Abstract

Growing the KIPP Network of Schools – Achieving Excellence on the Path to Scale

Project Description: While only half of African-American and Latino students in America graduate from high school on time, more than 95 percent of KIPP’s eighth-grade completers have graduated high school, and 87 percent have matriculated to college. Several independent third-party studies and internal evaluations consistently show KIPP’s track record of dramatically increasing student achievement and closing race-based and income-based achievement gaps. KIPP schools are outperforming their local district and state counterparts in terms of student achievement while serving a student population that is more than 95 percent African American or Latino and in which over 80 percent of students qualify for the federal free and reduced price lunch program. In addition to KIPP’s student success, the KIPP network has also proven to be a highly-successful school model, with an unmatched record of scaling from one school to nearly 100 schools serving more than 26,000 students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

Project Goals: Utilizing grant funds KIPP will: (1) open 21 new KIPP schools in educationally disadvantaged communities and (2) expand substantially the number of students served in 11 existing schools.

Expected Outcomes: At full enrollment, KIPP schools opened or expanded with grant funding will serve 15,000 students in educationally disadvantaged communities.

Contribution to Research, Policy or Practice: KIPP commits to share with the broader education sector all of the processes, practices, and strategies employed to accomplish the goals, objectives and outcomes described within this application.

* KIPP regions applying in consortium with the KIPP Foundation are KIPP Austin, KIPP Chicago, KIPP Colorado, KIPP DC, KIPP Delta, KIPP Houston, KIPP NYC, KIPP Philadelphia, KIPP San Antonio, KIPP Metro Atlanta, KIPP New Orleans, KIPP TEAM Newark, KIPP LEAD, and KIPP Academy Lynn.