# Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP)

## TARGET AUDIENCE

This program is for students in Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

## SUMMARY

The Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP) is a system of college-preparatory, public charter schools that are designed to strengthen students' academic performance with the ultimate goal of setting students on a developmental trajectory that leads to future life success.

## EVIDENCE

Multiple independent quasi-experimental studies examining the effectiveness of this program with middle schoolers from predominately under-resourced communities have been conducted. Collectively, these studies demonstrate consistent, positive program impacts on students' math and reading performance that persist 1 to 2 years following program entry. The effect is more pronounced for math than reading, and there is some evidence that program gains are greater for limited English proficiency and special education students. These results, however, may not generalize to other student populations.

## COMPONENTS

KIPP charter schools are an alternative approach to traditional public school education in the United States, and they are tuition free. KIPP schools intend to bolster students' academic achievement in order to prepare them for college or a career. KIPP schools are founded on the following Five Pillars:

- High expectations;
- Choice and commitment;
- More time;
- Power to lead; and
- Focus on results.

KIPP schools also focus on character development with an emphasis on enthusiasm, self-regulation, resilience, thankfulness, confident expectations, emotional competencies, and exploration.

## PREVIOUS USE

Established in 1994, KIPP now has 209 schools located throughout the United States, and they serve 87,000 students.
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TRAINING
Starting or running a school requires leadership training. Multiple training options exist depending on the leadership role one will occupy. For more information, please visit [www.kipp.org/approach/highly-effective-teachers-and-leaders/kipp-leadership/](http://www.kipp.org/approach/highly-effective-teachers-and-leaders/kipp-leadership/). Training and professional development opportunities also exist for teachers, who must meet their state's certification requirements for teaching. For more information, please visit [www.kipp.org/approach/highly-effective-teachers-and-leaders/teaching/](http://www.kipp.org/approach/highly-effective-teachers-and-leaders/teaching/).

CONSIDERATIONS
Considerations for implementing this program include understanding implementation will require establishing a relationship and affiliation with the KIPP school network, realizing an oversight from KIPP regional organizations and the national foundation is necessary, recruiting and retaining school staff who have a suitable educational background, gaining community support and parent buy-in, and obtaining a suitable facility for the program.

The Clearinghouse can help address these considerations. Please call 1-877-382-9185 or email [Clearinghouse@psu.edu](mailto:Clearinghouse@psu.edu).

IMPLEMENTATION
If you are interested in implementing KIPP, the Clearinghouse is interested in helping you! Please call 1-877-382-9185 or email [Clearinghouse@psu.edu](mailto:Clearinghouse@psu.edu).

TIME
The amount of time students spend in the program varies depending on when and where they enroll. KIPP schools now include Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, so students could spend up to 14 years in the program. In addition, all KIPP schools have an extended school day (i.e., 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) and involve some type of summer school.

COST
Costs to run a school vary based on a variety of factors, such as school location and size.

EVALUATION PLAN
To move KIPP to the Effective category on the Clearinghouse Continuum of Evidence, at least one evaluation must be conducted that demonstrates sustained, positive outcomes. This study must be conducted by an independent evaluation team.

The Clearinghouse can help you develop an evaluation plan to ensure the program components are meeting your goals. Please call 1-877-382-9185 or email [Clearinghouse@psu.edu](mailto:Clearinghouse@psu.edu).

CONTACT
Contact the Clearinghouse with any questions regarding this program.
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You may also contact the KIPP Foundation, or a specific KIPP school, by visiting [www.kipp.org/contact/](http://www.kipp.org/contact/).

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