

Your Questions Answered About the Galileo Expansion..

Question: What is the primary purpose of opening another Galileo Location?

The primary purpose of opening another location is to provide open seats in a Galileo School to accommodate more than 600 current families trying to get their children into Galileo. Many of the families on the current waiting list have been waiting 3-4 years for an open seat and are anxious for their children to have an awesome Galileo experience.

Question: Will the new school be a replication of the current school?

Yes! The new school is intended to be a replication of our current school with regards to curriculum model, staffing, mission, vision, and size.

Question: Where will the new location be? When will it open?

The new location will hopefully be South and West of the current Galileo School in Sanford, but a location has not yet been identified. Galileo Facilities Committee is working hard to find a site that meets our budget limitations, size needs, and optimal location based on the family needs who are on our current wait list. The new school is slated to open in August 2020.

Question: How can Galileo build another campus when the first location still doesn't have the track and field and other perks that we want?

The new location will not use funds from the current location. They are two separate budget entities. One will not financially support the other.

Question: What will the leadership of the new location look like?

The new location will be governed by the current Galileo Board of Directors, and overseen by Mrs. Nunez, who also serves as the CEO of the Galileo School Foundation. The Galileo Board of Directors and Mrs. Nunez will work together to hire a Principal, Assistant Principal, and qualified school staff for the new school.

Question: Will Mrs. Nunez remain the Principal of the current Galileo School site in Sanford?

Yes! Mrs. Nunez will continue as the Principal at the Sanford site, but will be train the new principal and oversee business operations at the new site.

Question: Will my child's current teacher go to the new school site?

We hope to have a few of our seasoned Galileo Teachers move to the new school site to provide needed teacher leadership. It will be up to the individual teachers at Galileo to determine if they would like to apply to be on the staff at the new school

Question: Are there worries that you will not be able to fill 580 student seats in the opening year of the new school?

No. Our waiting list and following is increasing annually. Galileo remains one of the best school options for all students in Seminole County.

Question: Will any of the money that I donate to Galileo School this year be allocated to the new campus?

No.

Question: Will the new school have their own fundraisers as the project begins? Yes! Our first fundraiser was October 2018: Galileo Skyway Gala. We plan on having this event on a yearly basis.

Question: Are there further plans for expansion after the newest school opens?

There are no current plans for further expansion at this time, but it has not been ruled out.

Question: Will current Galileo students have the option to move to the new campus if they choose to relocate?

Yes. For the first year only (2020-2021), current Galileo students will have preference in the lottery and be able to relocate to the new site.

Question: If I want for my child to attend the new school, when can I start applying for the lottery?

The lottery application for the 2020-2021 school year will be available in January 2020.