



KIPP:NEWARK PURPOSE ACADEMY

Welcome to KIPP Purpose Academy, KIPP Newark's fifth middle school and our first middle school in the North Ward!

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🏠 **Opened:** 2021

👤 **Leader:** Sean Healy

🕒 **Hours:** 8:00AM-3:45PM (M, Tu, Th, F) 8:00AM-12:45PM (W)

440
OF STUDENTS

5-8
GRADES

73%
PROFICIENCY IN
ALGEBRA 1 FOR
MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENTS

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



67%
AFRICAN
AMERICAN
STUDENTS

15%
LATINX
STUDENTS

17%
MULTIRACIAL
STUDENTS

ABOUT KIPP PURPOSE ACADEMY

Co-located with KIPP Upper Roseville Academy, KIPP Purpose Academy opened in 2021. At Purpose, we believe in the infinite potential of our Panthers, prioritizing culturally responsive instruction that fosters identity, criticality, and activism. Our classrooms center a discussion-based model that encourages ownership of student learning and critical thinking. Through rigorous lessons grounded in data-driven decision-making, we cultivate student-led communities where students' passion for learning grows stronger every day.

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.

Values



POWER



POSSIBILITY



PARTNERSHIP



What makes KIPP Purpose Academy unique?

EXCELLENCE AND EQUITY

KIPP Purpose Academy's Earned Honors system allows students to have the honors distinction added to their transcript by meeting normed criteria within each class. Earned honors provides students with a higher bar of academic rigor and engagement.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Community engagement is vital here! Our community garden, tended by students and harvested by families, staff, and students each spring, teaches responsibility and sustainability. Academic nights allow families to explore the curriculum and support their children's learning, while events like Field Day kick off our school year.

WHERE TALENTS TAKE OFF

Students can participate in basketball, track, cross-country, and cheerleading to name just a few, with students competing in local competitions and at events like the annual KIPP Cup, which brings KIPP basketball teams together from up and down the East Coast.

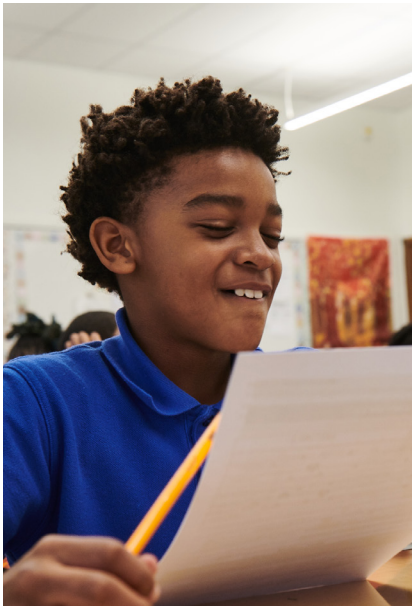
How are students progressing?

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.



Sean Healy began his career in education as Teach for America Corps member in Houston at PV Academy, 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.