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



## Welcome to KIPP Truth Academy, KIPP Newark's sixth elementary school opening with grades K and 1 for the 2021-22 school year!

**91.5%**

ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH\*

**9.3%**

QUALIFY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES\*

**84%**

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS\*

**6%**

LATINX STUDENTS\*

**224**

# OF STUDENTS

**K-1<sup>ST</sup>**  
GRADES

(EXPANDING TO K-4)

\*Data average for KIPP Newark elementary schools

### ABOUT KIPP TRUTH ACADEMY

At KIPP Truth Academy, our classrooms are collaborative spaces where curiosity, passion, excellence and joy drive the learning process. As learners, we explain, critique, experiment with and revise ideas in order to deepen our understanding. As readers and writers, we raise our voices and wield the power of the pen to advocate for change and enlighten others. As educators, we build our practice to deeply know all our scholars as learners and people tailoring lessons to their identities, interests and needs. As world changers, we apply lessons learned in the classroom to positively impact those around us.

### 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.



# WHAT MAKES KIPP TRUTH ACADEMY UNIQUE?

## CHANGE-MAKERS

KIPP Truth Academy empowers students to share power with others and bring change to the world. We advocate for the needs of others, identify problems in existing systems and take initiative in creating solutions. We raise our voices to positively influence others to change their mindsets and actions.

## 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.

## A WHOLE-CHILD APPROACH

We create safe spaces for scholars and adults to be their authentic selves. We seek to know our scholars individually, culturally and developmentally so that we are responsive to their academic and social emotional needs. Students are empowered with the academic foundation and self-efficacy needed to write their own stories.



# HOW ARE STUDENTS PROGRESSING?

## 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.

## 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.

## SCHOOL VALUES

- Belonging
- Compassion
- Curiosity
- Collaboration
- Making A Difference



## MEET PRINCESS FILS-AIME, SCHOOL LEADER

*Princess Fils-Aime's journey in education began as an America Reads Tutor in YEAR, when she became aware of the importance of quality early childhood education in underserved communities. She joined Teach for America in 2006 and has since taught in her hometown of Newark, NJ for 11 years. In 2009, Princess became a founding member of BRICK (Building Responsible Creative Kids) Avon Academy where she leveraged her expertise in early childhood education and played a vital role in the development of BRICK's K-2 curriculum. In 2014, she joined the KIPP SPARK Academy family as a kindergarten teacher, and oversaw 1st-4th grade as an assistant principal. Princess holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from New York University and a master's degree from the Summer Principals Academy at Columbia University Teachers College.*