Welcome to KIPP Upper Roseville Academy – Join us in achieving excellence!

KIPP Upper Roseville Academy (URA) is KIPP New Jersey’s fifth Newark elementary school.

ABOUT KIPP UPPER ROSEVILLE ACADEMY
Located in Newark’s North Ward, KIPP URA currently serves 103 kindergarten students and will expand to serve students in grades K-4. At KIPP URA, teachers are given the support they need to help students achieve extraordinary success inside and outside the classroom. KIPP URA’s facilities will give students access to a vast collection of culturally diverse Fountas and Pinnell reading libraries in every classroom, blended learning spaces with computers and iPads to reinforce individual Math and Reading skills, indoor gymnasium to develop gross motor skills, state of the art auditorium to showcase student performances / productions and lastly, an on-site kitchen that prepares fresh, nutritious meals for all students.

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 URA UNIQUE?

PART OF THE TEAM AND FAMILY
Founded by a former KIPP SPARK Academy grade level chair, KIPP URA is able to benefit from the best practices learned at the four KIPP New Jersey schools before it. KIPP URA teachers use the workshop model that presents a mini-lesson and let students grapple with the work in differentiated centers. Parents have teachers’ cell phone numbers to ask questions, attend Saturday schools, and participate in family focused events throughout the year. Being part of the team and family also literally means more opportunities for siblings to enroll in schools across our Network.

SUPPORT FROM KINDERGARTEN TO COLLEGE
Our journey together starts with a visit to each family’s home before orientation, and continues through elementary school, middle school, and high school. Every student that finishes middle school with us gets an alumni advisor and a KIPP Through College team to support their progress to and through college or their chosen career path.

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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 THAT MATTER
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 MS. CHERY-GEFFRARD, SCHOOL LEADER
Samia Chery-Geffrard is the founding leader of KIPP Upper Roseville Academy. Ms. Geffrard began her KIPP journey in 2015 as a first grade teacher at KIPP SPARK Academy. As a grade level chair, Ms. Geffrard, cultivated a culture of excellence and collaboration highlighting the first grade team as top performers in the network. As an Assistant Principal, Ms. Geffrard worked alongside of teachers, students and parents preparing more than 60% of fourth graders ready to tackle middle school. Prior to KIPP, Ms. Geffrard worked at Irvington Preschools and University Heights Charter School. Ms. Geffrard holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from New Jersey City University.