

Sophia Academy



The best kind of learning
for all students.

A one-of-a-kind school
for your child.

Sophia Academy sees each child as an individual with unlimited potential if given opportunities and tailored instruction. Research dictates the **ideal plan for a child's success**: small class size and multi-sensory learning. Our students love to come to school, and being an engaged learner is crucial to success. With a highly motivated staff and a **commitment to each student's learning style**, we provide a premier college prep K-9th grade environment. Individual goals and innovative instruction, as guided by the Georgia Performance Standards, produce results for all children. The Orton-Gillingham language program, specifically developed for dyslexic students, benefits all learners. Our **comprehensive curriculum** including music, art, theater, athletics, and Christian Education broadens our students' interests, promotes leadership, develops talents and shapes character.

Doesn't your child deserve all this?

For 12 years, we have successfully served students with learning differences. Responding to requests to include traditional learners, we are now expanding our student profile to benefit all of our school community.



Because small class size and multi-sensory instruction make all the difference...



Because character education reinforces the discipline of thinking intellectually and behaving morally...

Academics

Our program success comes from small class size which allows for individualized and specific instruction. Each family receives **detailed, personalized goals** reviewed frequently. For reading and spelling, we use the internationally acclaimed **Orton-Gillingham** approach. It is sequential and multi-sensory—letters are learned in specific groups in all learning modalities which teaches decoding of the English language.

Georgia Performance Standards guide the challenging comprehensive curriculum. Results from fall and spring standardized testing direct specific goals, and other internal testing occurs monthly. Accommodations and modifications are used when necessary.

Organizing information, both physically and mentally, is imperative to effective learning. The schoolwide **Sophia Academy Organizational System** is followed systematically in classrooms, and in student organizers.

Parents are required to participate actively in conferences, and attending many parent education meetings throughout the year will enhance understanding of your child's learning style.

Technology and Assistive Technology

For the most engaging instruction, all of our classrooms are equipped with **LCD projectors**; all grade levels have “**white board**” technology. All students are evaluated for assistive technology devices and software. All students have access to **audiovisual textbooks** and other books scanned online. Assistive technology eliminates barriers to a student's academic performance.

Our partnership with Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic allows our students to get novels on CDs. We are a leader in K-9 technology because of our collaboration with **AMAC** (Alternative Media Access Center) at Georgia Tech.

Parents are also trained on the software: Text Aloud, PDF Equalizer, Read & Write Gold, and Inspiration.

Judeo-Christian Education, Service & Spirituality

The concept of a Christian community is the basis of school life at Sophia Academy; at the heart of our school is the spirit of servant leadership. Judeo-Christian principles and teachings provide the basis for the development of personal faith and moral development.

To understand the world around us and to develop compassion, we incorporate numerous service opportunities, mission trips and Bible studies. We supplement the curriculum from the **Council for Spiritual and Ethical Education** with our monthly character trait program.

- > We regularly celebrate students for excellent performance in this area, thus reinforcing strong character.
- > Daily prayer sets the tone and standards for the entire community.
- > Every grade presents in Chapel, held weekly. Leadership roles for Middle School give them opportunities for growth and confidence in their faith.
- > Inspirational guest speakers such as religious scholars and community leaders present regularly at chapel.
- > Middle School Peer Leader program provides venues for students to exemplify a spirit of hospitality and serve as role models for new students.

Athletics

Our campus has grown to include a state of the art 23,000 square foot gymnasium that allows students PE/Health three times weekly and numerous extracurricular opportunities.

Intramural sports are available all year for 3rd - 9th grade, encouraging team building skills and physical activity as well as making Sophia Academy a safe place for students to participate in their community outside the academic day. Interscholastic teams include 5th - 9th grade girls and boys **volleyball, basketball** and **track and field**. Our **Athletics Program** and **new gym facility** continue to set us apart in this area.

Fine Arts

Our award-winning Fine Arts program which includes music, theater and art provides additional **opportunities for learning and success**. Research shows the arts help students grasp concepts and make connections between academic subjects.

Enrichment opportunities abound including Drama Club, theatrical performances and Chorus.

Sophia Academy has received **statewide recognition for excellence** in this area, including One-Act Play competitions.



Because exercise increases academic learning, we offer more than the recommended 30 minutes daily....



Our Teachers

With a passion for teaching engaging lessons and finding the appropriate method of learning for each student, Sophia Academy teachers model the high expectations we set for our students.

- > Early dismissal on Wednesdays (12:45 pm) allows for weekly professional development for teachers.
- > Speech Language Pathologist and Reading Specialist are available to students needing further specific interventions.
- > Professional Learning Communities offer cross-curricular and multi-grade level collaboration as well as development and implementation of schoolwide projects and programs.
- > After school tutoring, tutorial and SSAT Prep are also offered by our staff.

Middle School

Recognizing this “turning point” between childhood and adulthood, we serve Middle School students first with strong teacher relationships. Developing individual strengths and passions, we also provide the new level of academics with organizational supports.

- > To support struggling readers, the SRA Reading program enhances our curriculum
- > Leadership opportunities: Peer and Retreat Leader, Honor Council, Student Government, Beta Club, student-produced newsletter, off-site community service, reading buddies with younger students
- > Week-long overnight curriculum-related trip, Mission Trip
- > Extracurriculars: One-Act Play, Interscholastic sports and intramurals, Select Chorus



“His teachers have shown a belief in him and his abilities as a whole, not just what he can academically express. This is an answer to my prayers.”

Middle School parent



Student Profile

Our teachers know our students well and are committed to their success. We serve bright children who respond positively to our high expectations, and those arriving with identified learning differences receive specific interventions to improve academic achievement. Eighty percent of our students participate in extracurricular activities at Sophia Academy which further enhances their educational experience.

Awards



Basketball Champions 2011
Northern Regional GA Memorial One-Act Play winner in several categories
Volleyball team league finalists
Robotics regional winner
NASET School of the Year, NASET Teacher of the Year
Distinguished Educator of the Year, GA Holocaust Commission
Georgia Mother of the Year 2010
Energy Star Award: only 1 of 12 elementary/middle schools in GA
Green Challenge leader 2009

History/Location

Marie Corrigan, Founding Director, established Sophia Academy in 1999 with the vision of creating a challenging school for students who needed more individual attention, multi-sensory learning and specialized instruction.

Our growth has positioned us in a new 50,000 square foot campus inside I-285 including a gym/theater/chapel of GHSA regulation size which will accommodate 216 students with a comprehensive school experience.

Admissions Information

Rolling admissions throughout the year as related to space available.

Each applicant is given an academic screening of approximately 45 minutes in length, designed to reflect grade level abilities and learning style strengths and weaknesses. The fee for this assessment is \$100.

Tuition for 2011/2012 is \$9,000 for kindergarten, \$15,000 for traditional learners (1st-9th grade) and \$20,200 for those with learning differences (1st-9th grade).

A catered lunch is available at a separate cost.

Eagles Club, the after-school program, is available until 6:00 pm.

The student body is comprised of young people from diverse backgrounds throughout the metro Atlanta area.

Note: Financial aid is available, including SB10 and GOAL scholarship opportunities.

Accreditations and Affiliations

SACS SAIS AAAS LDA LDAG IDAG CASE GISA
GA Department of Education Advisory Board
Council for Spiritual and Ethical Education
Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic
AMAC (Alternative Media Access Center) at Georgia Tech



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