

Los Altos Christian Schools is changing to Continuous Enrollment. This change will be completed by April 2022.

Continuous Enrollment is an efficient way for our families to re-enroll from year to year.

In fact, there is no need at all to re-enroll. Once your children enroll, they are continuously enrolled until graduation from LACS or the family follows an opt-out procedure.

JANUARY OPT-OUT Period Begins Applications Open • Students who will not be returning to Tuition rates for the following school LACS next school year must complete year announced. the opt-out form online by February 28, • Re-enrollment for current students **FEBRUARY** begins (Only for 2021-2022 school year re-enrollment packet has to be completed by February 28, 2021). **Down Payment MARCH** Your April tuition payment is the down payment for next school year which is tuition payment #1 for the next school **OPT-OUT Period Ends** • The April down payment is • The deadline for completing the **APRIL** non-refundable if you opt-out after opt-out form is February 28, 2021. February 28, 2021. Open enrollment for new students begins. **MAY Current Year Complete Payment Plans** • Either a one time payment or 10, 11 • Final tuition payment for the year is due. or 12 monthly payment options are available. JUNE

What is continuous enrollment?

- Rather than an opt-IN annual re-enrollment process, Continuous Enrollment is an OPT-OUT process.
 In other words, if you are returning to LACS after initially enrolling, you will never have to fill out another enrollment packet.
- All returning families must complete and submit the 2021-2022 re-enrollment packet by February 28, 2021. This will be the last time that you need to complete a re-enrollment packet and pay enrollment fee.
- OPT-OUT forms must be completed by February 28, 2021 if you are not planning to return.
- No student will be considered for re-enrollment for the succeeding academic year unless their billing account is current, and they are in good academic standing.
- LACS reserves the right to withdraw acceptance and terminate the enrollment contract based on determinations made by LACS in its sole discretion that the Student did not satisfactorily complete the school year either academically or behaviorally.

What is the Continuous Enrollment annual cycle?

January

- Tuition for the next year announced
- Wednesday, January 20, 2021: Re-enrollment for current students begins
- Wednesday, January 20, 2021: Opt-Out Period begins: https://www.lacs.com/opt-out-enrollment-form/

February

- Sunday, February 28, 2021: Re-enrollment period ends
- Sunday, February 28, 2021: Opt -Out Period ends
- March 1, 2021: Open Enrollment Begins

April

- Thursday, April 1, 2021: Continuous Enrollment tuition Down payment (10%) for next year is due which is the tuition payment #1 for next year.

June through March of the next year

- Monthly tuition payments #2 to #11 (of 12 payments) due
- Annual payments (pay in full, 2% discount) due in July (for families who choose annual)

· April of the next year

- Continuous Enrollment tuition Down payment 10% for the following year due

May of the next year

- Final tuition payment #12 (of 12 payments) due



What tuition payment plan(s) does LACS offer?

All families choose one of three payment plans:

- One annual payment for the full year tuition (less the 10% Continuous Enrollment Down payment) due July1st
- <u>Twelve</u> monthly payments, starting with the 10% Continuous Enrollment down payment in April and continuing June-May (the following April payment is for the next year)
- Eleven or ten monthly payments. starting with the 10% Continuous Enrollment down payment in April and continuing June through March.









How do families financially commit to return the next year?

- Tuition rates for the following year will be made available to parents on the School website by the THIRD week in January.
- Enrollment down payments will remain at 10% of the next year's tuition.
- Down payments will be billed to your FACTS account on March 15th and due by April 1st.
- Your child's space for the upcoming school year will be secured by remitting your 10% down payment by the April 1 due date.
- If you notify us by February 28th that your student is not returning for the following academic year by completing the online <u>OPT-OUT FORM</u>, we will reverse the down payment charge. Otherwise, it will be due and non-refundable.
- LACS's Monthly Payment Plan will be spread over 9, 10 or 11 months of your choice so that you will be relieved of a monthly payment in the month of April when Down payments are due.

**Exception: April 2021 when your current payment plan overlaps with next year's down payment.

• FACTS will continue to bill the same Tuition Plan of choice from year to year and, if elected, for the POM (Peace of Mind) Insurance for the duration of the student's enrollment unless the parent requests the change in writing to the Finance Office.

My child is in the after school care program. How does that affect continuous enrollment?

• Because participation in those programs varies from year to year depending upon a family's needs, registration for them is treated separately and does not affect Continuous Enrollment.

I am enrolling a new sibling of a current student. What do I need to do?

- Enrolling a sibling of a current student is the same as enrolling a new student. Each student will have their own Continuous Enrollment Contract.
- Enrolling a sibling of a current student is similar to enrolling a new student. The application process is online.
- Login to your FACTS Family Portal account
- Select "Apply/Enroll" to start a new application
- Depending upon the date the sibling is enrolled, the monthly payment plan will be adjusted accordingly.

How do new families become part of continuous enrollment?

As part of the enrollment process, new families must agree and sign a school contract during enrollment from which includes the following points:

- I hereby opt into continuous enrollment. This means that my children enrolled at LACS will keep returning to LACS every year unless I tell the school otherwise.
- I understand that I have until **February 28th every year** to notify the LACS Business Office of any changes in my plans of enrollment for my children.
- I understand that the Continuous Enrollment down payment will be drawn from my FACTS account in April each year.
- If I unenroll my children after Sunday, February 28, 2021 I understand that my April down payment is non-refundable.
- Unique circumstances: LACS recognizes that family plans change. For any unique circumstances (such as the following) families unenrolling after the announced deadline will be entitled to a refund of the April down payment:
 - Moving/relocating away (more than 50 miles from LACS)
 - Educational needs for the student that can no longer be met at LACS
 - Unenrollment at the request of LACS

Does our family need a FACTS account?

- Yes, all families must have a FACTS account for tuition collection. In addition to automatically collecting tuition payments, FACTS will manage the collection of the annual tuition down payment and other fees as needed.
- Those families who already have a FACTS account do not need to register for one again.
- You set up your LACS FACTS account during your initial enrollment.

What is the 2021-2022 enrollment fee?

 The enrollment fee is used for many of our administrative expenses including, but not limited to database fees, tuition collection fees, testing fees, first aid and emergency supplies, emergency alert services, and curriculum. Starting 2022-2023, there will be no more enrollment fees with continuous enrollment.

How is continuous enrollment down payment collected?

• The annual tuition down payment will be drawn from your FACTS account on April 1, unless the school receives an OPT-OUT FORM from you prior to February 28.

What if we enroll after school begins or midyear?

- For students entering LACS other than on the first day of school, the total annual tuition charged will be prorated to reflect the actual number of days the student is enrolled based on our school calendar.
- The first tuition payment will be adjusted to account for the reduced number of days attended, so that future monthly tuition installments will coincide in amount and number to that of our full year students.
- Enrollment fee & down payment must be paid in full.

What if I am behind on my account?

All accounts must be current in order to keep your continuous enrollment status active.

What will the tuition be next year?

• Tuition rates for the following year will be made available to parents on the school website by the THIRD week of January.

Is there a consequence if I opt-out and decide to enroll later?

- Families who complete an online OPT-OUT FORM and later decide to enroll must follow the procedure for new applicants and contact the Office for space availability. There will be no guarantee of a seat for that student. An administrative processing fee of \$100 is due if a spot is available.
- If space allows, families who enroll a student after the April down payments are collected will still have to make 10% down payment. The tuition balance will be distributed evenly between remaining months available in the payment plans. Therefore, monthly payments may be higher or doubled up.

