



KIPP:NEWARK
JUSTICE ACADEMY

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Welcome to KIPP Justice Academy, KIPP Newark’s sixth middle school! In its founding year, KIPP Justice Academy educates students in grade 5 and will eventually expand to reach students in grades 5-8.



ABOUT KIPP JUSTICE ACADEMY

At KIPP Justice Academy, we stand as a part of our greater Newark community to advance racial equity by offering an excellent education. We believe in the power of rigorous, relevant and revolutionary teaching that challenges and affirms every student. We nurture self-assured leaders who fully understand the power and beauty of their unique voice. Partnering with our families, we embrace a path forward, where our students will prevail as the manifestation of true justice and achieve their goals.

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 JUSTICE ACADEMY UNIQUE?

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.

EXCELLENT AND AFFIRMING

Every child will receive an excellent and affirming education. We affirm the strengths of every member of our community and encourage students to find connections to their own personal growth within our rich curriculum. We ask students for their viewpoints, invite them to the decision-making table, and welcome dissent and debate.

RESPONSIVE ENVIRONMENT

Building authentic relationships with our students is the foundation of our school. We will have a daily advisory period that is designed to respond to student needs and offer a safe space for them to converse with peers, set and celebrate their goals, engage in social-emotional lessons, and talk with professionals about their field of interest—to name just a few!



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.

SCHOOL VALUES



GROWTH
& ACHIEVEMENT



PURPOSE



SELF-EXPRESSION



MEET SHARAE LEWIS-GRIFFITH, SCHOOL LEADER

Sharae Lewis-Griffith started her career in her hometown of Brooklyn, New York as a third grade teacher at an all boys charter school. Prior to being named the principal of KIPP Justice Academy, Sharae served as a Principal in Residence at KIPP BOLD Academy, managing ELA instruction across the school. She joined the BOLD family in 2015 as a founding teacher. Sharae received her B.A. in politics and government with a minor in sociology from the University of Hartford. She also holds an M.A. in teaching from Relay Graduate School of Education. Sharae recently completed the Miles Family Fellowship and also joined The Fisher Fellowship cohort for 2020-2021 school year.