



KIPP COOPER NORCROSS
WHITTIER MIDDLE

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OPENED 2016
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HOURS 7:30AM-4:15PM (M, Tu, Th, F)
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KIPP Whittier Middle was founded in 2016 and today educates 430 students in grades 4 through 8 in Camden

ABOUT KIPP WHITTIER MIDDLE

At KIPP Whittier Middle, our teachers work hard to not just deliver a world-class education to students, but to offer extracurricular clubs and activities that enrich their learning and ignite their passions. Our students receive high-quality academic instruction based on a 1 to 1 blended and collaborative learning model and a safe and supportive learning environment.

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. Our 110,000-square-foot campus opened in 2015 and provides guaranteed enrollment for students in kindergarten through 9th grade living in the Lanning Square and Cooper Plaza neighborhoods. The Camden network includes KIPP Lanning Square Primary, KIPP Lanning Square Middle, KIPP Whittier Middle, and KIPP High School (currently growing to serve students in grades 9-12). These schools collectively educate 1,773 students, with the goal of eventually enrolling more than 3,800 students across seven schools.

96.2%
 ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH

19%
 QUALIFY FOR SPED SERVICES

55%
 AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS

34%
 LATINX STUDENTS

430
 STUDENTS SERVED

4-8
 GRADES SERVED



WHAT MAKES KIPP WHITTIER MIDDLE UNIQUE?

INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING

Using a 1 to 1 blended learning model we focus on small group instruction along with STEM classes designed to provide students with specialized hands-on activities that help them become analytical thinkers and problem solvers.

EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS

Our students get to explore the world around them through field study trips and multiple activities and clubs after school. They become tough

competitors through our athletics program and develop their talents through exposure to the arts.

TECHNOLOGY

Every student has his or her own laptop to use throughout the day and our teachers incorporate technology skills into their teaching to meet the needs of learners and prepare students for careers of the future.



IMPACT

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Our school and students are dedicated to giving back to the Camden community. They 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.

VALUES



GRIT



ZEST



SELF-CONTROL



OPTIMISM



GRATITUDE



CURIOSITY



SOCIAL
INTELLIGENCE

MEET TRAVIS DEMPSEY, SCHOOL LEADER

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.