Our network’s second elementary school prepares scholars for college from the first day of kindergarten.

ABOUT KIPP THRIVE ACADEMY
KIPP THRIVE Academy was founded as our second Newark elementary school. It moved back to the Central Ward in 2015 to its permanent campus, the 18th Avenue building. The new campus gives THRIVERs access to two gyms, a playground, and beautiful, newly renovated classrooms.

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.

“By supporting KIPP and what they’re doing, we’ll ultimately support what we’re aiming to have which is a better community.”
- KIPP THRIVE ACADEMY PARENT
WHAT MAKES KIPP THRIVE ACADEMY UNIQUE?

ARTS EDUCATION
Exposing students to the arts can have a big impact on their development, confidence, concentration and teamwork. Our students take performing arts, dance, and music classes twice a week. Just a few ways we try to help them become creative, well-rounded individuals.

AN OLD BUILDING, REIMAGINED
KIPP THRIVE Academy finally moved to its forever home, at the historic 18th Avenue building. The school building was recently renovated to be a state-of-the-art educational campus. Students have two gyms they share, a playground and beautiful, spacious classrooms.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FROM KINDERGARTEN
Even in the first months of kindergarten, we give students access to great technology, including a 1:2 computer to student ratio, and build it into our every day. They also learn science and inquiry skills to understand the world around them.

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 fall 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. They start fifth grade well ahead of other fifth graders in Newark.

MEET MODIEGI NOTOANE-EUGENE, SCHOOL LEADER
Mrs. Notoane-Eugene is currently the School Leader Fellow at KIPP THRIVE Academy in Newark, and will enter the 2018-19 school year as the Principal for KIPP THRIVE Academy. Mrs. Notoane-Eugene has served as the Assistant Principal for KIPP THRIVE for the past two years, and began her journey with KIPP NJ as the Dean of Students & Families in 2015. Prior to coming to Newark, New Jersey, Mrs. Notoane-Eugene was part of the founding staff for KIPP Academy Elementary in The Bronx. Mrs. Notoane-Eugene held many positions during her tenure at KAES, such as Assistant Principal, Dean of Students, Special Education Coordinator, and a teacher as well. Prior to joining the KIPP family in 2009, Mrs. Notoane-Eugene has also worked for NYC public schools for several years. Mrs. Notoane-Eugene earned her Bachelor’s degree from Montclair State University, earned her first Masters’ degree in Education from Mercy College and her second Masters’ in Educational Leadership from National Louis University.