



KIPP BRIDGE CHARTER SCHOOL

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2013-14 SCHOOL PROFILE

Founded in 2002, KIPP Bridge Charter School is a tuition-free, college-preparatory, public charter middle school located in West Oakland. With an extended school schedule, high expectations, and a relentless focus on results, KIPP Bridge is proving that the achievement gap can be closed for traditionally underserved students.

In the San Francisco Bay Area, five KIPP middle schools and three KIPP high schools are closing the achievement gap between low-income students and their more advantaged peers. These public charter schools are located in underserved neighborhoods of San Francisco, East San Jose, San Lorenzo, and West Oakland. Of the 2,800 students that KIPP Bay Area Schools serves, 97 percent are students of color and 76 percent are low-income.



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OUR MISSION

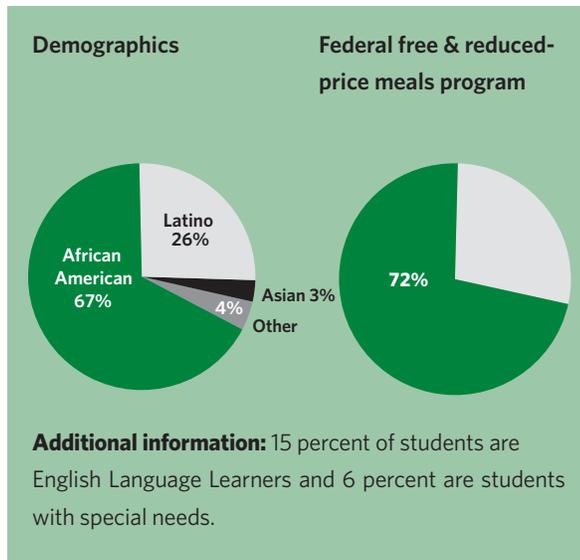
The mission of KIPP Bridge Charter School is to develop the academic knowledge, skills, and character traits necessary for students to achieve success in the finest high schools and colleges, and the competitive world beyond.

OUR VALUES

- Achievement
- Commitment
- Honesty
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Teamwork

STUDENT BODY

307 students, Grades 5-8



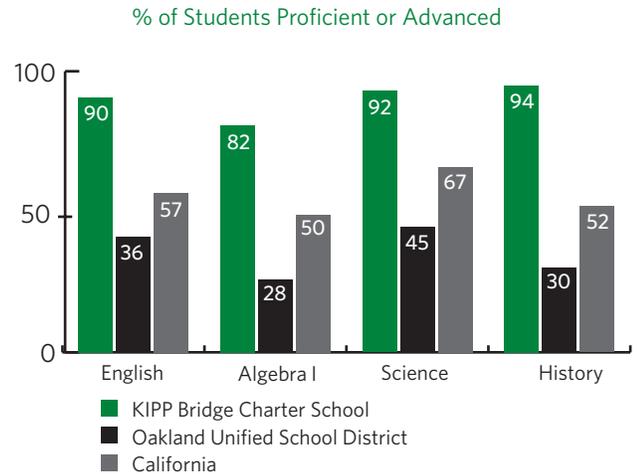
2013 ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX (API)

The API gives all public schools in California a score from 200-1,000 based on their achievement on the California Standards Test.

KIPP Bridge's API score is **905**, far above the state goal of 800, the state average of 790, and the state's low-income students average of 743. KIPP Bridge Charter School is proving it is possible to close the achievement gap.

2013 CALIFORNIA STANDARDS TEST (CST)

The California Standards Tests are subject-specific exams administered to public school students in second through eleventh grade every year. The chart below shows KIPP Bridge's eighth grade (the school's oldest students) performance relative to the district and the state.



KIPP ACROSS THE NATION

KIPP, the Knowledge is Power Program, began in 1994 in Houston, Texas. Today, there are 141 KIPP schools in 20 states and Washington, D.C. serving 50,000 students. These free, open-enrollment, college-preparatory public schools in under-resourced communities help students develop the knowledge, skills, and character needed to succeed in college and the competitive world beyond.

KIPP Bridge Charter School is a California Distinguished School and was named "School of the Year" in 2011 by the California Charter Schools Association.

KIPP THROUGH COLLEGE

KIPP Through College ensures that all KIPP students and alumni have the skills and resources they need to navigate to and through college into self-sufficient adulthood. Services include: high school transition support for eighth graders; one-on-one college advising for eleventh and twelfth graders; alumni advising for KIPPsters in college; and career readiness coaching.

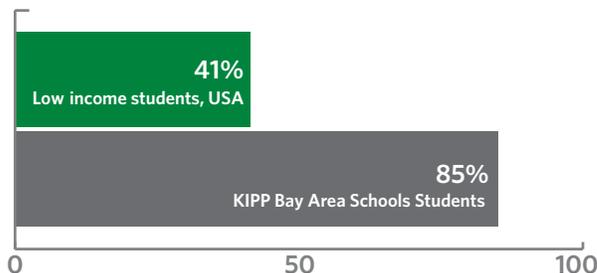
Four-Year Colleges and Universities

KIPP Bridge's first four classes of alumni have graduated from high school. Below is a partial list of colleges and universities where alumni have enrolled:

- Barnard College
- California State University, East Bay
- Claflin University
- Dillard University
- Franklin and Marshall College
- George Washington University
- Howard University
- Lewis & Clark College
- Loyola University New Orleans
- Mills College
- Sonoma State University
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Merced
- University of California, Riverside
- University of Redlands

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

KIPP Bay Area Schools students matriculate to college at over twice the national average.



ACADEMICS

All of our students commit to:

- Attend school from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday; 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM on Wednesday and Friday
- Attend designated Saturday school sessions from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Complete an average of two hours of homework each night
- Attend one to two weeks of mandatory summer school

Sample Coursework

- Algebra I
- English Language Arts
- Physical Science
- United States History
- Physical Education
- Music
- Performing Arts
- High School Prep
- Electives: Art, Honor Council, Technology, Sports, Dance, Sisterhood, Yearbook

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Since KIPP's origins, our model has emphasized both academic rigor and the development of character strengths among our students. This year we are deepening our character work and focusing on integrating seven research-based strengths into the fabric of our curriculum and culture: grit, self-control, zest, social intelligence, gratitude, optimism, and curiosity.

KIPP Bridge emphasizes six additional character values: achievement, commitment, honesty, respect, responsibility, and teamwork. The school emphasizes character development through restorative practices, an approach to resolving conflict that is designed to help students stay connected to school and their peers, as well as through reflection time and honor council.

KIPP IS GROWING TO SERVE MORE FAMILIES

KIPP Bay Area Schools is in the midst of an ambitious growth plan to double our impact by opening new schools and increasing our enrollment to over 5,000 students in the next decade. Our vision is to significantly increase the number of low-income students who graduate from college in the Bay Area's most underserved neighborhoods. In 2014, we will open two new middle schools in San Jose to meet the increasing demand for high quality schools in the community.

To learn more about KIPP Bay Area Schools, please visit www.kippbayarea.org.

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