KIPP Newark Lab High School students who become future innovators, leaders, and influencers will have started as kids who wrote, designed, built, and experimented every day.

ABOUT KIPP NEWARK LAB HIGH SCHOOL
KIPP Newark Lab High School is KIPP New Jersey’s second high school, which opened in fall 2019 with 9th grade eventually growing to educate students in grades 9-12. NLHS serves students from KIPP middle schools (TEAM, Rise, and BOLD Academies) when they step up from 8th grade along with some new-to-KIPP students from other Newark schools. Located in the Central Ward near NJIT and RutgersNewark, NLHS will offer a progressive, college preparatory educational experience, with a focus on project-based learning and design. AP course options will grow as the school grows, and students will have the opportunity to participate in clubs and sports at either KIPP NLHS or in conjunction with KIPP NCA.

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.
**WHAT MAKES KIPP NEWARK LAB HIGH SCHOOL UNIQUE?**

**DESIGN THINKING**
“Design thinking” is a framework for solving problems. Beginning in 9th grade, students will enroll in a Design Elective, where they’ll learn some of the basic tenets of design thinking and engage in several design projects and challenges. Students will follow criteria like budget, size, or duration, map out the creation of a product, structure, or project, and then create! Be it documentary films, tiny houses, furniture, or functioning robots — all can be created using the techniques of design. Freshmen will present projects to their peers and family at the Freshmen Design Fair. And, by the end of 12th grade, seniors will use their knowledge of design to present their Life Design, where they will describe to an invited audience their five-year plan from the end of high school.

**KIPP THROUGH COLLEGE**
We support our kids to and through college. This goes beyond simply helping students find the school that’s right for them, our advisors have arranged over 50 college visits, regularly meet students on campus, and host alumni events.

**MEASURING PROGRESS**
NLHS will provide students and families with ample data to measure progress. They will include three ACT diagnostics each year so students can see their progress on college readiness standards, regular progress reports with academic data on class performance, reading growth data, among others.

**RESULTS**
KIPP New Jersey alumni are 3X more likely to graduate with a four-year degree and we send more African American students to four-year colleges than any other high school in Newark.

**MEET DAVID BRANSON, SCHOOL LEADER**
David Branson is Newark Lab High School’s first school leader. Prior to this, Mr. Branson served as the school leader at KIPP Rise Academy for five years, and an 8th grade English teacher at Rise for six years. Before joining KIPP NJ, he taught high school English for two years in Brooklyn, NY, and he participated in Teach for America. Mr. Branson graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts in English.