

FINANCIAL POLICY FOR SEPARATED OR DIVORCED PARENTS

1. For each family with one or more students enrolled, NLCS will maintain **one payment account** for tuition and fees.
2. At the request of a parent or legal guardian, statements reflecting activity on this account and the current balance and payment due information will be provided.
3. NLCS will accept payment in the form of one or multiple checks or money orders on or before the monthly due date. Funds received in this way will be posted to the account. The account status (“current” or “past due”) will be determined with regard to the account, not any individual making payment.
4. **NLCS will not keep separate accounts to accommodate separated or divorced parents who share financial responsibility.**
5. Accounts past due or delinquent may result in collections action and suspension of services to the child(ren) regardless of the individual source of the deficiency.

The practical effect of this is:

We will no longer permit split financial accounts for separated or divorced parents.

Arrangements to divide financial responsibility, whether voluntary or in consequence of court order, are entirely the responsibility of separated or divorced parents, acting in cooperation with each other. Separate payments towards the single account will be accepted, but NLCS will not hold individual parents separately responsible, and all communication about the financial account will be made to the parties jointly, using the one address of record for the account, an address to be established by the separated parents cooperatively.