As KIPP New Jersey’s third Newark middle school, KIPP BOLD Academy educates 451 students in grades 5-8.

**ABOUT KIPP BOLD ACADEMY**
KIPP BOLD Academy joined the KIPP New Jersey Team and Family in 2015 as our third middle school. KIPP BOLD teachers empower students to be learners and leaders with access to unlimited opportunities. KIPP BOLD students have college-prep instruction, a safe and supportive learning environment, caring teachers, extracurriculars, monthly trips and more!

**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.

“**These teachers want to make a difference in the education of the children of Newark. They are all so committed and compassionate about being educators.”**

- KIPP BOLD ACADEMY PARENT
WHAT MAKES KIPP BOLD ACADEMY UNIQUE?

STUDENT LEADERS
BOLDsters learn to use their voice and stand up for what’s right. In performing arts class students develop speaking skills and presence, in academic classes students debate with their peers, and at all times scholars take pride in the success of their school.

EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS
BOLDsters get to explore the world around them through overnight field trips and activities after school. BOLDsters become tough competitors through our athletics program and develop their talents through exposure to the arts.

TECHNOLOGY
Every BOLD student has his or her own laptop to use throughout the day. Teachers prepare students for careers of the future by incorporating technology skills into their teaching and meeting the needs of individual learners through computer learning programs.

HOW ARE STUDENTS PROGRESSING?

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
BOLD students aren’t just brilliant and hardworking, they’re dedicated to giving back to their community. BOLDsters participate in service learning experiences and extracurricular activities that stress helping others. Scholars learn more about their hometown through our partnerships with NJPAC and NJSO.

RESULTS THAT MATTER
Though we focus on character, our students also receive an education that prepares them for college and beyond. In 2019, Mathematica released a study showing that the impact of attending a KIPP middle school could erase the racial achievement gap in four-year college enrollment rates nationwide -- attending KIPP following a middle school lottery produced an increase of 12.9 percentage points in enrollment rates in four-year college programs.

TO AND THROUGH COLLEGE
With 74% of our 8th graders matriculating to college, we have created support structures to make sure they get the rest of the way through.

VALUES
We want our students to work hard and achieve great things. But we also want to help them to be generous with their skills and talents. Most of all, we want them to BE BOLD.

MEET LISA BONNIFIELD, SCHOOL LEADER
Lisa Bonnifield is the founding school leader of KIPP BOLD Academy. Since 2015, KIPP BOLD has ranked among the highest-achieving schools in Newark, proving that it’s possible for students to meet rigorous academic standards while embracing their unique voices and supporting one another. Before founding KIPP BOLD Academy, she was a founding teacher and instructional coach at KIPP Seek Academy, a KIPP NJ elementary school. Lisa has over a decade of experience as an educator and school leader. She graduated from Duke University and holds a masters in teaching from American University.