









# KIPP:NEWARK RISE ACADEMY

**KIPP Rise Academy is the school that makes learning fun, from offering over 30 extra-curriculars, to turning reading and math into prize-winning competitions.**

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 **Opened:** 2006  
 **Leader:** Kyle Newsome  
 **Hours:** 8:00AM-3:45PM (M, Tu, Th, F) 8:00AM-12:45PM (W)

**448**  
# OF STUDENTS

**5-8**  
GRADES

**73%**  
PROFICIENCY IN  
ALGEBRA 1 FOR  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
STUDENTS

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



**87%**  
AFRICAN  
AMERICAN  
STUDENTS

**3%**  
LATINX  
STUDENTS

**10%**  
MULTIRACIAL  
STUDENTS

#### ABOUT KIPP RISE ACADEMY

Located in Newark's West Ward, KIPP Rise Academy educates students in grades 4-8. At Rise, teachers are encouraged to start clubs and sports programs that offer students a holistic middle school experience grounded in an excellent academic program. Academic growth is encouraged in partnership with families, who enjoy school community events like "Paint With Parents" and an annual family BBQ.

#### 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.

**"Students were actually talking and learning, and at the same time. I knew then that there wasn't another region, school, or place I'd rather be."** -KIPP RISE ACADEMY GRADE LEVEL CHAIR

## Values



GRIT



ZEST



SELF-CONTROL



OPTIMISM



GRATITUDE



SOCIAL  
INTELLIGENCE



CURIOSITY



## What makes KIPP Rise Academy unique?

### PURSUE YOUR PASSION

Rise students have the opportunity to participate in over 30 extra-curricular activities, such as basketball, flag football, and soccer. Clubs offered include the Poetry Club, Running Club, and Rise Artists and Performers.

### A VALUES-DRIVEN EDUCATION

At KIPP Rise Academy, we emphasize community engagement and personal responsibility by 'catching' students demonstrating our BEAT values (Be Kind, Effort, Accountability, Teamwork). Attendance and BEAT competitions foster a sense of accountability and pride.

### JOYFUL LEARNING

Gamifying tasks like reading and doing math makes learning a fun and friendly competition. We track number of words read and celebrate major milestones when students reach one, five, and 20 million words read.

## 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.



Kyle Newsome joined the Rise community in 2018, serving as Assistant Principal leading the school's Social Support Team, Enrichment Department, and Race, Equity, and Inclusion professional development. Kyle joined KIPP in 2011 holding various leadership roles, including Assistant Principal, at KIPP Newark Collegiate Academy and in 2017 founded the KIPP NCA Comeback Scholars program to address high school attrition. Prior to joining KIPP, Kyle served as a Supervisor at Bonnie Brae School and Residential Treatment Center, which supports at-risk youth. Kyle is a graduate of Rutgers University, New Brunswick and of the Princeton Alumni Corps' Emerging Leaders Program.