

KIPP:Houston

HISTORY The KIPP (Knowledge Is Power Program) concept was formulated in 1992, when idealistic young Teach For America recruits Mike Feinberg and Dave Levin entered tough inner city classrooms in Houston and found hard-to-motivate students with low expectations who were not learning. KIPP began in 1994 when Mike and Dave launched a program for fifth graders at Garcia Elementary in northeast Houston. While only half of the students passed their fourth-grade tests before enrolling in KIPP, 98% passed the Texas fifth-grade exams in reading and mathematics after one year at KIPP. In 1995, *KIPP Academy* became a charter school serving fifth-grade students from the Gulfton community. Growing one grade level per year, KIPP Academy became a full-size middle school serving students from over 70 different zip codes in Houston.



In 2001, KIPP added a second middle school in Houston, *KIPP 3D Academy*, which now serves grades 5 through 8. In 2004, KIPP grew up to begin a high school and grew down to begin an early childhood and elementary school. Two new middle schools and one early childhood/elementary school opened in August of 2006.

As the hub of a national movement, KIPP Houston serves as a model for successful education reform throughout the nation. In 2006-07, there are 52 KIPP schools serving over 12,000 children in 17 states and the District of Columbia.

MISSION *To prepare underserved students with the academic skills, intellectual habits, and qualities of character necessary to succeed at all levels of prekindergarten through twelfth grade, college, and the competitive world beyond.*

KIPP HOUSTON KIPP is a family of eight academically rigorous, college preparatory public schools in Houston serving at-risk students in grades prekindergarten through first and fifth through eleventh.

KIPP SHINE Prep, which opened in August 2004, is our first early childhood and elementary school, currently serving students in prekindergarten through first grade and expanding one grade level per year through fourth grade. The 114 prekindergarten students are in school from 7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. every day for ten months out of the year, and the 117 kindergarten and 115 first-grade students are in school until 5:00 every day. SHINE has also created a strong Family Literacy Program to ensure parents are able to help their children as they begin their schooling.



KIPP DREAM Prep, KIPP's second early childhood and elementary school, opened with its first prekindergarten class in August 2006 on the first floor of *KIPP 3D Academy*, where they will continue their career as KIPPsters in grades five through eight.

KIPP Academy Middle School and *KIPP 3D Academy* serve 351 and 337 students, respectively in grades 5 through 8. Students and parents sign a written Commitment to Excellence Form that specifies attendance from 7:25 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, four hours two Saturdays a month, and one month each summer. This agreement asks parents to reinforce students' commitments, ensure attendance, and help with two to three hours of homework each evening.

Two new middle schools, *KIPP Liberation College Prep* and *KIPP Spirit College Prep*, opened their doors for the first time in June 2006, serving fifth-grade children in the Third Ward and Sunnyside communities.

KIPP Houston High School, opened in August 2004, and currently serves 110 ninth graders, 93 tenth graders, and 60 eleventh graders. KHHS started with half as many students per grade in its inaugural class to allow for detailed planning, documentation, and curriculum during its first four years. It will grow one grade level per year to serve 450 students in grades nine through twelve.

New Orleans West (NOW) College Prep, a *KIPP Transformation School*, with the partnership of KIPP Academy, Houston ISD, and Teach For America, opened its doors in October 2005 just south of Downtown Houston to serve kindergarten through eighth-grade students that were displaced from Hurricane Katrina. NOW will be housed on *KIPP 3D Academy's* campus in the 2006-07 school year and will serve kindergarten through fifth grades.

STUDENTS KIPPsters commit to do whatever it takes for themselves and their fellow students to learn:

- 1753 students enrolled in grades prekindergarten through eleven.
- 66% are Hispanic, 32% are African-American, 1% are Asian, and 1% are Caucasian.
- 91% are eligible for federal free or reduced fee breakfast and lunch programs.

RESULTS KIPP Academy was honored by the US Department of Education as a 2003 Blue Ribbon School – the first charter school in Texas to receive this award. KIPP has been named an Exemplary or Recognized School by the Texas Education Agency each year during its first decade. To date, KIPP Alumni number approximately 280 attending 63 different schools in 19 states. From 1999-2005, KIPP students earned more than \$25 million dollars in scholarships for high school and college and were accepted into some of Houston's and the nation's most prestigious academic institutions.

KIPP Houston Demographics 2006-2007

	Enrollment	Low-Income	African-American	Hispanic	White	Asian	Other
Early Childhood/Elementary							
KIPP SHINE Prep	348	96.26%	20.40%	77.59%	0.00%	2.01%	0.00%
KIPP DREAM Prep	113	95.58%	31.86%	65.49%	2.65%	0.00%	0.00%
NOW College Prep	140	100.00%	99.29%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.71%
Middle School							
KIPP Academy Middle School	348	91.38%	17.24%	80.17%	0.57%	2.01%	0.00%
KIPP 3D Academy	345	88.41%	13.33%	86.09%	0.58%	0.00%	0.00%
KIPP Liberation College Prep	80	78.75%	92.50%	6.25%	1.25%	0.00%	0.00%
KIPP Spirit College Prep	83	78.31%	91.57%	6.02%	0.00%	0.00%	2.41%
High School							
KIPP Houston High School	266	86.84%	18.05%	79.32%	0.00%	2.26%	0.38%
Total	1723	90.83%	31.92%	66.22%	0.46%	1.16%	0.23%
Early Childhood/Elementary	601	97.00%	40.93%	57.24%	0.50%	1.16%	0.17%
Middle School	856	87.73%	29.91%	68.46%	0.58%	0.82%	0.23%
High School	266	86.84%	18.05%	79.32%	0.00%	2.26%	0.38%

KIPP Houston 2006 TAKS Scoreboards

KIPP 3D Academy

	Reading	Mathematics	Writing	Science	Social Studies
5th Grade	81	81	-	55	-
6th Grade	98	93	-	-	-
7th Grade	83	82	97	-	-
8th Grade	98	98	-	98	100

KIPP Academy Middle School

	Reading	Mathematics	Writing	Science	Social Studies
5th Grade	89	92	-	69	-
6th Grade	96	94	-	-	-
7th Grade	97	95	98	-	-
8th Grade	99	99	-	96	98

KIPP Houston High School

	ELA/Reading	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies
10th Grade	100	90	93	100
9th Grade	100	96	-	-