

## **Scuola Vita Nuova Expansion**

Scuola Vita Nuova (SVN) is a Missouri charter Local Education Agency (LEA) in Kansas City, Missouri. The LEA operates a single charter school serving grades K-8. The scope of this project is to support the continued expansion of the school to double its capacity from 207 to 414 students. This project will replicate the school's current instructional design for the expanded capacity, provide more support for constructivist instruction and significantly increase family engagement.

The academic outcomes for Scuola Vita Nuova students demonstrate that it is a high-quality charter school. The proficiency of students on the state assessments is dramatically better than Kansas City Public Schools and approaching the overall state percentages while serving a student population approximately two-thirds of whom are English learners. Further, Scuola Vita Nuova is ranked fifth out of the nineteen traditional and charter school districts serving Kansas City students on State assessments.

The strongest testament to this project supporting the expanded capacity of Scuola Vita Nuova is community demand. There were 80 students on the waiting list across all grades K-8 compared to total enrollment of about 200 students when the district's board decided to expand the school. Kansas City parents are becoming increasingly aware of the quality of educational choices and are selecting Scuola Vita Nuova for their children.