

KIPP: Houston High School

School Profile 2018 - 2019

OUR HISTORY

Since 1994, KIPP – Knowledge Is Power Program – has received national attention for its success in putting underserved students on the path to and through college. KIPP has grown from its start as a pair of 5th-grade classrooms in Houston to its present status as a family of 224 KIPP schools in 21 states and Washington, D.C. serving nearly 96,000 K-12 students and 12,000+ alumni persisting in college. KIPP has used simple, proven strategies to deliver an uncompromising education to our nation's children. In August 2004, answering the need for a local, rigorous, college-prep high school, KIPP opened KIPP Houston High School (KHHS), its 1st KIPP high school in the U.S. On July 1, 2018, KIPP Texas was created to combine Houston, San Antonio, Austin and Dallas/Ft. Worth. KIPP Texas- Houston now has 30 schools in the Houston area, including 5 high schools.

OUR MISSION

KHHS is committed to helping students develop the strengthened academic and intellectual skills, knowledge, and character necessary for success in college and life. Success requires mastery of core academic disciplines, as well as critical thinking, self-discipline, organization, self-advocacy, communication, and leadership.

OUR STUDENTS

We have 676 students in grades 9-12, with an average daily attendance of 97.2%. The demographic make-up of our student body is: 80% Latino, 17% Black, and 2% Asian. 89.4% of our students receive free or reduced-price lunch.

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

KHHS's collaborative teaching and learning culture is supported by seven core values (in bold below). Our community shares a **hunger** for improving every day. Curricular and community enrichment add excitement, depth, and **relevance** to rigorous academic studies. Supportive **relationships** among students, parents, and teachers are nurtured through an Advisory program and a devoted counseling and instructional staff. Students honor themselves through **strength** of mind, body, and spirit with healthy life choices, and they act with **honor** both inside and outside the classroom. KHHS young adults demonstrate sincere **humility** in all personal and professional interactions.

OUR HONOR CODE

The KHHS Honor Code delineates our community's shared commitment to upholding integrity and college preparation as top priorities. At its core, the Honor Code is based on mutual respect, trust, and integrity. Students, parents, and teachers commit to the Honor Code by signing the Recommitment to Excellence.

OUR UNIQUE PROGRAMS

KHHS has a vibrant extra-curricular life. Students experience excursions throughout the school year via field lessons and through Summer of Learning (SOL), a program requiring our 9th-11th graders to spend 100 hours interning, traveling, volunteering, and/or studying in the summer. In past summers, our students volunteered in Houston's Medical Center; traveled to Europe and other international destinations; trekked through national parks with The National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) and The Woods Project; studied at Cape Eleuthera Island School (Bahamas), as well as Brown University, Davidson College, Franklin & Marshall College, Georgetown, Northwestern, and Penn; and interned at Bank of America and Hines with Accenture's *Future Focus* program. Our student-athletes play a variety of Junior Varsity and Varsity sports, including Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Soccer, Track, Volleyball, and the crowd-pleasing KIPP Krew dance team. Our robust Art, Music, and Dance programs are led by talented teachers. Students can play in the Jazz Band or their own rock bands, and they often submit their visual artwork to local galleries and scholarship competitions. We have school color-aligned Spirit Teams (Onyx, Sterling, and Vermillion) composed of staff and students, which convene for quarterly friendly competitions. Our daily Advisory meetings and student discipline policy are grounded in the practice of Restorative Justice.

OUR CURRICULUM & GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

KHHS offers a dynamic college-preparatory education and support systems that encourage student achievement, maturation, and independence. Most classes have less than 25 students, and team and discussion-based learning methods are the norm. All teachers utilize technology daily to support and enhance their lessons, and most classrooms are equipped with a Promethean Boards. For graduation, students are required to take four years of English, History, Math, and Science, along with other requirements and electives for a minimum of 26 credits. A full listing of KHHS's courses, including AP, is available on the following page.

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"Beating the Odds" HS; Texas
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School Population:

676 in grades 9-12,

168 seniors

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School Motto: Esse Quam Videri
(To Be, Not To Seem)

School Mascot:

The Kerberos

RANK IN CLASS

Ranking is determined by cumulative, weighted grade point averages (GPA's) at the end of the junior year, and at the end of the first and second semesters of the senior year for college admission purposes.

GRADING SCALE AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) DISTRIBUTION

KHHS reports a final letter and numeric grade average for all courses, and all grades reported on transcripts are actual grades earned. Grades are awarded on an A-F scale (90-100 = A, 80-89 = B, 70-79 = C, 69 and below = F); **and there are no D's given.** AP and Honors courses are weighted by 1 additional point. All high school credit courses are calculated into a cumulative, weighted GPA. Courses taken at other schools that do not meet State of Texas graduation requirements are awarded credit, but are not calculated into the GPA. Below is the Class of 2017's cumulative GPA distribution through the end of the junior year.

DESIGNATION OF GRADUATE HONORS

At graduation, students are recognized for their academic achievement according to the following honor categories based on cumulative, weighted GPA's calculated at the end of the third quarter of senior year.

| <u>Summa Cum Laude</u> | <u>Magna Cum Laude</u> | <u>Cum Laude</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 3.75 or higher | 3.50-3.74 | 3.25- 3.49 |

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR THE CLASSES OF 2008-2018

The following is a list of colleges and universities to which graduates of KHHS's Classes of 2008 through 2018 were admitted. An asterisk denotes an institution with at least one currently attending or graduated KHHS alumna/us. KIPP has over 87 College Partners nationwide. Partner institutions which currently have KHHS alumni enrolled are denoted in italics. Underlined institutions denotes POSSE scholars. 94% of our Class of 2018 graduates was accepted to a 4-year college or university.

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|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| Abilene Christian University | Indiana University Johns Hopkins University Johnson & Wales University Kenyon College | *Sewanee: University of the South | *University of New Mexico |
| Agnes Scott College | Lafayette College | *Southern Methodist University (SMU) | *University of North Texas |
| Alabama State University | *Lamar University | *Southwestern Univ. | University of Oregon |
| *Angelo State University | Landmark College | *Spelman College | *University of Pennsylvania |
| *Austin College | *Lewis & Clark College | Spring Hill College | *University of St. Thomas |
| *Baylor University | *Louisiana State University | *St. Edward's University | University of Texas at Arlington |
| <i>Bennington College</i> | Loyola University-Chicago | St. John's University | *University of Texas at Austin |
| Birmingham-Southern College | *Loyola University-NOLA | *St. Mary's University | *University of Texas at Dallas |
| *Boston University | *Lycoming College | *Stephen F. Austin Univ. | *Univ. of Texas at Permian Basin |
| Brandeis University | *Manhattanville College | *Syracuse University | Univ. of Texas at Tyler |
| <i>Brown University</i> | Michigan State University | *Texas A&M University | *Univ. of Texas at San Antonio |
| *Bryn Mawr College | Mississippi State University | Corpus Christi | University of Tulsa |
| Calvin College | *Monmouth College | Texas A&M University-Galveston | *University of Virginia |
| *Carleton College | *Morehouse College | Texas A&M International University | *Temple University |
| Carnegie Mellon University | *Navarro College (Am. Honors) | Texas A&M University-San Antonio | <i>Trinity University (San Antonio)</i> |
| *Colby College | New England College | *Texas A&M Univ.- Kingsville | *Tufts University |
| *College of William & Mary | New York University | *Texas A&M University-San Antonio | Tulane University |
| *College of Wooster | Northeastern University | Texas Christian University | Tuskegee University |
| Colorado State University | Northern Arizona University | *Texas Lutheran Univ. | *Vanderbilt University |
| Cornell University | *Occidental College | *Texas Southern Univ. | Villanova University |
| *Dartmouth College | *Oklahoma City University | *Texas State University | *Wellesley College |
| *Dean College | Oklahoma State University | *Texas Tech University | *Wesleyan University |
| DePaul University | *Our Lady of the Lake University | *Texas Wesleyan University | West Texas A&M Univ. |
| <i>Dillard University</i> | Pace University | *Texas Woman's University | West Virginia University |
| Drexel University | Pennington State University | United States Air Force Academy | Wheaton College |
| *Duke University | *Prairie View A&M University | <i>University of Arizona</i> | *Wabash College |
| *Embry Riddle Aeronautical University | *Princeton University | <i>University of Houston</i> | *Xavier University of Louisiana |
| *Emory University | Randolph College | *University of the Incarnate Word | *Yale University |
| Evergreen State College | *Rice University | <i>University of Kansas</i> | |
| Franklin College-Switzerland | Roosevelt University | University of Kentucky | |
| *Franklin & Marshall College | *Saint Louis University | University of Mary | |
| *Georgetown University | *Salem College | Hardin-Baylor | |
| Georgia State University | *Sam Houston State University | University of Memphis | |
| Hampton University | University Schreiner | University of Miami | |
| <i>Hendrix College</i> | University | | |
| *Hope College | *Seattle Pacific University | | |
| *Houston Baptist Univ. | | | |
| *Howard University | | | |

KHHS COURSE OFFERINGS (12 AP & 3 Pre-AP Classes)

ENGLISH – 4 credits

English I-IV, AP English Language, & AP English Literature

HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCE – 4 credits AP

Human Geography, World Geography, Pre-AP World Geography, World History, AP World History, U.S. History, AP U.S. History, Government* (incl. AP), & Economics* (incl. Honors)

MATHEMATICS – 4 credits

Algebra I, Geometry, Math Models, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, AP Statistics,

AP Calculus AB, Financial Math

SCIENCE – 4 credits

Biology, Chemistry, Pre-AP Chemistry, Physics, AP Physics I, AP Biology, Aquatic Science, Engineering I, II & III

SPANISH – 2 credits

I, II, Pre-AP III, AP Span IV Lang. & V Lit.

FINE ARTS – 1 credit

Art I & II, Ceramics II-IV, Drawing II-IV, Electronic Media II-IV, Jewelry II-IV, Painting II-IV, Sculpture II-IV, Visual Media II-IV, AP 1D-3D Drawing Portfolio, Dance I-IV, Hip Hop Dance, KIPP Elite and KIPP Krew dance teams, Band I-IV, Jazz Ensemble I-IV, Orchestra I-IV, & Instrumental Ens. I-IV

PHYSICAL EDUCATION – 1 credit

Physical Education* (incl. Team Sports), Girls' Fitness & Weightlifting, Athletics, Yoga

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS – 1 credit

Freshman Seminar, Pathway to College & Career I (Comp. 10) and II (Comp. 11), & College Connections (12th Grade)

ELECTIVES – 1 credit

Educ. Leadership, Identity, Ethnicity and Politics in America, Computer Engineering, Reading & Study Skills*, SGA

*Denotes one-half credit courses