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LANNING SQUARE MIDDLE

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KIPP's first middle school in Camden opened its doors in 2015 and today educates 445 students in grades 5-8.

97%

ELIGIBLE
FOR FREE OR
REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH

14.4%

QUALIFY FOR
SPED SERVICES

59%

AFRICAN AMERICAN
STUDENTS

31%

LATINX STUDENTS

10%

MULTIRACIAL STUDENTS

445

OF STUDENTS

5-8

GRADES

ABOUT KIPP LANNING SQUARE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Located in Camden's Lanning Square section, KLSM scholars grow academically by tapping into a GRIT-filled spirit and have the opportunity to join numerous after-school programs that will help to grow their myriad talents. Each day, scholars realize their true potential both in and out of the classroom as one team, one family to change the face of Camden.

ABOUT KIPP COOPER NORCROSS ACADEMY

In 2014, KIPP Cooper Norcross Academy first welcomed Camden students to our campus in Lanning Square and made a commitment to supporting their educational journeys. Today, over 2,256 Camden students are educated in KIPP Cooper Norcross Academy elementary, middle and high schools. Our goal is to eventually

enroll more than 2,800 students from across Camden.

Community partnership and a commitment to student growth are the cornerstones of our mission. As New Jersey's first renaissance school, KIPP Cooper Norcross Academy was established under the state's Urban Hope Act, which created a pilot program to offer students in three under-resourced school districts - Camden, Newark and Trenton - access to new, quality public schools in their communities. The Academy was created in partnership with KIPP, a renowned, national network of free, open-enrollment, college preparatory public charter schools; The Cooper Foundation, the charitable arm of Cooper University Health Care, and the Norcross Foundation.

"I feel like I'm no longer alone in fighting for her future, but that I have a whole family alongside me." - KIPP LANNING SQUARE MIDDLE PARENT



WHAT MAKES KIPP LANNING SQUARE MIDDLE UNIQUE?

WE ARE CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

KLSM scholars are pushed to realize their true potential in and out of the classroom as one team, one family to change the face of Camden. The mornings begin with community circle where the scholars dive into the school values, college presentations and issues faced in society. As part of the 'city invincible,' KLSM scholars truly embody the relentless spirit of Camden and believe that with hard work and determination, success is the only option.

TEAM AND FAMILY

As one team and one family, teachers, parents and scholars work together to ensure the needs of each scholar is met. All scholars belong to groups that meet regularly to focus on character development. These groups allow scholars and teachers to build strong relationships that help to push academic rigor and build overall character of our scholars. Additionally, there are

numerous evening events where the team and family come together to celebrate each other. Some of the events include: Brother to Brother, Sister to Sister, teacher vs. scholar games and numerous performances.

TO AND THROUGH COLLEGE, CAREER, AND BEYOND

KLSM scholars dive into rigorous academic material infused with love and joy to ensure 100% of scholars are on the path to and through college. Classrooms at KLSM are named after the year scholars will graduate from college and scholars have numerous opportunities to visit and learn about colleges throughout the year. Scholars are also encouraged to join after-school programs that strengthen their talents in such areas as: track, basketball, dance, band, art club, soccer, field hockey, drama, computers and so much more.



HOW ARE STUDENTS PROGRESSING?

STUDENT GROWTH & 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. 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 scholars throughout the year, and send them to parents weekly to keep them informed of their scholars' progress. Twice a year, we use the nationally-normed MAP test to measure our progress against the nation.

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.

VALUES



GRIT



ZEST



SELF-CONTROL



OPTIMISM



GRATITUDE



CURIOSITY



SOCIAL
INTELLIGENCE

MEET BRIDGIT CUSATO-ROSA, SCHOOL LEADER

Bridgit Cusato-Rosa was born and raised in southern New Jersey and attended Drew University where she studied Sociology and Latin American Politics. She then completed her J.D. at Rutgers Law in Newark. She taught 6th and 8th grade at Dr. William H. Horton School in Newark for six years. She then worked for North Star Academy for 5 years as a 6th ELA teacher, grade level chair, and instructional coach. Nine years ago, she was given the opportunity to return home and work as a principal in the city of Camden and she has loved every minute of it! As the founding principal of KLSM, she enjoys being a part of the educational revolution in Camden.