

KIPP NEWARK JUSTICE ACADEMY

Welcome to KIPP Justice Academy, KIPP Newark's sixth middle school. Opened in 2021, KIPP Justice Academy educates students in grades 5-8.

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Opened: 2021
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Hours: 8:00AM-3:45PM (M, Tu, Th, F) 8:00AM-12:45PM (W)

454
OF STUDENTS

5-8
GRADES

73%
PROFICIENCY IN ALGEBRA 1 FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

31%
MORE LIKELY TO COMPLETE COLLEGE THAN NON-KIPP STUDENTS

74%
AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS

10%
LATINX STUDENTS

15%
MULTIRACIAL STUDENTS

ABOUT KIPP JUSTICE ACADEMY

At KIPP Justice Academy, we stand as a part of our greater Newark community to advance inclusion by offering an excellent education. We believe in the power of rigorous, relevant and revolutionary teaching that challenges and affirms every student and molds self-assured leaders.

ABOUT KIPP NEWARK

KIPP Newark schools are part of the nationally recognized "Knowledge Is Power Program" non-profit network of college preparatory, public charter schools educating elementary, middle, and high school students. In 2002, 80 fifth graders walked through the doors of our first middle school in Newark, New Jersey. KIPP Newark has since grown to teach 6,321 students in grades K-12 across 12 schools in Newark. Ninety of KIPP Newark students currently qualify for free or reduced meals. KIPP Newark alumni earn college degrees at more than three times the national average compared to their peers. By offering highly effective educators with strong bonds to families, more time in school learning, services that support a variety of student needs, and a culture focused on achievement, our students are on the path to and through college, career, and beyond.

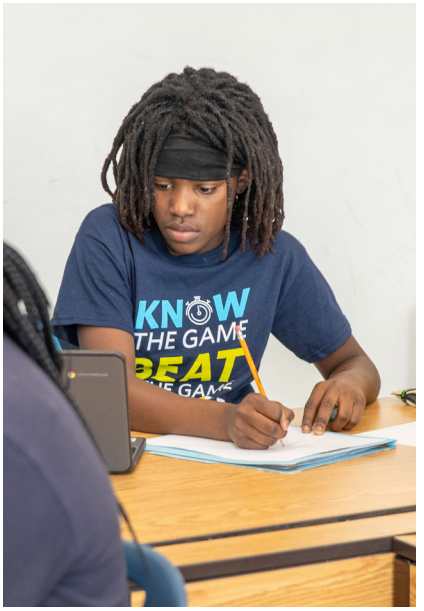
Values

GROWTH & ACHIEVEMENT

PURPOSE

SELF-EXPRESSION









What makes KIPP Justice Academy unique?

CULTIVATING CRITICAL THINKING

We foster an environment where curiosity and critical thinking are at the forefront of every lesson. Engaging activities like the Mathematics Competition, where students race to solve challenging problems, encourage collaboration and quick thinking. Our state-of-the-art library empowers students to engage in thoughtful discussions, and invites them to explore multiple viewpoints.

GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT

We all possess limitless potential that allows us to improve. We set meaningful goals and actively work towards achieving them. We consistently reflect to evolve into the best versions of ourselves. We do not settle for anything less than we are capable of and deserve.

How are students progressing?

OUR CURRICULUM

Scholars are tested throughout the year to make sure they are learning, so we don't just rely on state tests to know if they are on track. Our students enjoy a challenging and immersive academic program: In English Language Arts classes, the KIPP Wheatley literacy curriculum offers students texts that encourage students to examine important periods in history, as well as contemporary works that are must-reads for kids today. In math courses, students balance skill mastery with deep conceptual understanding of math, while our Amplify Science curriculum melds technology with hands-on components, building on kids' natural curiosity about the world around them.

RESULTS THAT MATTER

Though we focus on character, our students also receive an education that prepares them for college and beyond. A 2023 study by Mathematica showed that KIPP middle and high school students are 31% more likely to complete college than their peers who did not attend KIPP. The study found the effect was great enough to nearly close college completion gap between Black and Hispanic students and their peers.

Our dedicated KIPP Forward team of college and career counselors will support midde school students even after they've left our classrooms.

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SHARAE LEWIS-GRIFFITH

Sharae Lewis-Griffith started her career in her hometown of Brooklyn, New York as a third grade teacher at an all boys charter school. Prior to being named the principal of KIPP Justice Academy, Sharae served as a Principal in Residence at KIPP BOLD Academy, managing ELA instruction across the school. She joined the BOLD family in 2015 as a founding teacher. Sharae received her B.A. in politics and government with a minor in sociology from the University of Hartford. She also holds an M.A. in teaching from Relay Graduate School of Education. Sharae recently completed the Miles Family Fellowship and also joined The Fisher Fellowship cohort for 2020-2021 school year.

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