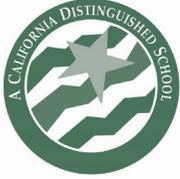




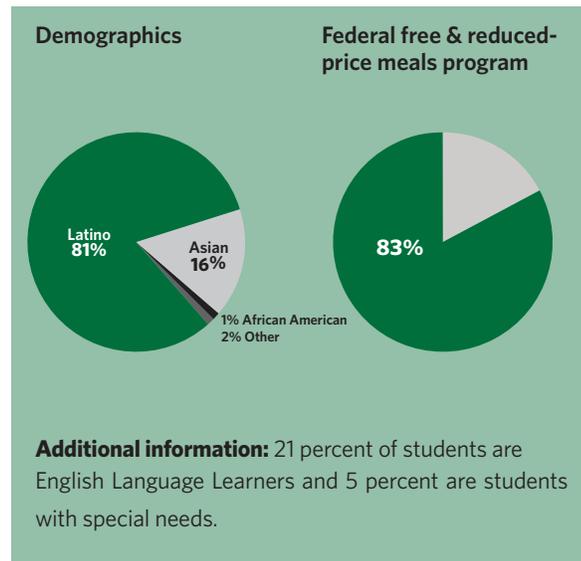
## 2013-14 SCHOOL PROFILE

KIPP Heartwood Academy is a free, open-enrollment, college-preparatory public charter middle school in San Jose. It opened its doors to 73 fifth grade students in July 2004, becoming the first public charter school in Alum Rock. By partnering with parents, teachers, community members, and the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District, KIPP Heartwood proves that with the necessary desire, discipline, and dedication, East San Jose students can perform at the same high levels as other students in Santa Clara County. KIPP Heartwood puts students on a solid track to success in high school, college, and the competitive world beyond. Our school derives its name from the redwood tree. The living tissue, or core, of a redwood tree is called the heartwood. When a redwood tree is damaged, it rebuilds itself from its heartwood.



### STUDENT BODY

403 students, Grades 5-8

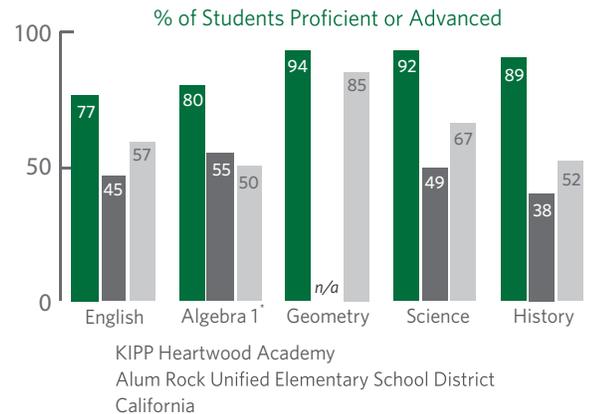


### KIPP ACROSS THE REGION AND NATION

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. Across the country, there are 141 KIPP schools in 20 states and Washington, D.C. serving 50,000 students.

### 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 Heartwood's eighth grade (the school's oldest students) performance relative to the district and the state.



\* Algebra I scores reflect both 7th and 8th graders since many KIPP students take Algebra I in 7th grade.

### 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 Heartwood's API score is **922**, far above the state goal of 800, the state average for all schools of 790, and the state average for low-income students of 743. KIPP Heartwood is proving it is possible to close the achievement gap.

### PRINCIPAL

Judy Tang

### OUR MISSION

KIPP Heartwood Academy's mission is to deepen in the students of East San Jose the knowledge, skills, character, and intellectual habits needed to excel in college and to make positive change every single day.

### OUR VALUES

- Honor
- Excellence
- Absolute Determination
- Responsibility
- Team

*KIPP Heartwood Academy is a California Distinguished School, a National Blue Ribbon School, and is in the top six percent of all public schools in the state.*

## KIPP THROUGH COLLEGE

KIPP Through College ensures that all 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.

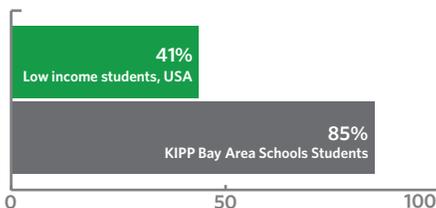
### Four-Year Colleges and Universities

KIPP Heartwood's second class of alumni graduated from high school this June. Below is a partial list of colleges and universities where alumni have enrolled:

- Barnard College
- Brown University
- California State University, East Bay
- California State University, Sacramento
- Colby College
- Dominican University of California
- Notre Dame de Namur University
- San Francisco State University
- San Jose State University
- Smith College
- Sonoma State University
- Syracuse University
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Merced
- University of California, Riverside
- University of California, Santa Cruz
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of San Francisco
- Willamette University
- Yale University

## COLLEGE MATRICULATION

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



## 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.

## ACADEMICS

All of our students commit to:

- Attend school from 7:45 AM to 4:00 PM weekdays
- Attend after-school tutorials and Saturday School as needed
- Participate in enrichment activities from 4:00-5:00 PM
- Complete an average of 1.5 hours of homework nightly
- Attend two weeks of mandatory summer school

We have fully adopted the Common Core State Standards and have a blended learning model. Each classroom has a 1:1 Chromebook to student ratio, and technology is utilized to personalize student learning.

### Sample 8th Grade Coursework

- Standard Math/Algebra
- English Language Arts
- Physical Science
- Electives: Music, Physical Education, Technology
- College & Character Time

## CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Since KIPP's origins, our model has emphasized both academic rigor and the development of character strengths among our students. We focus on integrating seven research-based strengths into the fabric of our curriculum and culture: grit, self-control, zest, social intelligence, gratitude, optimism, and curiosity. At KIPP Heartwood, all students work on developing these character strengths in order to lead positive lives and be successful in their educational career and beyond.

Hard work is crucial and is an integral part of KIPP Heartwood's school values. Each value exemplifies a quality necessary to excel in college, develop good character, and create positive change in the world and in life. All faculty members model our values, which are listed below:

- **Honor.** Students show respect and integrity at all times.
- **Excellence.** Students strive for excellence in both academics and character.
- **Absolute Determination.** Students demonstrate grit and perseverance to reach their goals.
- **Responsibility.** Students take responsibility for their own learning, their actions, and for helping their teammates.
- **Team.** Teammates are expected to support each other through difficult times and work together to maximize each other's learning potential.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & SUMMER ENRICHMENT

KIPP Heartwood Academy offers a variety of enriching opportunities to provide our students with a well-rounded educational experience. We offer clubs during the school year such as student council, debate, yearbook, art, dance, intramural sports, and LEGO® robotics. We also support students in finding summer enrichment programs. Stanford, San Jose State, UC Santa Cruz, and the Tech Museum are just a few of the sites that have hosted our students.

To learn more about KIPP Bay Area Schools, please visit [www.kippbayarea.org](http://www.kippbayarea.org).

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