



2021-2022 Press Kit

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WE ARE PROUD TO BE PART OF THE KIPP PUBLIC SCHOOLS NETWORK

Every student walks through the doors of school bearing gifts, talent, perspective, drive, and inspiration. At KIPP Public Schools, we support every student to see those gifts, then build the skills and confidence they need to thrive.

We see each student as an individual, matching what sparks their curiosity with what and how we teach. We challenge their minds while nurturing their joy of learning -- whether they are working to read their first word or solve their first calculus problem. We prepare every student for college and celebrate all paths to a fulfilling life. And we join together with families and communities, partnering to pursue the more just world we all want to see.

We are a network of more than 270 schools, nearly 10,000 educators, and 160 students and alumni. Together, we continually raise the bar for teaching and learning, then ensure success in one classroom travels across our network to hundreds more. And while each of our schools reflects the community to which it belongs, we are united around a shared commitment: a future without limits.

Every day, KIPP students and alumni across the country deploy their smarts and heart to break through any barrier that dares stand between them and the future they want. Because KIPPsters know they have everything they need inside, and a KIPP family at their backs. Together, they are lighting ever-wider paths to opportunity and change. For themselves. For all those who will follow them. And for us all.

MISSION

Together with families and communities, we create joyful academically excellent schools that prepare students with the skills and confidence to pursue the paths they choose—college, career, and beyond—so they can lead fulfilling lives and build a more just world.

AT KIPP TEXAS, OUR CORE VALUES ARE OUR NORTH STAR.

KIPP Texas Public Schools relentlessly pursues preparing all students for success in college, leadership, and life. We acknowledge we may not always get it right and we have opportunities to grow and improve. With this, we have examined our practices which has led us to formally establish an unwavering commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.



CHAMPION EQUITY



CHASE EXCELLENCE



PERSIST WITH PURPOSE



BRING JOY



RISE TOGETHER

**TOGETHER, A FUTURE
WITHOUT LIMITS**





WHAT IS KIPP TEXAS?

OUR STORY

KIPP Texas Public Schools is an open-enrollment, public, tuition-free charter school network of 59 schools with more than 31,000 pre-K-12 students across the state. Together with our families and communities, we create joyful, academically excellent schools that prepare our students to pursue any path they choose—college, career, and beyond—so they can lead fulfilling lives and build a more just world.

We are committed to equity in education with an instructional program in which students will be given the opportunity to master the fundamental skills of reading, writing, listening, speaking, spelling, and mathematics. Other fundamental learning in the arts, literature, foreign language, natural sciences, social sciences, physical education, and college and career readiness skills is provided for all students. Recognition is given and provisions are made for the individual capabilities, creative talents, needs, and interests of each student.

LEADERSHIP



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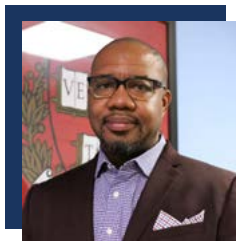
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EXPANSION AND GROWTH

59

**Schools from
Pre-K - 12th**

100

**Partnerships
with colleges and
universities**

4

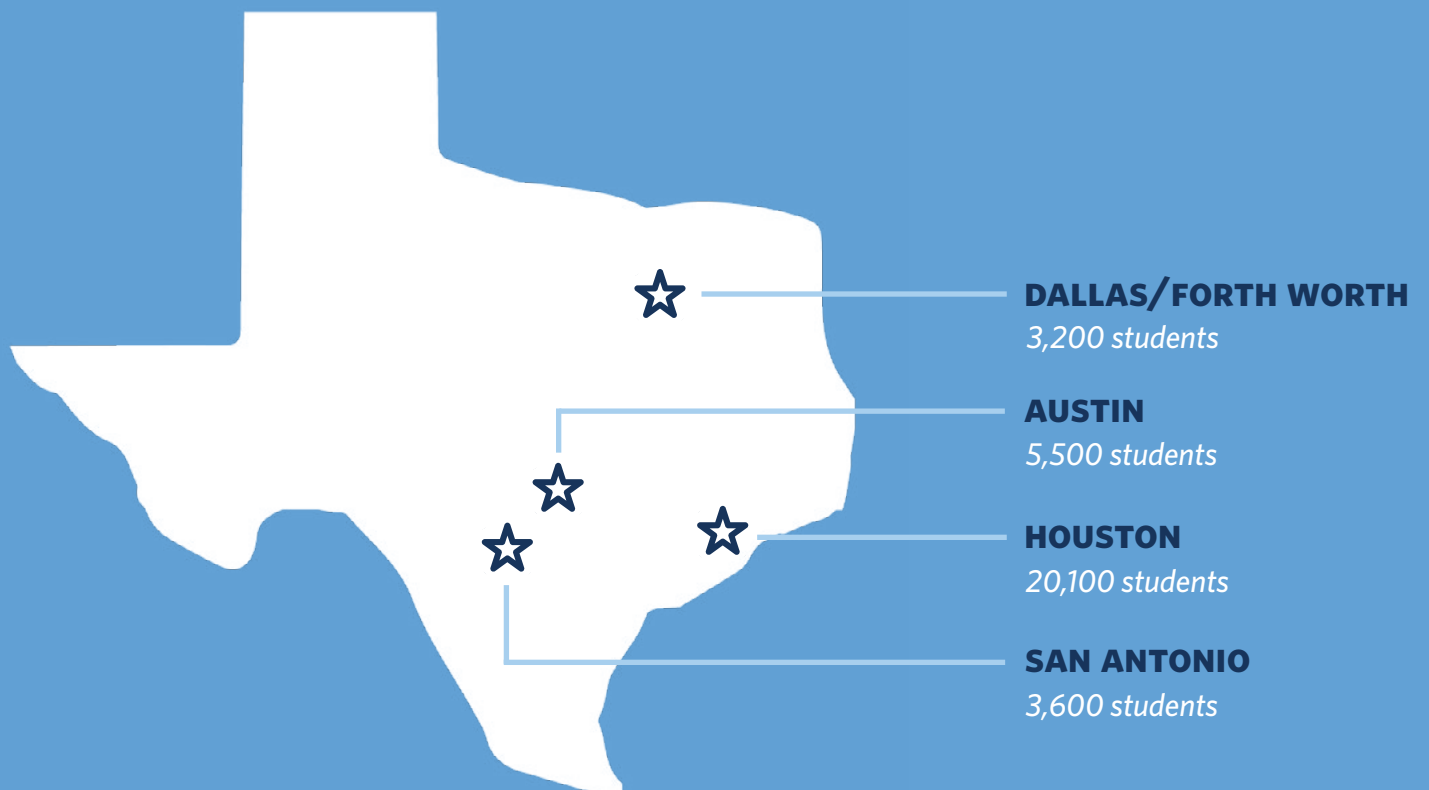
**Regions: Austin,
Dallas/Fort Worth,
Houston, San Antonio**

KIPP Texas Public Schools seeks to meet the needs of our communities by growing to 88 schools across Texas between now and Fall 2025, effectively doubling the number of KIPP Texas seats to 55,000 by 2025, and growing to 100,000 seats in the years after. While the Texas economy has grown, so has economic inequality -- in the last two decades, the percent of Texas public school students who are economically disadvantaged has increased by 20%, and three in five Texas students now live in poverty.

In Texas, there are more than 1.4 million children from communities that are largely under-resourced who are attending underperforming schools, rated D or F by the state. 600K of these students reside in our four current regions — Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio.

In the meantime, families are seeking out KIPP Texas for their students, and we have one of the largest waitlists in the state, with more than 9,000 unique applicants on our waitlist yearly.





AWARDS



For the first time ever, *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked the best performing elementary and middle schools in the country, and we are so proud that KIPP Texas schools received the recognition they deserve. On this inaugural list, five of our elementary schools and four of our middle schools were ranked among the top 10 charter schools in their cities! This year, 102,610 pre-K, elementary, and middle schools across the country were evaluated on student performance in mathematics and reading/ and language arts. The U.S. Department of Education-sourced data was from the 2018-2019 academic year and preceded the COVID-19 pandemic's impact.



The KIPP Texas elementary schools that ranked among the top ten in their respective cities include:



KIPP UNITY PRIMARY

Highest ranked elementary charter school in Houston!



KIPP SHINE PREP

2nd highest ranked elementary charter school in Houston!



KIPP SHARP PREP

3rd highest ranked elementary charter school in Houston!



KIPP EXPLORE ACADEMY

8th highest ranked elementary charter school in Houston!



KIPP CONNECT PRIMARY

10th highest ranked elementary charter school in Houston!



The KIPP Texas middle schools that ranked among the top ten in their respective cities include:



KIPP CONNECT MIDDLE SCHOOL

9th highest ranked middle school in Houston!



KIPP AUSTIN COLLEGE PREP

4th highest ranked charter middle school in Austin!



KIPP AUSTIN ACADEMY OF ARTS & LETTERS

5th highest ranked charter middle school in Austin!



KIPP AUSTIN BEACON PREP

8th highest ranked charter middle school in Austin!

AWARDS

In the 2021 *U.S. News & World Report's* Best High Schools Rankings, KIPP Texas high schools were among the top 500 high schools in Texas based on college readiness, math and reading proficiency, math and reading performance, underserved student performance, college curriculum breadth, and graduation rate.



KIPP AUSTIN COLLEGIATE

96th best high school in Texas
8th highest ranked high school in Austin



KIPP HOUSTON HIGH SCHOOL

117th best high school in Texas
31st highest ranked high school in Houston



KIPP UNIVERSITY PREP HIGH SCHOOL

130th best high school in Texas
11th highest ranked high school in San Antonio



KIPP GENERATIONS COLLEGIATE

292nd best high school in Texas
80th highest ranked high school in Houston



KIPP SUNNYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

462nd best high school in Texas
104th highest ranked high school in Houston



KIPP Texas-Houston was named the #1 charter school in Houston in the 2021 *Houston Chronicle's* Best of the Best! The awards celebrate the best of the best in Houston, as voted by Houstonians.





RESULTS AND IMPACT

Helping to prepare our students with the skills and confidence to pursue the paths they choose — college, career, and beyond—is only possible if we know exactly how we are doing. Data helps us understand what our true impact is, what is working, and what needs to be improved.

3x

KIPP Texas students graduate college at a rate 3x higher than the national average for low-income students.

4x

4x higher alumni college graduation rate when compared to peers

97%

97% high school graduation rate compared to 76% low-income student national average

12k

Alumni currently enrolled in a college or university

KIPP Texas Public Schools is proud to announce that four of its high schools have been named AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award winners by the College Board.

- KIPP Austin Collegiate
- Houston-based KIPP Generations Collegiate
- KIPP Northeast College Preparatory
- KIPP Sunnyside High School

These schools were given this prestigious distinction for achieving either 50% or higher female exam taker representation in one of or both AP computer science courses, or a percentage of female computer science exam takers that meets or exceeds that of the school's female population.

- Since 2019 the number of female students enrolled in AP computer science at KIPP Texas schools has more than doubled.
- 1,119 schools are being recognized for their work toward equal gender representation during the 2019-20 school year, nearly 37% more than the 818 schools recognized last year.

SUPPORTING ALUMNI THROUGH COLLEGE, CAREER, AND BEYOND

Through KIPP Forward, we support alumni to discover what a fulfilling life means to them and break through any barrier that dares stand in their way of achieving it.

KIPPsters set a high bar for their futures. For some, that means the first in their family to graduate from college or buy a home. For others, it means serving our country or creating a business. So KIPP schools ensure each student has the skills and confidence to pursue any path that leads to their highest aspirations.

Through KIPP Forward, we're supporting students to discover what a fulfilling life means to them, then break through any barrier that dares stand in their way of achieving it. KIPP supports students to choose and prepare for the educational and career paths that fit their goals and sense of purpose. Once on their way, KIPP Forward teams help alumni keep moving forward, tackling academic, social, and financial challenges they might encounter while pursuing their dreams. And through the KIPP Alumni Network, our KIPP family is creating powerful connections, and ascending together with networking, mentorship, leadership training, and more.

Across the country, KIPPsters are making their mark. They are earning degrees, building businesses, reforming policy, serving their communities, and rising through ranks of companies and organizations throughout the nation. Together, they're creating a future without limits. For themselves. For all those will follow them. And for us all.

900+

Class of 2021
Graduating seniors

44.5M

\$ received in grants
and scholarships



43% National acceptances
to colleges and
universities



32% Acceptances to
Historically Black
Colleges & Universities



13% Ivy League
college
acceptances





VIDEOS AND NEWS

Our videos and news highlight KIPP Texas voices by showcasing the incredible people that make up our team, families, and communities. All that we share is anchored in the belief that every child deserves access to a great public school education.

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**KIPP Texas Public Schools:
Rising Together**



KIPP Public Schools: 25 Years



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