



# TUITION AND FEES

## 2025-26

### NON-REFUNDABLE FEES

Application Fee (new students)	\$100
Enrollment Fee (new students)	\$350
Continuous Enrollment Fee (returning students)	\$250
Annual FACTS Maintenance Fee (per family)	\$50

### TUITION

	<i>Full Annual Rate</i>	<i>Variable Tuition*</i>
Elementary (K-5)	\$13,315	As low as \$5,992
Middle School (6-8)	\$14,125	As low as \$6,356

Tuition payments are made through FACTS. The following payment plan options are available:

- One annual payment: due on or before September 15th
- Semi-Annual payments: due 8/20 and 1/20
- Quarterly payments: due 8/20, 11/20, 2/20, and 5/20
- 10 monthly payments (Aug–May): due on either the 5th or 20th of each month
- 20 payments (Aug–May): due twice per month

*Late Fee: \$50 | Returned Payment Fee: \$30*

*\*Additional details on variable tuition found on last page*

### INCIDENTAL EXPENSES

Expenses incurred by students for field trips, lunches, clubs, extended care, etc. are billed as “incidentals” in your FACTS account the month following when the expense occurred. All accounts are required to be setup on autopay.



### WHAT IS VARIABLE TUITION?

Variable tuition is a system designed to make private education more accessible by adjusting tuition costs based on a family’s individual financial situation. It is not a “one-size-fits all” tuition approach.

Tuition costs range from 45-93% of the total cost to educate a student and matches your child’s tuition rate to your family’s unique financial situation. This makes an LCS education accessible to many qualified families who would not otherwise be able to join our school community.

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Lighthouse Christian School will admit students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to all students in the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions, financial assistance, athletic and other school administered programs.



## FINANCIAL POLICIES

### AUTOPAY REQUIREMENT

All financial accounts (FACTS accounts) must be set up on autopay for tuition and incidental charges. Autopay should be set up for your account by accessing the financial section of Family Portal. Any accounts not set up with autopay by August 30th of the new school year will automatically be opted into autopay by the LCS finance department.

### LATE & RETURNED PAYMENT FEES

A \$50.00 late fee will be assessed if the full monthly tuition payment is not received by FACTS within 5 days of the payment due date.

FACTS charges a \$30.00 fee for non-sufficient funds or returned payments. FACTS will make three attempts to collect payment. Each returned payment will result in additional non-refundable charges of \$30.00 each.

### DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

Families are encouraged to contact the school and make arrangements if their accounts may be facing delinquency. The school may unenroll students with delinquent accounts of 90 days or more. Once an account becomes 45 days delinquent, students will not be permitted to sign up for extra-curricular activities (e.g., after school clubs, camps, sports, musical clubs, etc.) until the past due balance is paid in full.

### CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT

Continuous enrollment for current students occurs in January for the following school year. Current Lighthouse students in K-7th grade will automatically be enrolled for the next school year. This process, called continuous enrollment, begins in January and ends on February 28th each year.

#### Key Dates:

- **January-February 28:** Continuous enrollment window for current LCS students (K-7th grade).
- **February 28:** Deadline for written withdrawal notice for the next school year without incurring the non-refundable continuous enrollment fee.
- **March 1:** Continuous enrollment fees (\$250 per student) will be invoiced to your FACT account.
- **March 15:** Continuous enrollment fees will auto-draft from your FACTS account.

### WITHDRAWAL POLICY

LCS bases its annual operating budget and financial plans on the expectation that students will attend for the entire school year. However, we understand that circumstances may change unexpectedly, causing families/students to leave before the start or end of the school year. To withdraw, families must complete the Notice of Withdrawal form, located on our website. Tuition charges may apply based on the below withdrawal timeframes:

- **By February 28th:** Family will be released from continued enrollment commitment.
- **After February 28th:** Family will be released from enrollment, but continuous enrollment fee is non-refundable.
- **March 1st to May 31st for the coming year:** Family is responsible for 10% of the total annual tuition (paid in June of current school year).
- **June 1st to the first day of school:** Family is responsible for 20% of the total annual tuition (due within 30 days of withdrawal notification).
- **After the first day of school:** Prorated tuition for days attended + 20% of total annual tuition.
- **Within second semester:** 100% of total annual tuition and will be billed in full upon withdrawal notification.

*Unique circumstances may be considered upon written request to the Director of Operations.*

For more detailed information on each of these policies, please review our Parent-Student Handbook.

## ADDITIONAL FEES

Your student/family may choose to utilize additional services and/of participate in extra-curricular activities that incur additional costs. Below are some examples of those types costs with general charge information. Note, all amounts subject to change.

### EXTENDED CARE

Families may utilize before and after school care on a drop-in basis. No pre-registration is needed. Billing is based on usage.

\$8/hour, billed in 15 minute increments (\$2.00 per each 15 minute increment beginning at 3:20 pm)

### LUNCH PRICES

Lunches are billed on a 3-tier pricing model (detailed below). A monthly calendar will be published each month with the lunch offerings for each day, along with their associated cost.

- \$4.75
- \$5.50
- \$6.50
- Drinks: \$0.75

### ALL-SCHOOL

Photos (individual and class).....	Varies by package choice
Yearbook.....	\$25.00-\$35.00
After School Enrichment Clubs.....	\$135.00 - \$175.00

### ELEMENTARY

Field Trips.....	\$5.00 - \$30.00
5th Grade Camp.....	\$50.00 - \$60.00
Elementary Athletics (additional uniform fees may apply).....	\$100.00 - \$150.00

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

Field Trips.....	\$5 - \$35
Middle School Retreat.....	\$75 - \$95
Athletics (additional uniform fees may apply).....	\$125 - \$175
7th Grade Mission Trip.....	\$400 - \$450
8th Grade WA DC Trip.....	Costs vary based on travel selections
8th Grade Class Sweatshirt.....	\$25 - \$40
Band: Instrument Fees.....	\$50 - \$100
Band: Retreat.....	\$85 - \$95
Student iPad + 3 yrs Apple Care (if purchased through LCS/billed over 3 yrs).....	\$500 - \$510

**DID YOU KNOW?** LCS has a donor-funded Discretionary Student Support Fund that offers financial support for participation in class/athletic/other activities that may otherwise be cost prohibitive. We offer one-time grants to help support participation in these events throughout the school year. Please contact Kate Bare (kbare@lcschool.org) for information on how to apply.

*Please note: Costs are subject to change and are based on previous years' costs This list is not exhaustive and may not represent every possible charge. LCS strives to keep costs down, making it possible for families and students to participate and enjoy their LCS experience.*

## VARIABLE TUITION

Lighthouse Christian School is committed to providing an accessible, high-quality education built on a Biblical worldview. We recognize not only the importance of a Christian education, but also the investment families make to secure that priceless gift for their children. We believe that economic diversity enriches the whole-school experience for all families and is important in creating an authentic and thriving Christian community.

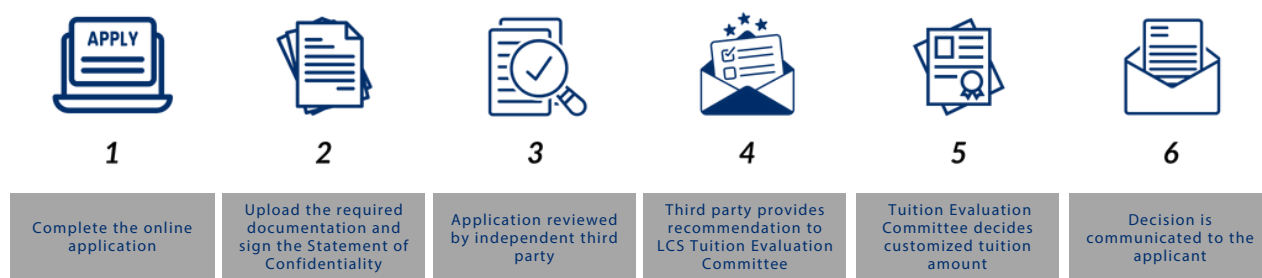
### HOW IT WORKS

Many factors, including income, assets, unusual expenses, and the size of the family are taken into consideration when determining the amount of tuition a family is able to pay. Families submit a financial profile (i.e. application) to FACTS, who evaluates the application on the basis of criteria set by LCS and makes a recommendation. The tuition committee would then review those recommendations and make a final determination on the customized tuition responsibility for each family.

### VARIABLE TUITION RANGES

ELEMENTARY K-5TH	MIDDLE SCHOOL 6TH-8TH	FULL COST OF EDUCATION PER STUDENT
\$5,992 - \$13,315	\$6,356 - \$14,125	\$15,954

### APPLICATION PROCESS



### VARIABLE TUITION POLICY

- Variable tuition is designed to support families based on financial need and are not designed to support lifestyle choices that result in heavy financial stress or indebtedness.
- All applications are reviewed by an independent financial assessment organization and a recommendation is provided for each application. Recommendations are reviewed by the LCS Tuition Evaluation Committee for final determination of eligibility and/or your customized tuition amount.
- We recognize that every family's situation is unique. One of the greatest factors in evaluating financial need depends on a family's adjusted gross income to tuition cost ratio. However, the committee will take into account other factors.
- Academic and disciplinary standards as presented in the Parent-Student Handbook must be maintained.
- Families receiving a discounted tuition rate through variable tuition must actively participate in the school community and stay current on financial obligations.
- Variable tuition applies only to the current school year. It may be renewed annually by application and may be different from past amounts if there are substantial changes in a family's income, assets or family makeup of enrolled students.

All records and correspondence are held in the strictest confidence. Only the Tuition Evaluation Committee will review this information. The identity of all students receiving a variable tuition rate is confidential.