KIPP Whittier Middle started with 5th grade and today serves 450 students in grades 4 through 8 in Camden.

ABOUT KIPP WHITTIER MIDDLE
Our newest school in Camden joins the tradition of excellence started by KIPP Lanning Square Primary and Middle schools as KIPP Cooper Norcross Academy’s second middle school. Our teachers work to bring extracurricular clubs and activities to our students so they get to experience more than academics in a school day. Our students receive high-quality academic instruction based on a 1 to 1 blended and collaborative learning model, a safe and supportive learning environment, caring teachers, extracurriculars and more!

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.
Before opening KIPP Whittier Middle, Travis Dempsey served as the 6th grade math teacher and grade level chair at Rise Academy in Newark, New Jersey. Over the five years that Travis was at Rise Academy, he successfully integrated blended learning into his classroom and other classrooms at the school. Largely because of this work, Travis received the “Freedom” award from KIPP New Jersey for his innovations with technology and for the math bar that he created in the classroom. Outside of the classroom, Travis coached cross-country, boys basketball, and a boys’ 5K running club. Travis was a part of the 2014-2015 Teacher Leader cohort through KSLP and during the summer of 2010 he worked as a Corps Member Advisor at the New York City Institute.

Before coming to Rise, Travis taught 7th and 8th grade math and science in the Bronx. Travis graduated from Syracuse University with a B.A. in Television Radio and Film and Economics. During his time with Teach for America, Travis completed a Master’s in Secondary Math Education through Lehman College.