



KIPP:

New Jersey

KIPP Lanning Square Middle School

KIPP's first middle school in Camden opened its doors to 252 scholars this year.

ABOUT KIPP LANNING SQUARE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Located in Camden's Lanning Square section, KIPP Lanning Square Middle School (KLSM) was founded in 2015 with 252 scholars in the 5th - 8th grades. As part of the Lanning Square community, KLSM scholars grow academically by tapping into a GRIT-filled spirit, as well as, have the opportunity to join numerous after-school programs that will help to grow their myriad of talents. Each day, scholars realize their true potential both in and out of the classroom as one team, one family to change the face of Camden.

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 scholars 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.



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SCHOOL LEADER:
Bridgit Cusato-Rosa

OPENED:
2015

HOURS:
7:15AM-4:15PM (M, T, Th, F)
7:15AM-1:00PM (W)

252

SCHOLARS SERVED

5-8

GRADES



50% AFRICAN AMERICAN, 40% LATINO



QUALIFY FOR SPED SERVICES



ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH

WHAT MAKES KIPP LANNING SQUARE MIDDLE UNIQUE?

WE ARE CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

KLSM scholars are pushed to realize their true potential in and out of the classroom as one team, one family to change the face of Camden. The mornings begin with community circle where the scholars dive into the school values, college presentations and issues faced in society. As part of the city invincible, KLSM scholars truly embody the relentless spirit of Camden and believe that with hard work and determination success is the only option.

TEAM AND FAMILY

As one team and one family, teachers, parents and scholars work together to ensure the needs of each scholar is met. All scholars belong to family groups that meet regularly to focus on character development. These groups allow scholars and teachers to build strong relationships that help to push academic rigor and build overall character of our scholars. Additionally, there are numerous evening events where the team and family come together to celebrate each other. Some of the events include: Brother to Brother, Sister to Sister, teacher vs. scholar games and numerous performances.

TO AND THROUGH COLLEGE

KLSM scholars dive into rigorous academic material infused with love and joy to ensure 100% of scholars are on the path to and through college. Classrooms at KLSM are named after colleges, grade levels are named after the year scholars will graduate from college and scholars have numerous opportunities to visit and learn about colleges throughout the year. Scholars are also encouraged to join after-school programs that strengthen their talents in such areas as: track, basketball, dance, band, art club, soccer, field hockey, drama, computers and so much more.

VALUES



Grit



Zest



Self-Control



Optimism



Gratitude



Social Intelligence



Curiosity

IMPACT

PROGRESS REPORTING

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. Teachers have custom-built dashboards to make this data actionable on a daily and weekly basis. We collect hundreds of data points on each of our

scholars throughout the year, and send them to parents weekly to keep them informed of their scholars' progress. Twice a year, we use the nationally-normed MAP test to measure our progress against the nation.

RESULTS

Our scholars take the MAP test in the fall and spring to measure their progress on a nationally-normed scale. Though we focus on character, our scholars also receive an education that prepares them for college and beyond.

ABOUT BRIDGIT CUSATO-ROSA, SCHOOL LEADER

Bridgit Cusato-Rosa was born and raised in southern New Jersey and attended Drew University where she studied Sociology and Latin American Politics. She then completed her J.D. at Rutgers Law in Newark. She taught 6th and 8th grade at Dr. William H. Horton School in Newark for six years. She then worked for North Star Academy for 5 years as a 6th ELA teacher, grade level chair, and instructional coach. Four years ago, she was given the opportunity to return home and work as a principal in the city of Camden and she has loved every minute of it! As the founding principal of KLSM, she is excited to watch the scholars and school become part of the educational revolution in Camden.

