



Overview

KIPP is a non-profit network of free, public charter schools open to all students. There are 270 KIPP schools in 20 states and the District of Columbia educating more than 120,000 students on their path to college, career, and beyond.

KIPP origins

KIPP (Knowledge Is Power Program) began in 1994 with 47 fifth-graders within a public middle school in Houston, TX. The following year, two new public charter middle schools began in Houston and New York City. By 1999, these original KIPP schools were among the highest-performing schools in their respective communities.

KIPP Foundation

In 2000, Doris and Donald Fisher, founders of the Gap, committed philanthropic support to replicate the success of the original KIPP schools. The non-profit KIPP Foundation was originally established to recruit and train outstanding school leaders to open and run new KIPP schools. Today, the non-profit KIPP Foundation trains and develops outstanding educators to lead KIPP schools, provides tools, resources, and training for excellent teaching and learning, promotes innovation, and facilitates the exchange of insights and ideas within the KIPP network and with partners including districts, charters, colleges and universities, and non-profit organizations across the country.

KIPP network

The first new KIPP middle schools opened as public charter schools in 2001. In 2004, KIPP opened its first elementary and high schools, which paved the way for KIPP to become a full PreK-12 school system. In 2005, Richard Barth became the CEO of the KIPP Foundation and helped develop the regional growth model for KIPP's expansion. All KIPP schools are locally-run, non-profit organizations and are governed by a board of directors.

Ninety-five percent of the students KIPP educates are African American or Latinx. Almost 90 percent of our students qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, 12 percent receive special education services, and 18 percent are designated as English Language Learners.

Our results

As part of our commitment to transparency, the KIPP Foundation publishes a national report card for all KIPP schools on an annual basis on its website. Mathematica, an independent research group, has conducted a multi-year study of KIPP schools. In 2019, Mathematica released a study **showing the impact of attending KIPP middle school could erase the racial achievement gap in four-year college enrollment rates nationwide**. Another 2015 Mathematica report found that KIPP schools have positive, statistically significant impacts on student achievement, particularly at the elementary and middle school levels.

College, career, and beyond

KIPP Forward (formerly KIPP Through College) supports alumni to and through college graduation, and even into their careers. KIPP Forward counselors support students to choose and prepare for the educational and career path that fits their goals and sense of purpose. KIPP has also forged partnerships with more than 90 colleges and universities that are committed to helping more students persevere all the way to graduation.

Nationally, KIPP alumni complete college at a rate that is comparable to the national average for all students and approximately four times the national average for students from similar economic backgrounds.

KIPP:Public Schools

TOGETHER, A FUTURE WITHOUT LIMITS

Every student walks through the doors of school bearing gifts. Talent. Perspective. Drive. Inspiration. So at KIPP Public Schools, we support every student to see those gifts, then build the skills and confidence they need to pursue their **highest aspirations**.



OUR SCHOOLS

We are a network of 270 tuition-free public charter schools, nearly 10,000 educators, and more than 160,000 students and alumni. Together, we continually raise the bar for teaching and learning, then ensure success in one classroom travels across our network to hundreds more.



Students & Alumni:
160,000+



Schools:
270



Grades Served:
PreK-12

KIPP schools are located in more than 50 communities across 20 states and Washington, DC.



KIPP.ORG

What is a charter school?

All charter schools are tuition-free public schools and enrollment is open to all students. Charter schools are independently-operated and held accountable to the performance standards they agree to in their charter and by their communities.

OUR PROMISE

Affirmation

We see each student as an individual, matching what sparks their curiosity with what and how we teach.

Joyful Excellence

We challenge our students' minds while nurturing their joy of learning.

Community

We join together with families and communities, partnering to pursue the more just world we all want to see.

Collective Power

Together, our students are lighting ever-wider paths to opportunity and change. For themselves. For all those who will follow them. And for us all.

Optimism

Together, we are working toward a just world with no limits, and it starts at our schools.

STUDENTS

Every day, KIPP students and alumni across the country deploy their smarts and heart to break through any barrier that dares stand between them and the future they want. Because KIPPsters know they have everything they need inside, and a KIPP family at their backs.

KIPP Public Schools At-A-Glance

Students

120,000+
PreK-12 Students

95% are Black or Latinx
88% are eligible for federal free or reduced price lunch (FRPL)
12% receive special education services
18% are designated as English Language Learners (ELL)

..... Alumni

45,000+
Alumni Nationwide

4X higher college graduation rates
43% of KIPP high school graduates earn a bachelor's degree, a rate of four times their peers nationally.

Staff

13,000+

Teachers, School Leaders, and Staff

64% of KIPP teachers and 52% of KIPP leaders are Black or Latinx, compared to 16% of public school teachers and 20% of leaders nationally

Together, KIPPsters are creating a future without limits. For themselves. For all those who will follow them. And for us all. [Learn more at KIPP.org](http://KIPP.org)

KIPP:Public Schools

ALUMNI

KIPPsters set a high bar for their futures. For some, that means being the first in their family to graduate from college or buy a home. For others, it means serving our country or creating a business. So KIPP schools ensure each student has the skills and confidence to pursue any path that leads to their highest aspirations.

Through KIPP Forward, we're supporting students to discover what a fulfilling life means to them, then break through any barrier that dares stand in their way of achieving it. KIPP supports students to choose and prepare for the educational and career paths that fit their goals and sense of purpose.

Once on their way, KIPP Forward teams help alumni keep moving forward, tackling academic, social, and financial challenges they might encounter while pursuing their dreams. And through the KIPP Alumni Network, our KIPP family is creating powerful connections, and ascending together with networking, mentorship, leadership training, and more.

Alumni Spotlight

Nancy Kyei,

Class of 2013 in Baltimore, MD
Bachelor of Science in Sports Management from Towson University

Currently: First year student at Boston College Law School

Career Aspiration: Sports Law Attorney



Roman Ricketts

Class of 2015 in Newark, NJ
Certificate in CompTIA A+ from NPower

Currently: Junior Software Engineer at Elsevier Inc.

Career Aspiration: Chief Information Officer

Matthew Zenteno

Class of 2006 in Houston, TX
Bachelor of Science in Management from University of Houston

Currently: General Manager at Bettolino Kitchen

Career Aspiration: Own and Operate Live Music Venue

