



FREQUENTLY ASKED ENROLLMENT QUESTIONS

ABOUT KIPP STAR HARLEM COLLEGE PREP ELEMENTARY

1. What is KIPP STAR Harlem College Prep Elementary?

KIPP STAR Harlem Elementary is a free, public charter school that prepares students for success in college and life. We are relentlessly focused on results – academic results, character development, and the outcomes that ultimately matter most: graduating from high school and college, embarking on a career and becoming self-sufficient and happy. KIPP’s success is rooted in a few core principles that guide everything we do:

- **High Expectations.** We create a culture of support and achievement and personalize based on a student’s needs, skills, and interests.
- **Focus On Character.** We believe that our students need both a strong academic foundation and well-developed character strengths to succeed in college and the world beyond.
- **Highly Effective Teachers and Leaders.** We empower educators to lead school teams and invest in training to help them grow as professionals.
- **Safe, Structured, and Nurturing Environments.** Our schools provide a safe, structured, and nurturing environment so that our students thrive and maximize their learning.
- **KIPP Through College.** A dedicated KIPP Through College team supports our students as they prepare for college and career, and navigate social, academic, and financial challenges while in college.

2. What sort of results have KIPP schools had?

- 97% of KIPP NYC alumni graduated from high school and 91% have matriculated to college (more than twice the national average for communities similar to ours).
- 47% of KIPP NYC alumni have earned a B.A. degree (an additional 15% have earned an associate’s degree), compared to only 10% of students from communities like ours.
- By the end of 2015-16, 82% of Kindergarten students, 76% of 1st grade students, and 70% of 2nd grade students met or exceeded their end-of-year reading level goals.
- This past year, KIPP NYC College Prep’s students excelled on their NY State Regents exams, with 85% passing English, 92% passing Algebra I, and 96% passing US History.

3. What grades will KIPP STAR serve in 2018-19?

- KIPP STAR Harlem College Prep Elementary School will serve approximately 465 students in K-4.
- KIPP STAR College Prep Middle School will serve approximately 310 students in grades 5-8.
- KIPP NYC College Prep High School serves over 1,000 students in grades 9-12.

4. What is the school’s schedule and calendar?

KIPP NYC students spend more time in school than their counterparts in traditional public schools. By choosing to enroll at KIPP STAR Harlem College Prep Elementary, families and students commit to an extended school day. They also commit to attending quarterly Saturday morning sessions as well as a two-week mandatory summer school session. The first day of school for incoming students has not been set, however the school mostly follows the NYC Department of Education calendar for the rest of the year.



5. What happens to KIPP students when they go on to high school?

In the summer of 2009, KIPP NYC opened KIPP NYC College Prep, a high school for students graduating from all five KIPP NYC middle schools.

6. Can I visit the school?

KIPP STAR Harlem College Prep Elementary is located on the first and third floors of the Terrence Tolbert Educational Complex at 625 W. 133rd Street, New York, NY 10027. We have an open door policy: please come and visit!

7. How old do you have to be to attend Kindergarten at KIPP STAR Harlem College Prep Elementary School?

Children must be 5 years of age by December 31st, 2018 to attend Kindergarten.

8. Do the students wear uniforms to school? Do I have to pay for the uniform shirts?

Yes, all students are required to wear uniforms at KIPP. Families will have the opportunity to purchase shirts and belts over the summer and throughout the school year at the school site directly. Families purchase our navy blue French Toast bottoms through Cookies Uniforms: the school will provide families with a specific code which you use to purchase the correct brand and style of the bottoms.

9. How many students are in each classroom?

There are approximately twenty-eight to thirty-three students in each classroom. Additionally, every K-2 classroom is taught by two full time teachers.

10. Do you take ELL (English Language Learner) or Special Education students?

Yes! We have learning specialists dedicated to meeting the needs of these students.

11. Do you have free breakfast and lunch programs?

Yes. All students will receive free breakfast and lunch (and an afternoon snack).

12. Will KIPP provide transportation for my child to get to and from the school?

As with any public school, KIPP will provide eligible students with a half-fare or full fare Metrocard depending on how far they live from the school. KIPP STAR Harlem College Prep Elementary School does not provide yellow bus service to or from school.

ABOUT THE KIPP NYC LOTTERY PROCESS

1. Do you have to apply to get into KIPP?

Yes. KIPP STAR Harlem College Prep Elementary Charter School is a public school open to all New York students that are incoming kindergarteners through third graders. The only information needed to enter the KIPP lottery is the student's name and contact information. No test scores, grades, recommendations, or behavioral history will be taken into consideration. **All applications must be submitted by April 1, 2018 at 12:00pm (noon)** online at www.kippnyc.org/enroll.

2. How does the lottery work? Do I have to attend the lottery? How will I find out if my child was selected?

KIPP STAR Harlem College Prep Elementary plans to enroll 95 incoming kindergarteners. If the number of families interested in attending the school exceeds the number of students we can serve, then **we will conduct a lottery on April**



3, 2018 at 12:00pm (noon) . All students entered into the lottery will have their names drawn by an independent auditor. Open slots will be filled in the following order:

1. Returning Students
2. Brothers/Sisters of Current KIPP STAR Students in Grades K-12; Current Children of KIPP NYC Employees
3. Applicants Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch and Residing in the Community School District
4. Applicants Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch and Not Residing in the Community School District
5. Applicants Not Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch and Residing in the Community School District
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Upon submission of the application, applicants will have the opportunity to document their free and reduced price lunch eligibility. Families do not need to be present at the lottery. Accepted students will be contacted by phone in the order they were drawn until all open slots are filled. Admission statuses will also be available on each family's SchoolMint account beginning in early April.

3. Do you accept applications for 1st -4th graders?

Yes. There will be a lottery for 1st -4th grade students, however we anticipate that there will be few, if any, open seats.

4. Can I enter my child's name in more than one KIPP NYC lottery?

Yes. The lottery application allows you to choose multiple schools that you may apply to, based on your preference.

5. Can I enter the lottery more than once?

No. Each child may only enter once. Any duplicate applications will be removed prior to the lottery.

6. If I entered the lottery last year, do I need to enter again?

Yes. There is a new lottery every year. Waitlists do not carry over from year to year.

7. Where is the school, and who can I contact with additional questions?

The school is located at 625 West 133rd Street, 1st & 3rd Floors, New York, NY 10027.

For more information, please contact the main office at 212-991-2655 or email the Director of Operations at dwessler@kippnyc.org or visit <http://www.kippnyc.org/enroll>.