









KIPP NEWARK TEAM ACADEMY

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

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 **Opened:** 2002
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 **Hours:** 8:00AM-3:45PM (M, Tu, Th, F) 8:00AM-12:45PM (W)

463
OF STUDENTS

5-8
GRADES

73%
PROFICIENCY IN
ALGEBRA 1 FOR
MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENTS

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



85%
AFRICAN
AMERICAN
STUDENTS

4%
LATINX
STUDENTS

10%
MULTIRACIAL
STUDENTS

ABOUT KIPP TEAM ACADEMY

KIPP TEAM Academy is our network's flagship, founding school. Founded in 2002, TEAM prioritizes working in partnership with families to support student growth. Through engaging academics, extracurricular activities, and community-building events, TEAM prepares students to succeed in high school and beyond.

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

Values



GRIT



ZEST



SELF-CONTROL



OPTIMISM



GRATITUDE



SOCIAL
INTELLIGENCE



CURIOSITY



What makes KIPP TEAM Academy unique?

WHERE TALENTS TAKE OFF

TEAM offers a variety of extracurriculars to nurture student talent, including an undefeated boys' basketball team, competitive girls' cheerleading squad, and a performing Step Team. Students can also join clubs like chess, Girls Club, and public speaking.

ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT AND SCHOOL CULTURE

At TEAM, we emphasize character development and personal growth. The School Government Association (SGA) organizes events like the Fall Harvest and Spring Social, offering leadership opportunities and fostering school spirit. Through initiatives like CommUnity Circle and roles such as hallway monitors, students actively contribute to TEAM's positive culture.

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.

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.



Nikeya Stuart has over eighteen years of experience working with youth and families, including nine years as an educator. She holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice with a minor in African American studies from Pennsylvania State University. Nikeya began her teaching career as a Teach for America corps member in 2014 at Beloved Community Charter School in Jersey City, New Jersey, before transitioning to KIPP NJ in 2016. At KIPP, she has taught at KIPP Seek and TEAM Academies, holding various roles including math teacher, grade leader, assistant principal, and principal-in-residence. Nikeya earned her master's in educational leadership from Kean University in Fall 2023.