Founded in 2002, KIPP TEAM Academy is our network’s first school built on the premise that together, everyone achieves more.

ABOUT KIPP TEAM ACADEMY
KIPP TEAM Academy is our network’s flagship, founding school. Founded in 2002, TEAM has grown to a full-size middle school in Newark’s south ward. TEAM’s original class, the class of 2010, has graduated from college at a rate similar to the national average, much higher than students who come from low-income backgrounds like Newark.

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, KIPP Newark first opened its doors in Newark’s South Ward as a single class of 80 fifth graders and has since grown to teach over 4,777 students in grades K-12 in Newark. 87% of KIPP Newark students currently qualify for free or reduced meals.

KIPP Newark alumni earn college degrees at more than 3 times the national average for students from low-income families. 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.

“They talked about this sense of developing the whole child. Exposing a child to more than just reading books inside of a classroom.”
-KIPP TEAM ACADEMY PARENT
WHAT MAKES KIPP TEAM ACADEMY UNIQUE?

TEAM AND FAMILY
TEAM staff and students often treat each other like their own family and share experiences like celebrating birthdays, going camping, and hosting annual events like the Halloween Lock-In where students turn KIPP TEAM Academy into a haunted house.

INTERACTIVE LEARNING
From dressing up as historical figures from the Harlem renaissance to producing videos that help other students do well in class, students engage in activities that feel more like summer camp than school.

EXTRACURRICULARS
TEAMsters have the opportunity to participate in different extracurriculars, either as electives or after school activities. Students might participate in yoga, drumline, basketball, soccer, film club, and many more offerings.

MEET VERONICA AVERY, SCHOOL LEADER
Prior to joining KIPP New Jersey, Veronica Avery was a proud Newark Public Schools teacher for over nine years, serving grades 3 – 6. In 2013, Veronica became a founding kindergarten teacher at KIPP Seek Academy. She is proud to be able to continue her time serving the city of Newark as School Leader at KIPP NJ’s flagship middle school KIPP TEAM Academy. Veronica earned a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Education from Rutgers University and a Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning from NJCU.

VALUES
GRIT
ZEST
SELF-CONTROL
OPTIMISM
GRATITUDE
CURIOSITY
SOCIAL INTELLIGENCE

HOW ARE STUDENTS PROGRESSING?

PD AND ALIGNED CURRICULUM
Teachers collaborate across middle school and high school campuses to make sure every lesson aligns with a bigger picture. They also receive aligned professional development from deans of instruction and school leaders.

RESULTS
Students enter KIPP TEAM Academy in a variety of places. They all leave on the path to college. Over 50% of our kids enter our middle schools below grade level. They typically leave with their peers across the state, not just in Newark.

SMALL GROUP INTERVENTION
All students receive guided reading, but we have small groups specifically designed to play catch up, developing and supporting skills that are missing in reading, writing and mathematics. We also have teachers that specialize in small group instruction, constantly pulling small groups of TEAMsters.