a net tuition cost to that family of \$4660. And here is a good idea, at least we think so. Would you consider donating a portion of your tax savings or refund? This would greatly help NCS in providing great education and facilities and as an extra bonus, you would generate a further refund the following spring. It's a cycle that keeps growing and growing.