



**KIPP:NEWARK**  
TEAM ACADEMY

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**OPENED** 2002  
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**Founded in 2002, KIPP TEAM Academy is our network's first school built on the premise that together, everyone achieves more.**

#### ABOUT KIPP TEAM ACADEMY

KIPP TEAM Academy is our network's flagship, founding school. Founded in 2002, TEAM has grown to a full-size middle school in Newark's south ward. TEAM prioritizes working in partnership with families to support student growth, and families have opportunities to engage in school decision-making through an active Parent Teacher Organization.

#### 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.

*"They talked about this sense of developing the whole child. Exposing a child to more than just reading books inside of a classroom."*

—KIPP TEAM ACADEMY PARENT



ELIGIBLE  
FOR FREE OR  
REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH

9.6%

QUALIFY FOR  
SPED SERVICES

87%

AFRICAN AMERICAN  
STUDENTS

3%

LATINX STUDENTS

9%

MULTIRACIAL STUDENTS

445

# OF STUDENTS

5-8

GRADES

# WHAT MAKES KIPP TEAM ACADEMY UNIQUE?

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

TEAM staff and students share experiences like celebrating birthdays, going camping, and hosting events like an annual breakfast where male mentors and fathers join us to celebrate community and our shared goal of supporting students.

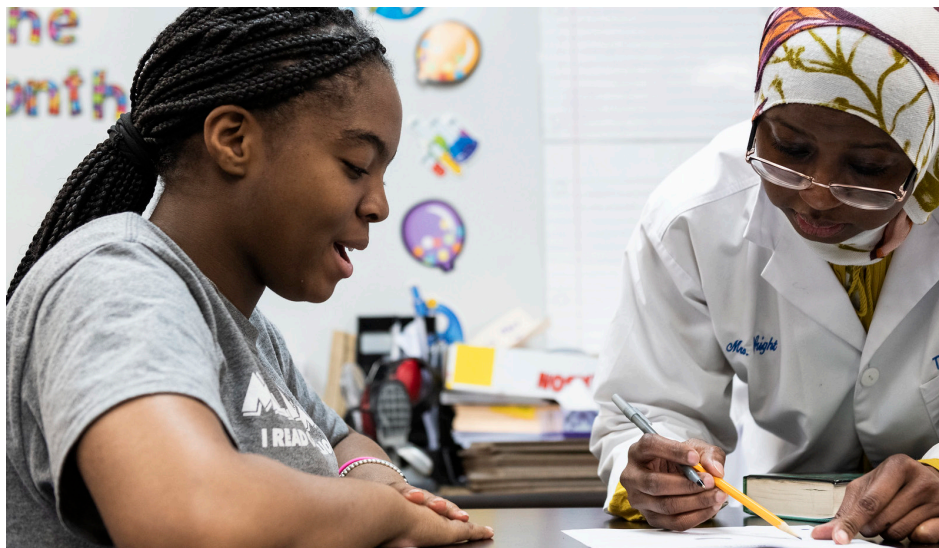
## INTERACTIVE LEARNING

From dressing up as historical figures from the Harlem renaissance to

producing videos that help other students do well in class, students engage in hands-on learning activities that cultivate lifelong learners.

## EXTRACURRICULARS

TEAMsters have the opportunity to participate in different extracurriculars, either as electives or after school activities. Students might participate in yoga, drumline, basketball, soccer, film club, and many more offerings.



# 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. 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.

## SMALL GROUP INTERVENTION

All students receive guided reading, but we have small groups specifically designed to play catch up, developing and supporting skills that are missing in reading, writing and mathematics. We also have teachers that specialize in small group instruction, constantly pulling small groups of TEAMsters.

## VALUES



GRIT



ZEST



SELF-CONTROL



OPTIMISM



GRATITUDE



CURIOSITY



SOCIAL  
INTELLIGENCE

## MEET NIKEYA STUART, SCHOOL LEADER

*Nikeya Stuart has over nine years of experience as an educator. She holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice with a minor in African American studies from Pennsylvania State University. In 2016, she transitioned to KIPP NJ and has taught at KIPP Seek and TEAM Academies. Nikeya held various roles at TEAM as a math teacher, grade leader, assistant principal, and principal-in-residence. In Fall 2023, she will earn her master's degree in educational leadership from Kean University.*