



The Siena School Expanding to Northern Virginia in 2021

Leader in dyslexia education announces new campus opening in Oakton, Virginia

Silver Spring, Maryland, March 8, 2021— The Siena School announced it is opening a second campus in Oakton, Virginia in fall 2021. Siena’s nationally-recognized program serves bright students with dyslexia and similar language-based learning differences. In the 2021-2022 school year, Siena’s Oakton campus will serve grades 3–8. The school plans to grow into high school grades in subsequent years.

“After years of discussion and planning, we are excited to finally make The Siena School more accessible to Virginia students and families,” said Erik Heyer, founder and board chair of The Siena School. “Families and professionals in Northern Virginia had long asked if Siena could expand to the area. We had to pause our Virginia campus plans last year due to the pandemic, but ongoing and increasing interest made it evident this effort was as important as ever.”

With as many as 20% of children in the U.S. estimated as having dyslexia, there are thousands of students in Northern Virginia and surrounding areas who could benefit from specialized instruction for students with language-based learning differences.



The Siena School offers a unique program and learning environment that is designed specifically to meet the needs of students with dyslexia. The school's model is focused on:

- Expert teaching that uses the best research, resources, strategies, and staff to be a national model in dyslexia education;
- Individualized instruction including small classes and personalized attention;
- Multisensory learning including visual, auditory, and kinesthetic techniques;
- Developing each student's strengths and gifts;
- Providing appropriate accommodations so that all students can access a rigorous curriculum of high standards; and
- Celebrating creativity and the arts.

"As we've seen at Siena and in my own experience leading schools for students with learning differences, teachers are key," said [Jennifer Betts, head of school](#) for Siena's Northern Virginia campus. "We are actively building our team and recruiting experienced teachers and staff who thrive in this type of learning environment."

Learn more about [The Siena School's Oakton, Virginia campus](#).

About The Siena School

The Siena School, a leader in dyslexia education, serves bright, college-bound students with language-based learning differences. The school was established in 2006 in Silver, Spring MD where it serves students in grades 4-12. The new Oakton, VA campus will serve grades 3-8 starting in fall 2021, and will add high school grades going forward. Siena's staff and board of advisors include distinguished national, state, and local education leaders and professionals. Siena's program is designed for students with mild to moderate learning needs who are experiencing a discrepancy between their academic achievement and intellectual abilities in one or more areas such as reading, writing, oral expression, or math. For further information, contact The Siena School at (301) 244-3600 or visit www.thesienaschool.org.