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Welcome to KIPP Justice Academy, KIPP Newark's sixth middle school. Opened in 2021, KIPP Justice Academy educates students in grades 5-7 and will expand to reach students in grades 5-8.

ABOUT KIPP JUSTICE ACADEMY

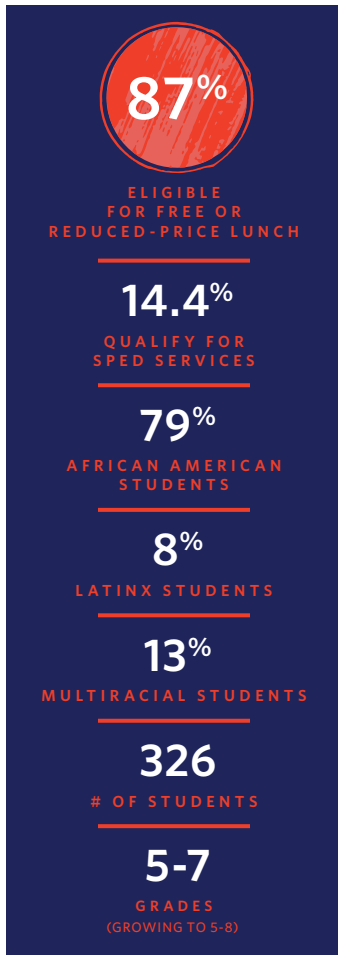
At KIPP Justice Academy, we stand as a part of our greater Newark community to advance racial equity by offering an excellent education. We believe in the power of rigorous, relevant and revolutionary teaching that challenges and affirms every student. We nurture self-assured leaders who fully understand 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, 80 fifth graders walked through the doors of our first middle school in Newark, New Jersey. KIPP Newark has since grown to teach 6,321 students in grades K-12 across 12 schools in

Newark. Ninety 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 compared to their peers. 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, career, and beyond.



WHAT MAKES KIPP JUSTICE ACADEMY UNIQUE?

COLLEGE & CAREER SUPPORT

Our journey together starts with a visit to each family's home before orientation, and continues throughout the middle school and high school experience. Every student that finishes middle school with us gets an alumni advisor and a KIPP Forward team to support their future goals, whether those involve college or career.

EXCELLENT AND AFFIRMING

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?

OUR CURRICULUM

Scholars 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. Our students enjoy a challenging and immersive academic program: In English Language Arts classes, the KIPP Wheatley literacy curriculum offers students texts that encourage students to examine important periods in history, as well as contemporary works that are must-reads for kids today. In math courses, students balance skill mastery with deep conceptual understanding of math, while our Amplify Science curriculum melds technology with hands-on components, building on kids' natural curiosity about the world around them.

RESULTS THAT MATTER

Though we focus on character, our students also receive an education that prepares them for college and beyond. A 2023 study by Mathematica showed that KIPP middle and high school students are 31% more likely to complete college than their peers who did not attend KIPP. The study found the effect was great enough to nearly close college completion gap between Black and Hispanic students and their peers. Our dedicated KIPP Forward team of college and career counselors will support middle school students even after they've left our classrooms.

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.