



# KIPP: New Jersey

## KIPP Newark Collegiate Academy

From AP courses to college tours, NCA prepares students to succeed in college and in life beyond.

### ABOUT KIPP NEWARK COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

KIPP Newark Collegiate Academy is our network's first - and currently only - high school. NCA serves students from both KIPP TEAM and KIPP RISE Academies when they step up from middle school, as well as new to KIPP ninth graders who fill other open seats. Located in the Central Ward near Branch Brook Park, NCA offers a well-rounded educational experience including Honors and AP course options, varsity athletics, and a variety of clubs that appeal to student interests.

### ABOUT KIPP NEW JERSEY

KIPP New Jersey's schools are part of the nationally recognized "Knowledge Is Power Program" network of free, open-enrollment, college-preparatory public schools dedicated to preparing students in under-served communities for success in college and in life. We opened our doors in 2002 and will continue to grow to reach 15 schools in Newark and Camden. By offering outstanding educators, more time in school learning, and a culture focused on achievement, 92% of our high school seniors have matriculated to college proving that demographics don't define destiny.



**NEWARK COLLEGIATE  
ACADEMY**

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#### WEBSITE:

[www.kippnj.org/schools/newark-collegiate-academy](http://www.kippnj.org/schools/newark-collegiate-academy)

#### SCHOOL LEADER:

Bridgett Hitchings

#### OPENED:

2007

#### HOURS:

8:00AM-4:45PM (M)

8:00AM-4:30PM (Tu, W, Th)

8:00AM-3:45PM (F)

600

STUDENTS SERVED

9-12

GRADES



94% AFRICAN  
AMERICAN,  
5% LATINO



22%  
QUALIFY  
FOR SPED  
SERVICES



83%  
ELIGIBLE FOR FREE  
OR REDUCED-PRICE  
LUNCH

## WHAT MAKES NCA UNIQUE?

### WORLD CLASS FACILITIES

NCA was built from the ground up to give our students the campus they deserve. It includes science labs that were designed by teachers to enhance their lessons, a full-court gymnasium, both Mac and PC labs, art and drama studios, and an inspiring view of the downtown Newark skyline.

### COLLEGE TOURS

College tours are a critical tool in the effort to increase college persistence and graduation rates. Each spring hundreds of kids take trips to visit colleges. They attend lectures, take guided tours, and visit local museums.

### KIPP THROUGH COLLEGE

We support our kids to and through college. This goes beyond simply helping students find the school that's right for them, our advisors have arranged over 50 college visits, regularly meet students on campus, and host alumni events.

## VIRTUES

Humanity • Excellence • Courage

## IMPACT

### PROGRESS REPORTING

NCA provides students and families with ample data to determine whether or not a student is on track. They include three ACT diagnostics each year so students can see their progress on college readiness standards, regular progress reports with academic data on

class performance metrics, discipline data, reading growth data, and many others.

### RESULTS

Newark Collegiate Academy 11th graders took the HSPA until they started taking the PAARC test across the state. On

the last HSPA test, NCA 11th graders were 97% proficient in reading, beating both Newark Public Schools and the state average, and 69% proficient in mathematics, beating the Newark Public School district.

## ABOUT BRIDGETT HITCHINGS, SCHOOL LEADER

Bridgett Hitchings was one of the founding teachers who opened Newark Collegiate Academy in 2007. Since then, she has served in several capacities at the school, including but not limited to, Dean of Freshmen, Director of Student Services, and Dean of Culture. In 2011, Ms. Hitchings became the School Leader at Newark Collegiate Academy and has served in that capacity since that time. Prior to joining the KIPP NJ team, she was a science teacher at Weequahic High School, a comprehensive high school in the Newark Public School district.

Ms. Hitchings's desire to see the students of Newark become equipped with the knowledge and skills to compete and succeed in our ever-changing world drives her leadership. She is excited to lead a team that provides rigorous and engaging content for students in the classroom and diversified opportunities for students to learn, grow, and have fun outside of the classroom.

