



# **Sophia Academy**

**The Number One Christian School for Students with  
Learning Differences**  
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***Sophia Academy is a K-8 Independent School serving bright children with Dyslexia, ADHD and other unique learning styles that benefit from a small class size, individualized plan and innovative multi-sensory instruction.***

## ***Accreditations and Affiliations***

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Council For Spiritual And Ethical Education Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic  
Alternative Media Access Center at the University of Georgia

## ***History and Location***

Marie Corrigan, Founding Director, established Sophia Academy in 1999 with the dream of creating a challenging academic program for children who struggle in a traditional educational environment. Ten years later, our strong growth has positioned us in a new 50,000 square foot campus in suburban Atlanta that will accommodate 216 students in grades K-8 with a full school experience that includes a Christian Education program, music, art and theater in a highly specialized learning environment.

## ***Academic Program***

- Crucial to our program success is a small class size that allows for individualized and direct instruction.
- Sophia teachers use specialized, multi-sensory instruction and positive learning experiences to develop strong skills, challenge thinking and encourage a life-long love of learning in the children we serve.
- The Orton-Gillingham approach utilized at Sophia Academy is language-based, multi-sensory, structured, sequential and cumulative. Infinitely flexible, it is diagnostic-prescriptive in nature. The teacher seeks to understand how an individual learns and to devise the appropriate teaching strategies for that student.
- Georgia Performance Standards guide the challenging curriculum offered at Sophia Academy in a comprehensive full-day program with appropriate accommodations and modifications as necessary.
- Teachers and students utilize state of the art Assistive technology to help children succeed.
- When appropriate, there are available Resource Rooms for parent-contracted specialists.
- Many students come to Sophia Academy for remediation, staying an average of three years. Others find that the small class size and individual instruction through 8th grade is the best way to prepare them for success in high school.
- Families are crucial to the success of their child's education and parents are required to participate actively in conferences, Parent Council and scheduled parent meetings throughout the year.
- Both informal and standardized tests document progress so that academic strengths and weaknesses can be monitored and addressed.
- Daily tutorials after school allow students to receive additional individual help ensuring their success in class.
- **Sophia Academy is known for our rigorous academic program and excellent outplacement success.**

***“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 our prayers. Thank you Sophia!***

***- Middle School Parent***

## ***Christian Education, Service and Spirituality***

- The concept of a Christian community is the basis of school life at Sophia Academy. Opportunities to live our faith abound through a student run honor code system, abundant service opportunities, mission trips, Bible studies and the daily aspects of school life.
- Judeo-Christian principles and teachings provide the basis for the development of personal faith and moral development.
- As members of the Council for Spiritual and Ethical Education, we use their curriculum in conjunction with our character trait program and both are enhanced in weekly chapel and classroom activities.
- Students are regularly celebrated for excellent performance in this area, ensuring more areas for success.
- Regular corporate and individual prayer build a firm faith foundation for the entire community.
- Leadership opportunities for Middle School students give them opportunities for growth and confidence in their faith.
- Mission trips and service projects teach Sophia Academy students the importance of giving of themselves to society.
- Inspirational guest speakers such as religious scholars and community influencers present regularly at Chapel.
- An active peer leader program allows Middle school students the chance to exemplify a spirit of hospitality and serve as role models and friends to younger students.
- **Sophia Academy is the only Christian School for learning differences in the state of Georgia.**

## ***Athletics***

- Our campus has grown to include a state of the art 23,000 square foot gymnasium that allows students numerous extracurricular opportunities.
- Inter mural sports are available throughout the school year, encouraging team building skills and physical activity as well as making Sophia Academy a safe place for students to participate in their community.
- Interscholastic teams include girls and boys volleyball, basketball and track and field.
- Full time Athletic Director specializing in physical education and health directs this part of our comprehensive approach designed to support and challenge the students academically while helping them develop gifts and talents in other areas.
- Research suggests that physical activity increases student's cognitive control and a significant increase in reading comprehension.
- **Sophia Academy's Athletics Program and new gym facility continues to set us apart in this area.**

## ***Fine Arts***

- An engaging Fine Arts program that includes music, theatre and art provides additional opportunities for learning and success.
- Research shows the arts help students grasp concepts and make connections between academic subjects such as math, English and science.
- Enrichment opportunities abound including Drama club, Theatrical performances and Chorus.
- **Sophia Academy has received statewide recognition for their excellence in this area, including One Act Play competitions.**

## ***Assistive Technology***

- Technology can open doors and break down barriers for students with learning differences. Sophia Academy is at the forefront of the use of assistive Technology in the state of Georgia partnering with the Alternative Media Access Center at the University of Georgia and is quickly becoming the leader in this area.
- Our partnership with Reading for The Blind and Dyslexic allows our students to get novels on tape.
- A full time technology specialist assesses students to determine what programs will be most effective in helping them reach their full potential as a student.
- Parents and students are trained on the technology and ongoing assessments are utilized to measure effectiveness.
- Programs used include Text Aloud, PDF Equalizer and Read & Write Gold as well as Inspiration software that allows students to plan, research and complete projects successfully.
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## ***Admissions Information***

- Rolling admissions throughout the year as related to space available.
- Parent tour/Director interview
- Each applicant is given an academic screening approximately one hour in length, designed to reflect grade level abilities and learning style strengths and weaknesses. The fee for this assessment is \$100.00
- Tuition for the 2009/2010 school year is \$18,700.
- A hot, nutritious lunch program is available for about \$5.00 a day.
- After-school program available until 6:00 pm.
- Financial aid, including SB10 and GOAL scholarship opportunities, is available.
- The student body is comprised of young people from diverse backgrounds throughout the metro Atlanta area.