



# Transforming the family tree through literacy

## Family Support Office

Home is where literacy takes root, and when a child struggles with reading, the search for answers and specialists trained in detecting learning differences can be difficult and intimidating. Neuhaus Education Center resources and referral services provide families with a welcome first step in unlocking a path to reading success.

### College Share 2025 Presents

## UNLOCKING YOUR STORY: COLLEGE ESSAY STRATEGIES WITH SANDY BAIRFIELD

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 | 7pm CST |  
in-person only @ Neuhaus Education Center



**Geared for high school juniors and seniors with learning disabilities, this presentation will highlight strategies to support students along their college essay writing journey.**

**About the Speaker:** With 24 years in education, Sandy Bairfield brings deep expertise as an educator and instructional leader with particular expertise in supporting high school students as writers, especially in crafting compelling and authentic college application essays. As an AP Seminar teacher, ACT Certified Educator, and instructional coach, she is especially interested in writing instruction and college essay development. She has designed and implemented targeted lessons to support students in writing authentic, purpose-driven college application essays, both in the classroom and through individualized tutoring. Her approach blends rigorous skill-building and modeling with student-centered feedback, empowering writers to navigate the college admissions process with confidence.

## We're here to help!

Contact us by emailing  
**NeuhausFSO@neuhaus.org**  
or calling **713-664-7676**

## Frequently Asked Questions

Find the answers to the most frequently asked questions for families with struggling readers including those with dyslexia.

Please visit:

<https://neuhaus.org/our-services/families/parents-faq/>

## You Can Help Your Child Booklet

Use this helpful guide to learn more about Neuhaus Education Center, resources available to families, and how families can help their child with dyslexia.

[\(English Version\)](#)

[\(Versión en español\)](#)



Register for the 2025 College Share event by clicking [HERE](#)

# 2025 Fall Schedule of Events

## Virtual Monthly Information Session - 10:00am - noon (CST) | Virtual

This repeating virtual presentation includes information on reading challenges, including dyslexia, multisensory, research-based instruction, and the Texas dyslexia legislation. Presentation also includes resources available at Neuhaus and within the Houston-area community.

Click one of the dates below to register!



- [Wednesday, September 10, 2025](#)
- [Saturday, September 13, 2025](#)
- [Wednesday, October 8, 2025](#)
- [Saturday, October 11, 2025](#)
- [Saturday, November 8, 2025](#)
- [Wednesday, November 12, 2025](#)
- [Wednesday, December 3, 2025](#)
- [Saturday, December 6, 2025](#)

scan the QR code to register or visit [neuhaus.org/events/family-support-events/](https://neuhaus.org/events/family-support-events/)



### Virtual Dyslexia 101 - Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Noon - 1:00 p.m. (CST) | Virtual | Click [HERE](#) to register!

Gain insight into the challenges individuals face when learning to read, including identifying those who may have dyslexia, and explore the necessary components of reading instruction crucial to their learning process.



### Virtual Dyslexia 201 - Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Noon - 1:00 p.m. (CST) | Virtual | Click [HERE](#) to register!

This session offers participants the opportunity to actively engage in structured literacy lessons for students with dyslexia and gain a better understanding of dyslexia therapy and their child's experience within it.



### Virtual Dyslexia Simulation - Wednesday, October 15, 2025

3:30 - 5:00 p.m. (CST) | Virtual | Click [HERE](#) to register!

This simulation guides you through reading and handwriting activities in a way that allows you to experience a sense of the struggles and frustration that students with learning differences often face. Understanding the difficulties that students face can help us provide more effective support.



### College Panel - Wednesday, January 7, 2026

7:00 p.m. (CST) | Virtual | Click [HERE](#) to register!

For more than 20 years, Neuhaus Education Center, The Briarwood School, and the Houston Branch of The International Dyslexia Association (HBIDA) have hosted College Panel, an annual event where high school students have the opportunity to hear directly from current college students about how to successfully navigate college with learning differences. These students will share information about their colleges, programs available at their schools, and their strategies for success. This panel is an inspiration for freshmen and sophomores and a necessity for juniors and seniors in high school who are planning to attend college.

