



Paterson Prep Charter School Joins KIPP New Jersey Network of High-Performing Public Charter Schools

Management Partner Selected for Increased Academic and Social Opportunities as Organization Establishes KIPP Paterson

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PATERSON, NJ – Paterson Prep, a K-8 charter school serving 360 students, today announces it has selected KIPP TEAM and Family as its charter management organization and will join the KIPP New Jersey (NJ) portfolio of schools starting in the 2025-26 school year.

KIPP TEAM and Family operates KIPP regions in Newark, Camden, and Miami, including 17 schools in Newark and Camden. The network is part of the nationally recognized “Knowledge Is Power Program” non-profit network of college-preparatory, free, public charter schools educating elementary, middle, and high school students.

KIPP Paterson will become a new region for the organization starting this coming school year, as KIPP New Jersey provides academic and operational support while maintaining Paterson Prep’s existing structure. By the 2026-27 school year, the school will be fully integrated into the KIPP NJ network, benefiting from its proven instructional model and college-preparatory approach that results in high rates of college matriculation and academic growth.

“KIPP NJ has demonstrated strong student outcomes for over two decades in both Newark and Camden, making KIPP NJ an ideal partner for Paterson Prep,” said Paterson Prep Board Chair John Lutz. “We are excited to welcome KIPP NJ to Paterson Prep. We expect that KIPP NJ will continue its success in Paterson, where families desire additional high-performing education options for their children.”

Paterson Prep leadership noted a similar culture and approach to instruction between the communities, emphasizing respect for educators and fostering relationships with families that stood out when considering a partnership. In the coming months, leaders at both Paterson Prep and KIPP NJ are focused on a smooth transition, providing steady and consistent support to students, families, and educators.

“We are honored to be working with this school community with whom we share so much in common,” said Ryan Hill, Founder and CEO of KIPP NJ and Miami. “We are eager to learn from and grow with the staff, students, and families at Paterson Prep in the coming months and excited to strengthen what’s already working while providing additional resources, coaching, and long-term support.”

About Paterson Prep

Paterson Prep, a public charter school in the classical tradition, helps students grow intellectually, socially, and physically into young men and women of good character and spirit,



preparing them for excellence in high school, college, and beyond. Opened in August 2023 with founding classes in Kindergarten, 1st, and 5th grade, Paterson Prep continues to grow its elementary and middle schools, built on a foundational philosophy: lead with character and set a high bar for excellence. To learn more, visit patersonprep.org.

About KIPP New Jersey

KIPP TEAM and Family is part of the nationally recognized “Knowledge Is Power Program” network of free, open-enrollment, college-preparatory public schools dedicated to preparing students for success in college and life. In 2002, 80 fifth graders walked through the doors of our first middle school in Newark, New Jersey, and our community has since grown to educate 8,135 students in grades K-12 across 17 schools in Newark and Camden and two in Miami. Our New Jersey students consistently outperform district averages on state exams. More than 90% of KIPP TEAM and Family students currently qualify for free or reduced meals.

By 2027, our schools will provide a world-class education to over 10,300 students across Newark, Camden, and now Paterson. To learn more, visit www.kippnj.org.