



**KIPP:NEWARK**  
PURPOSE ACADEMY

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- OPENING** Fall 2021
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- HOURS** 8:00AM-4:15PM (M, Tu, Th, F)  
8:00AM-1:45PM (W)  
\*Possible school hours



## Welcome to KIPP Purpose Academy, KIPP Newark's fifth middle school and our first middle school in the North Ward!

### ABOUT KIPP PURPOSE ACADEMY

Co-located at KIPP Upper Roseville Academy, KIPP Purpose Academy will open for the 2021-22 school year, starting with students in grade 5 and expanding to educate students in grades 5-8. At KIPP Purpose Academy, we are a family. We are unapologetic in our pursuit of equity and anti-racism. We believe every student is a leader and we intentionally develop our student's leadership skills so they can become agents of change in their lives and the world. Every KIPPster who walks through our doors will be given space to express their talents through a rigorous and joyous education that prioritizes student curiosity, voice, and leadership. Our purpose is to build the world we wish to see.



### 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 5,266 students in grades K-12 in Newark. Our goal is to enroll 7,800 students across 15 schools in Newark. Eighty-six percent of KIPP Newark students currently qualify for free or reduced meals. KIPP Newark alumni earn college degrees at more than three times the national average. 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\*

14.4%

QUALIFY FOR  
SPED SERVICES\*

84%

AFRICAN AMERICAN  
STUDENTS\*

6%

LATINX  
STUDENTS\*

112

# OF STUDENTS

5<sup>TH</sup>

GRADE

(EXPANDING TO 5-8)

\*Data average for  
KIPP Newark middle schools

# WHAT MAKES KIPP PURPOSE ACADEMY UNIQUE?

## EXCELLENCE AND EQUITY

KIPP Purpose Academy believes in educating the whole child through social-emotional learning opportunities. Our college prep academic curriculum is complemented by 45 minutes a day of research-based social-emotional learning to ensure we address all our students' needs. Additionally, our school brings equity and excellence to life with a focus on developing student's sense of identity as well as a critical consciousness to be a voice of change in the world and make empowered choices.

## A VARIETY OF ELECTIVES

We have partnered with local nonprofits to offer students access to a variety of electives, like hip hop dance led by the renowned Alvin Ailey Dance Theatre, Spoken Word Poetry led by professional poets from Urban Word, Voice & Theatre led by our own classically trained opera singer, Varsity Basketball led by Coach Bennet, and Glass Art Design & Creation led by Glassroots Inc.

## DAY OF SERVICE

Each grade will volunteer for a cause that is aligned with their social studies curriculum. Students will do pre-work, engaging with the community and learning about the upcoming experience in class. After the Day of Service, they will engage in culminating activities to reflect on how they can continue to impact their community.



# HOW ARE STUDENTS PROGRESSING?

## RESULTS THAT MATTER

Our students 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. Our dedicated KIPP Through College team will support our students with everything from navigating student loans to career counseling, even after they've left our school hallways.

## MEASURING & CELEBRATING PROGRESS

All classroom data will feed into a schoolwide public academic mastery tracker which will be updated monthly with progress towards goals. If we are meeting our goals, we celebrate schoolwide with a 'Fresh Friday.'

## SCHOOL VALUES

- Power
- Possibility
- Partnership



## MEET SEAN HEALY, SCHOOL LEADER

Sean Healy began his career in education as a Teach For America corps member in Houston at an all-boys alternative school. During this time, he developed a strong belief in both the importance of relationship-building within school communities and developing student agency throughout the learning process. He later moved to South Chicago, where he joined the founding team at Baker College Preparatory High School as the 9th grade literature teacher and later honed his school leadership skills as both a dean of students and an assistant principal. In June of 2020, Sean joined KIPP New Jersey as a Fisher Fellow to launch KIPP Purpose Academy. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science and sociology from Penn State University.