



KIPP COOPER
NORCROSS
SUMNER ELEMENTARY

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Welcome to KIPP Sumner Elementary! KSE opened in 2022 and offers students a community-centered school where growth and curiosity are prioritized.

ABOUT KIPP SUMNER ELEMENTARY

KIPP Sumner Elementary is a community school grounded in honoring the traditions of Camden and the pursuit of a world class education for all children. We believe opportunities to learn and grow should engage the whole child and support the intellectual power of each student. Students will leave our school equipped with the necessary skills required to navigate their educational journeys and future careers. Focused on inclusivity and equity, we seek out justice and work to dismantle racist systems in our world. Students learn to lead with love, empathy and joy and are empowered to live a choice-filled life. Together, we will build a community that elevates the excellence and brilliance of Camden for generations to come.

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.



97.7%

ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR
REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH

9%

QUALIFY FOR
SPED SERVICES

50%

AFRICAN AMERICAN
STUDENTS

22%

LATINX STUDENTS

25%

MULTIRACIAL STUDENTS

214

OF STUDENTS

K-2

GRADES

WHAT MAKES KIPP SUMNER ELEMENTARY UNIQUE?

A COMMUNITY APPROACH

We believe that the support of our families is paramount to student success. We include our families in decisions that concern the educational experience of their children. Building relationships within our city and school communities is at the heart of our school design.

SUPPORTING ACADEMIC GROWTH

We prioritize students' long term mastery of math and reading and believe that the best way to support academic growth is to reward incremental and big wins alike. We want every child to become invested in learning and develop lifelong curiosity that extends beyond the walls of our classrooms.

A JOYFUL SCHOOL CULTURE

KSE is a place where students make memories with each other and form positive relationships with our educators and staff. Spirit weeks, culture and academic parties are the hallmarks of our school—all with the goal of high academic engagement!



STUDENT PROGRESS

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. To track student reading proficiency and growth, we use iReady ELA and mCLASS DIBELS assessments. Teachers have custom-built dashboards to make this data actionable on a daily and weekly basis. We collect data points on each of our students and families are frequently updated on student progress.

OUR CURRICULUM

Our elementary schools implement curriculum literacy programs that support reading engagement and growth. In grades K-2, we offer the highly-ranked Magnetic Reading Foundations. Students in grades 3-4 are offered a program called Phonics for Reading to build foundational skills. Our math curriculum utilizes the Illustrative Math program, which empowers students to build on what they know about math to infer solutions to problems and represent their thinking in multiple ways.

VALUES



COMMUNITY



JUSTICE



GROWTH



JOY



MEET KEN CALEMMO, SCHOOL LEADER

Ken Calembo started his career in education as a 2012 Teach for America Corps member in Camden, New Jersey. In 2014, Mr. Calembo was a founding kindergarten teacher at KIPP Lanning Square Primary and served as a teacher and grade level chair, helping to found the next three grades with the class of 2027. He joined the leadership team in 2017 after transitioning to the assistant school leader seat, overseeing upper school literacy instruction in grades 2, 3 and 4. Mr. Calembo was named the founding principal of KIPP Sumner Elementary in 2020 and will open KIPP Camden's second elementary school in the summer of 2022. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Classics and Art History from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA and a master's degree in Education from the University of Pennsylvania.