



KIPP NYC COLLEGE PREP

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2014-15 ENROLLMENT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ABOUT KIPP

1. What is KIPP?

KIPP 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 believe that all of our students are capable of remarkable learning and growth and that our talented team can and will find a way to achieve those results.
- **More Time.** There are no shortcuts at KIPP. Our day starts earlier and ends later than at other schools. We hold half-day classes on many Saturdays as well as summer school for all students.
- **Character Counts.** We believe that success in school and in life depends on character. During each school day, in every lesson and every interaction, we focus as much on developing character – traits such as zest, grit, self-control, hope, love, gratitude, social intelligence and humor – as we do on academic preparation.
- **Through College – and Beyond.** A dedicated KIPP Through College team supports our students after they graduate KIPP NYC schools – to help them meet the challenges of getting a college degree and becoming successful professionals. We deliver education for life.

2. What sort of results have KIPP schools had?

- 94% of KIPP NYC alumni graduated from high school and 86% have enrolled in college (more than twice the national average for communities similar to ours).
- 41% of KIPP NYC alumni graduate college – more than four times the national average for communities similar to ours!
- By the end of 2012-13, 90% of Kindergarten students, 82% of 1st grade students, 84% of 2nd grade students, and 80% of 3rd 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 93% passing Comprehensive English, 92% passing Living Environment, and 91% passing Integrated Algebra.

3. What grades will KIPP NYC College Prep serve in 2014-15?

- KIPP NYC College Prep High School serves over 800 students in grades 9-12.

4. What is the school schedule and calendar?

KIPP NYC students spend almost 50% more time in school than their counterparts in traditional public schools. By choosing to enroll at KIPP NYC College Prep High School, families and students commit to an extended school day that lasts from 8:00am to 4:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and 8:00am to 3:15pm on Wednesday and Friday. They also commit to attending 10 Saturday school days each school year that last from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Over the summer, there is also a mandatory freshman orientation (typically two weeks) and summer school or summer jobs, camps, and internships for rising Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors.

5. Where is KIPP NYC College Prep located? Can I visit the school?

KIPP NYC College Prep is located at 201 East 144th Street Bronx, NY 10451. If you would like to visit our school, please contact the main office at (212) 991-2626.

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 consisting of khaki pants and polo shirts at KIPP NYC College Prep High School. All students will be provided with one KIPP NYC College Prep High School polo shirt free of charge. They will have the opportunity to purchase additional shirts, sweaters, and skirts throughout the school year.

7. How many students are in each classroom?

While the number of students in each classroom will vary depending on the subject, the average class size for the 2013-14 school year was 19 students.

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

Yes! If your child is admitted to our school and you believe they should receive ELL or Special Education services, we ask that you notify our Dean of Special Education, Jeffrey Imwold, immediately at (410) 459-5588 so we can coordinate the appropriate services for your child.

9. Do you have free breakfast and lunch programs?

Yes. Breakfast and afternoon snacks are free for all students. Lunch is provided at free or reduced cost for those who are eligible.

10. 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, as well as Saturday metrocards for our Saturday programs.

ABOUT THE LOTTERY PROCESS

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

KIPP NYC College Prep is a public school that serves advancing KIPP NYC 8th graders attending one of the five KIPP NYC middle schools (KIPP Academy, KIPP STAR, KIPP AMP, KIPP Infinity, and KIPP Washington Heights middle schools). For the 2014-15 school year, there will be a student lottery for any open 9th, 10th and 11th grade seats that may come available. We expect to admit 15-20 students through the 2013-14 lottery.

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 NYC College Prep plans to enroll 200 incoming 9th graders annually, including all advancing 8th graders at KIPP middle schools who apply and retained students. 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 7th, 2014 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. Retained students
2. Advancing 8th grade students from KIPP NYC middle schools (for 9th grade slots)
3. Brothers/Sisters of Current KIPP NYC Students (must attend a KIPP NYC school)
4. Applicants Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch and Residing in the Community School District
5. Applicants Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch and Not Residing in the Community School District
6. Applicants Not Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch and Residing in the Community School District
7. Applicants Not Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch and Not Residing in the Community School District

Upon submission of the application, applicants will have the opportunity to document their free and reduced lunch eligibility. Families do not need to be present at the lottery. Parents/guardians will be notified by mail of their lottery number and status beginning on **April 8th, 2014**.

3. Do you accept applications for 10th-12th graders?

We currently have very few, if any seats available for 10th- 12th graders. Upon admission, official transcripts must be submitted.

4. 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.

5. Who can I contact with additional questions?

For more information or to receive an application, please the main office by phone at (212) 991-2626 or visit our website at <http://www.kippnyc.org/enroll>.