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WELCOME TO KIPP NEWARK COMMUNITY PREP! JOIN US IN ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

KIPP Newark Community Prep (NCP) is KIPP New Jersey's fourth Newark middle school. We opened in August of 2019 with fifth grade and will grow to educate 445 students in grades 5-8.

ABOUT KIPP NEWARK COMMUNITY PREP

Located in Newark's Central Ward, NCP continues the tradition of excellence started by KIPP TEAM, Rise, and BOLD Academies as KIPP New Jersey's newest middle school. Growing to serve students in grades 5-8, NCP, teachers are given a large amount of freedom to figure out what works best for kids, and make it happen in their classrooms. Our goal is to help students develop the knowledge, skills, and character strengths they need to succeed throughout their education and in the competitive world beyond.

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.



ELIGIBLE FOR FREE
OR REDUCED-PRICE
LUNCH



QUALIFY FOR
SPED SERVICES



AFRICAN AMERICAN
STUDENTS



HISPANIC
STUDENTS



GRADE
(GROWING TO 5-8)



STUDENTS
SERVED

WHAT MAKES NCP UNIQUE?

EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS

NCP students explore the world around them through overnight field trips and activities after school. Through a strong college prep curriculum, rigorous instruction, and real-world learning experiences, students will be empowered to be critical thinkers and the leaders of tomorrow.

STUDENT LEADERS

Beyond academics, we also believe that the explicit teaching of character is essential to becoming productive citizens who will contribute to their community. Students learn to use their voice and stand up for what's right. In academic classes students engage in thoughtful debates with their peers and at all times scholars will take pride in the success of their school and themselves.

TECHNOLOGY

Every NCP 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.

IMPACT

TO AND THROUGH COLLEGE

With 77% of KIPP New Jersey 8th graders matriculating to college, we have created support structures to make sure they get the rest of the way through.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

NCP leaders aren't just brilliant and hardworking, they're dedicated to giving back to their community. NCP students participate in service learning experiences and extracurricular activities that stress helping others.

RESULTS THAT MATTER

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.



MEET IRA GRIFFITH, SCHOOL LEADER

Ira Griffith, School Leader, joined KIPP Newark Community Prep as a senior leader during its founding year. He started his career in education in Detroit as a Teach For America corps member and founding member of a middle school humanities team. Mr. Griffith then joined KIPP Newark as a middle school history teacher at KIPP TEAM Academy before serving as an assistant principal and principal at two different schools in New York. In addition to his extensive experience as a school leader, he has also educated aspiring teachers as an adjunct professor at Touro University. Mr. Griffith holds a BA in politics and government from Utica College of Syracuse University and an MA in teaching from Oakland University. He has lived in Newark for many years, and he and his wife Sharae, an assistant principal at KIPP BOLD Academy, welcomed their first child in the fall of 2019.

