

POLICY CONCERNING SEPARATED AND DIVORCED PARENTS

New Life Christian School will consider applications for the enrollment of children whose parents are divorced or legally separated, only under these conditions:

1. The marital status must be honestly and openly revealed at the time of the application.
2. The custody situation as legally prescribed by court action must be presented to NLCS, including written copies of any decrees or agreements that define the children's custody status.
3. If both parents retain parental rights, including but not limited to: custody, joint custody, physical custody, or any other situation where each parent retains some right to make decisions pertaining to the child's education, health, and welfare, then *both parents must sign an enrollment contract with NLCS.*

It is the responsibility of the parent presenting the application to correctly describe the custody situation and make contact, if requested, to the other parent to move forward with the application process.

Any claim that the other parent has had rights relinquished or terminated must be substantiated. A contract will be written to one parent alone only when it established to the Administrator's satisfaction that the other parent has no legal custody or parental rights that might involve the school.

4. Disputes between the parties, including differing information about the custody status and parental rights, will serve as grounds for the rejection of the application.
5. Step-parents have no legal rights regarding the enrollment of children at NLCS and will not be parties to the enrollment contract, unless they have guardianship or power of attorney to act on behalf of the spouse.
6. NLCS will cooperate in sending duplicate reports and notices to separated/divorced parents as is practical, but communication between the parties remains essential for the academic success of the student. NLCS will not be caught in the middle of any disputes, will not take sides, or show preference to one party over another.