



**KIPP:NEWARK**  
PURPOSE ACADEMY

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**OPENED** Fall 2021  
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**HOURS** 8:00AM-4:00PM (M, Tu, Th, F)  
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## Welcome to KIPP Purpose Academy, KIPP Newark's fifth middle school and our first middle school in the North Ward!

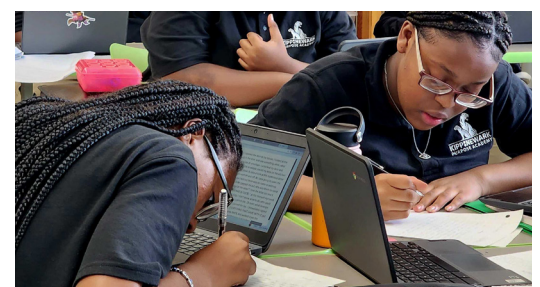
### ABOUT KIPP PURPOSE ACADEMY

Co-located at KIPP Upper Roseville Academy, KIPP Purpose Academy opened its doors for the 2021-22 school year, and currently educates students in grades 5-8. At KIPP Purpose Academy, we are unapologetic in our pursuit of equity and anti-racism. Every KIPPster who walks through our doors will be given space to express their talents through an education that prioritizes student curiosity and leadership.

### 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.



91%

ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR  
REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH

12%

QUALIFY FOR  
SPED SERVICES

74%

AFRICAN AMERICAN  
STUDENTS

13%

LATINX STUDENTS

13%

MULTIRACIAL STUDENTS

451

# OF STUDENTS

5-8

GRADE  
(GROWING TO 5-8)

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



# 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



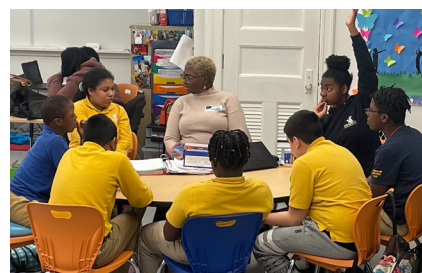
POWER



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.