



KIPP: NEWARK BOLD ACADEMY

As KIPP New Jersey's third Newark middle school, KIPP BOLD Academy educates 455 students in grades 5-8.

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🏠 **Opened:** 2015
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🕒 **Hours:** 7:45AM-3:30PM (M, Tu, Th, F) 7:45AM-12:30PM (W)

455
OF STUDENTS

5-8
GRADES

73%
PROFICIENCY IN
ALGEBRA 1 FOR
MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENTS

31%
MORE LIKELY TO
COMPLETE COLLEGE
THAN NON-KIPP
STUDENTS



82%
AFRICAN
AMERICAN
STUDENTS

7%
LATINX
STUDENTS

11%
MULTIRACIAL
STUDENTS

ABOUT KIPP BOLD ACADEMY

At KIPP BOLD Academy, we believe that education is most impactful when students feel a deep sense of belonging and community. BOLD offers a nurturing space where students can explore their interests, develop their talents, and cultivate strong leadership skills. From an active Student Government Association to a championship-winning flag football team, a variety of athletic teams and after-school activities support student success, academically and socially.

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.

"These teachers want to make a difference in the education of the children of Newark. They are all so committed and compassionate about being educators." -KIPP BOLD ACADEMY PARENT

Values



BRAVERY



ENTHUSIASM



BELIEVE



OWN



LEAD



DRIVE



What makes KIPP BOLD Academy unique?

AN EMPHASIS ON LEADERSHIP

BOLD students learn to use their voices and stand up for what's right. In performing arts classes or through student government, students develop speaking skills and stage presence. In academic classes, students debate big ideas with their peers, and students take pride in creating a school culture grounded in excellence.

ATHLETICS MEETS THE ARTS

Our BOLD 'Eagles' soar, whether they're drumming at a parade with the KIPP Dynamic Marching Band or building a flag football legacy on the field. Each year, our performing arts program features a powerful, student-led Black History Month performance that showcases students' many talents.

EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS

BOLD offers extracurricular programming that includes a Robotics Club, Hair Club, Makeup Club, and an 'Order of the Eagles' leadership club, to name just a few.

How are students progressing?

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

BOLD students aren't just brilliant and hardworking, they're dedicated to giving back to their community. Students participate in service learning experiences and extracurricular activities that stress helping others. Scholars learn more about their hometown through our partnerships with NJPAC and NJSO.

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.



Lauren Whidbee started her education career as a Teach for America corps member in Baltimore, Maryland, teaching middle school math. During that time, she earned a master of science degree in education from Johns Hopkins University. After graduating, Lauren joined KIPP New Jersey, helping to found KIPP BOLD Academy as a co-teacher, teaching English, science, and social studies. During her tenure at KIPP BOLD, she has served as a lead English teacher, a grade level chair, and an assistant principal. She is also a proud alum of the University of Pennsylvania.