



Washington Heights Middle School

FREQUENTLY ASKED ENROLLMENT QUESTIONS

ABOUT KIPP WASHINGTON HEIGHTS

1. What is KIPP Washington Heights Middle School?

KIPP Washington Heights Middle School 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 Washington Heights Middle School serve in 2017-18?

- KIPP Washington Heights Elementary School will serve approximately 375 students in K-3.
- KIPP Washington Heights Middle School will serve approximately 500 students in grades 4-8.
- KIPP NYC College Prep High School serves over 1,000 students in grades 9-12.

4. What is the school schedule and calendar?

KIPP NYC students spend more time in school than their counterparts in traditional public schools. By choosing to enroll at KIPP Washington Heights Middle School, families and students commit to an extended school day that lasts from 7:45 am to 4:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and 7:45am to 1:30pm on Wednesday. There is also a two-week mandatory summer school session (7:45 am to 1:30pm). The first day of school for incoming students has not been set, however the school mostly follows the NYC Department of Education calendar the rest of the year.

5. What happens to KIPP Washington Heights Middle School 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. 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. All students will be provided with one KIPP shirt free of charge. They will have the opportunity to purchase additional shirts during summer school and throughout the school year.

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

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

8. Do you have free breakfast and lunch programs?

Yes. Those students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch will receive breakfast and lunch (and an afternoon snack) as they did at their previous school.

9. Will KIPP Washington Heights provide transportation for my child to get to and from the school?

As with any public school, KIPP Washington Heights Middle School will provide eligible students with a half-fare or full fare Metrocard depending on how far they live from the school. Students with bus transportation mandated on their IEPs will continue to receive those services.

ABOUT THE KIPP NYC LOTTERY PROCESS

1. Do you have to apply to get into KIPP Washington Heights Middle School?

Yes. KIPP Washington Heights Middle School is a public school open to all New York students grades 4-8. The only information needed to enter the KIPP lottery is the student's name and parent/guardian 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 in the lottery?

KIPP Washington Heights Middle School enrolls rising 3rd grade students from KIPP Washington Heights Elementary School. As a result, **we expect to have only a handful of seats available** for new students in our incoming 4th grade class. 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 Washington Heights in Grades K-12; Children of Current 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 5th-8th graders?

Yes. There will be a lottery for 5th-8th 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 in IS 90 (the Mirabal Sisters Campus) at 21 Jumel Place in Washington Heights. For more information or to receive an application, please contact the School Operations Administrator, at (212) 991-2620 or visit <http://www.kippnyc.org/enroll>.