KIPP New Jersey’s first school in Camden, NJ serves students in grades K-4 as part of KIPP Cooper Norcross Academy, located in the Lanning Square neighborhood.

A NEW KIND OF PUBLIC SCHOOL
Through the Urban Hope Act, KIPP Cooper Norcross Academy at Lanning Square is a renaissance school: a new kind of public school in New Jersey that combines the autonomy of charter schools with a direct and cooperative relationship with the district, higher funding, and guaranteed admission to all students living in the surrounding communities of all five schools.

ABOUT KIPP COOPER NORCROSS ACADEMY
New Jersey’s first renaissance school, the KIPP Cooper Norcross Academy in Camden, N.J., was established under the state’s Urban Hope Act, which created a pilot program to provide students in three struggling school districts - Camden, Newark and Trenton - access to new, quality public schools in their communities. The Academy was created in partnership with KIPP, one of the most renowned, national networks of free, open-enrollment, college preparatory public charter schools; The Cooper Foundation, the charitable arm of Cooper University Health Care, and the Norcross Foundation. The schools opened in 2015 and provides guaranteed enrollment for students in grades Pre-K-3 and 5th through 8th living in the immediate neighborhoods.
WHAT MAKES KIPP LANNING SQUARE PRIMARY UNIQUE?

CO-TEACHING
Each classroom has two teachers (and sometimes more!) helping the students learn. As a result, teachers can pull small groups, provide extensive interventions, continuously assess students, and teach together with another committed and passionate teacher. This model ensures that all students receive the support they need to excel.

TO AND THROUGH COLLEGE
Part of a team that supports to and through college - Students at Lanning Square Primary will start in our pre-K program and continue with us through elementary, middle, and high school. Being a part of KIPP New Jersey also means that students have an advisor and a KIPP Through College team to support them on their journey to and through college.

CHARACTER EDUCATION
At Lanning Square Primary, we are committed to helping all students develop their character through leadership, self-confidence, and advocacy skills. These skills, combined with a rigorous standards-based curriculum, will help ensure our students are leaders both inside and outside of the classroom.

HOW ARE STUDENTS PROGRESSING?

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

RESULTS
Our students take the MAP test in the winter and spring to measure their progress on a nationally-normed scale. Our elementary students typically finish elementary school around the 70th percentile in math nationally and the 60th percentile in reading, after starting closer to the 25th percentile.