2023-2024
Family Success Guide

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Welcome back to our returning students and family, and to our new families, welcome to KIPP Indy! My son Cameron Garner is a rising 4th grader at KIPP Indy Unite, and the proof is in the name UNITE; we are coming together for a purpose. This is an exciting time to be on this journey with you and your student(s). There is just something about a new beginning that unlocks excitement, high expectations, and progress for what the new school year will hold.

KIPP combines a high academic learning model with robust technology and a social atmosphere that nurtures children where they are. I have trusted KIPP Indy for my son’s education since 2020, and each year he leans deeper into mastering academics and social interaction. The staff and teachers promote a positive classroom environment and are committed to reducing barriers to ensure that every student reaches their full potential.

The KIPP Indy network of schools is visible and invested in the Martindale-Brightwood community. We understand that representation matters and that high-quality education should be afforded to every student regardless of their zip code. Our partnerships have allowed us to offer summer learning programs, before and after care services, tutoring, and mentoring services to children and families in the community.

We want to continue to build our legacy with our families in mind. We are thrilled that we graduated our first class of seniors in 2023, and we look forward to being your school of choice and celebrating your scholar in reaching their full academic potential!

Yours in education and service,
Kamirah R. Garner
KIPP Indy Vision and Values

Committed to Community
We amplify our community’s strengths and center the perspectives of our students and families. We create opportunities to connect our school community with our neighborhood.

Leading with Equity
We foster an inclusive environment where each member of our school community can reach their full potential. We strengthen our programs, practices, and policies through a lens of racial equity.

Team and Family
We seek to develop joyful and caring relationships with students, families, staff and partners. We work as a team to challenge and support one another to reach our collective goals.

Continuous Growth
We embrace challenges as opportunities to grow. We are life-long learners who take ownership and identify solutions to drive our work forward.

High Expectations for All
We believe that our students, families, staff, and community are capable of excellence in every realm. We relentlessly pursue exceptional outcomes for every member of our school community.

Our 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 create a more just world.

Our Vision
Every child grows up free to create the future they want for themselves and their communities

Commitment to Racial Equity
In pursuit of fostering an inclusive, anti-racist organization that delivers equitable outcomes for all, we will amplify our communities’ strengths, center the perspectives and cultures of students and families, and sharpen policies and practices through a lens of racial equity.
CONTACT KIPP INDY

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Legacy: 317.547.5499

317.550.4163
info@kippindy.org

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UNITE ELEMENTARY
1740 E. 30th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46218

KIPP:INDY
COLLEGE PREP MIDDLE

KIPP:INDY
LEGACY HIGH
2255 Ralston Ave, Indianapolis IN, 46218
Welcome to Parent Square!

We are excited for the continued use of our school-to-home communication at KIPP Indy. Parent Square is designed to keep families informed and facilitate participation at school. It provides a safe way for the school principal, teachers, staff, and parents/guardians to:

- Send and receive school and class information
- Share pictures and files
- See calendar items
- Sign up to volunteer
- and much more . . . all in one centralized place!

All school/grade level and classroom information will now be sent to your computer or phone via email and/or text or you can download the free app.

Download today!

Available in the App and Google Play stores:

www.parentsquare.com
Our PowerSchool Parent Portal empowers families with the ability to monitor their students’ progress, access information, and collaborate with KIPP Indy. Rather than having to wait for progress reports and report cards, you can see your child’s current status of grades and attendance.

**PowerSchool helps you access the following:**

- Grades
- Attendance
- Teacher contact information
- Registration forms – to re-enroll in November!

**PowerSchool helps you access the following:**

- Visit: [https://kippindy.powerschool.com](https://kippindy.powerschool.com) to login
- New to the KIPP family and haven’t logged in before?
  - Username: first initial followed by last name (ex: Ashley Beverly abeverly)
  - Password: kipp2223
- PowerSchool also offers a free mobile app for iPhones and Android devices. If you use the app, you will need to enter a district code—KIPP Indy’s is D L K W
- If you have more than one student enrolled at KIPP Indy, you can access all of their information with the same username and password.

**If you can’t remember your login or password follow these steps:**

- If you have completed online registration in the past but do not remember your username or password, go to kippindy.powerschool.com and click on the “Forgot Username or Password?” link.
- If you forgot your password, enter your username and email address.
- If you forgot your username, enter your email address.
- If you complete the above steps and still cannot sign in, contact powerschool@kippindy.org.
- If a student is missing from your Parent Portal page, please contact powerschool@kippindy.org and include your name and the name(s) of the missing students in the email.

Download today!
Available in the App and Google Play stores:

[https://kippindy.powerschool.com](https://kippindy.powerschool.com)
Every day matters. Every minute matters.

DAILY ATTENDANCE TIMELINE

- **9:10 am - KIPP Indy doors open.**
  - Students should not be dropped off prior to this time as there is no supervision of students prior to doors opening.
- **9:20 am - Classroom instruction begins & KIPP Indy doors close. All students that arrive after this time are considered tardy.**
- **10:00 am - If a student will be absent, families should call in prior to this time and leave a voicemail on the attendance line. This voicemail should include student name, adult name, adult phone number, date, & reason for absence.**
  - If we do not hear from a parent/guardian by 10:00 am, the student will be assigned an unexcused absence.
- **12:00 pm - Parent Square Automatic Absence Notifications are sent out.**
  - Families can respond to this message if a student is out for an excusable reason. Please be descriptive in you response.

CALLING KIPP REGARDING AN ABSENCE?

- K-8: Call 317-547-5477 & select option for reporting absence
- Legacy: Call 317-547-5499 & select option for reporting absence
- You can also email attendance@kippindy.org

WHAT ABDSENCES ARE EXCUSED?

- Medical Appointments (with note)
- Death or serious illness in the immediate family
- Recognized religious holidays
- Absences caused by order of government
- Other absences approved by the School Leader

OUR ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Unexcused Absences:
  - 5 days- family will be contacted to discuss the pattern of absences
  - 8 days- conference with a member of the school leadership team
  - 10 days- school is required to report to Department of Child Services
  - 15 days- school will file a secondary report of unexcused absences
ATTENDANCE AT KIPP INDY

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DID YOU KNOW?
• Missing 10% of the school year, or about 2 days each month, can make it harder for students to learn to read.
• Students who miss no more than 9 days of school each year stay engaged, successful, and on track to graduation.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT EVERY AGE
• Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten can predict lower test scores, retention in later grades, and lower test scores.
• By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
• By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
• Students that miss more than 9 days of school are more likely to be off track for on-time graduation.

WHAT YOU CAN DO
• Make attendance a priority & talk about the importance of showing up to school on time every day.
• Set daily routines and regular bedtimes.
• Schedule medical appointments and vacations when school isn’t in session.
• Communicate with the school and seek help from us if you need support!

IS YOUR STUDENT SICK?
You can schedule an appointment with our Nurse Practitioner to be seen for sick and well child visits!
kippclinic@indyhealthnet.org

ATTENDANCE IMPACTS ACADEMICS
If students don’t show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that students who were chronically absent in 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.
Transportation is determined by home address. For those eligible, all bus stops shall be within 0.3 mile of a student’s home for elementary and middle school students. 0.7 mile for high school students.

Buses may arrive up to 15 minutes after the scheduled stop time. Students should remain at the stop up to 15 minutes after the scheduled stop time.

*If students wait longer than 15 minutes, call: IPS Transportation 317.226.4000 | Dispatch: 317.449.0796*

Walkers

- Students who walk to school should not arrive prior to doors opening at 9:10 AM, should leave immediately following dismissal, and should utilize all established crosswalks on and around KIPP Indy campuses. Please see below for additional information related to eligibility and procedures associated with walkers.

Please visit our student handbook for more information about transportation and walker guidelines.
For more information contact Kippclinic@indyhealthnet.org
www.indyhealthnet.org

Immunizations
- Immunizations in our school-based clinics can only be provided for children with Medicaid or who are uninsured based on the supplier of the vaccines that our clinic uses. If your student has private insurance or is over 18 they will be unable to get vaccinated in our clinics. To schedule with our school-based clinics, you will need your students name, date of birth, and insurance information.
- Parents to provide proof of student immunization status no later than the first day of school attendance.

Physicals
- Our Nurse Practitioner can complete a physical for your student during the school day if you schedule in advance and these physicals are good for the duration of the school year.
- If you believe your student will want to try out for an athletic for this year, reach out now to get a physical completed and on file!

Services available may include:
- Height, weight, or blood pressure checks
- First aid for common minor injuries like sprains, strains, scrapes, or minor burns
- Emergency care for problems like difficulty breathing or serious injury
- Medical care for common issues like headaches, sore throat, colds, ear infections, sinus infections, stomach pain, period issues, seasonal allergies
- Testing for infections like strep throat, urinary tract or yeast infections and TB (tuberculosis)
- Giving over the counter medicines
- Well-child checkups including physical exams for sports, college entry, or work
- Vaccines (shots)
- Help signing up for health insurance
- Referrals for services like dental, primary care, behavioral health, social work, prenatal care, and other healthcare needs

We are proud to partner with Indy HealthNet to provide school based clinic services. Clinics are open to students whenever school is in session and offer a wide range of services.
**Dress Code**

KIPP Indy is not responsible for the loss or theft of jewelry or personal items.

**SHOES**
- School appropriate shoes of any combination of colors are permitted.
- **Not permitted:** sandals, open-toed shoes, shoes with a heel higher than two inches, slides, or house shoes/slippers.

**PANTS**
- School appropriate khaki-style pants or shorts, dresses or jumpers, or jeans or leisure wear are permitted.
- Pants should be free of any rip, tears, or holes that expose skin.
- Pants and shorts are not permitted to sag and should not be excessively tight.
- Shorts or skirts should reach the knees.
- Tights worn under skirts, dresses, or shorts should adhere to the expectations for pants.
- **Not permitted:** leggings, or pajama bottoms.

**SHIRTS**
- School appropriate polos, t-shirts, long-sleeved t-shirts, and sweatshirts are permitted.
- Shirts should be free of any rip, tears, or holes that expose skin.
- Shirts should not be excessively tight or made of mesh or transparent material.
- **Not permitted:** tank tops that expose the shoulders, shirts that expose the chest or midriff, or upper or lower back, or coats, or jackets intended to be worn outdoors. If a student wears a hooded sweatshirt, the hood must remain down and off of the head/neck while on campus.

**ACCESSORIES**
- Socks, Belts, & Jewelry: If worn, must be free of design elements that lack school appropriateness.*
- Purses and personal bags should be stored in lockers or designated locations throughout the day.
- Tattoos with design elements that lack school appropriateness* may require covering.
- **Not permitted:** Bandanas, hats, winter hats, ear warmers, gloves, neck scarves, sunglasses, bonnets, durags, lighter leashes, or vape lanyards.

**EARNED FREE DRESS**
- Students who earn free dress or participate in "spirit week" may wear leader-approved clothing items (i.e.hats) on designated days only. All other dress code guidelines apply.

*For more information about dress code please refer to KIPP Indy’s student handbook.
Hello KIPP Indy Unite Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We are thrilled to welcome our students and staff back to school. We hope you could relax during your break and make special memories with your friends and family. Now it is time to look forward to a beautiful new school year making more memories, and reaching our goals!

We are excited to welcome returning and new KIPPsters to our KIPP Indy team and family. This school year, we will strongly emphasize social-emotional learning and meeting academic goals while focusing on building classroom community. We want all students to feel heard and supported and celebrate their growth!

Last year in K-2, we had one of our best years with our foundational literacy data, and we are excited to build on that strong start and continue teaching students to read while also instilling in them the joy of reading! We look forward to celebrating your child’s reading progress throughout the year.

KIPP Indy Unite Elementary is such a special place to learn and grow. We are proud of our school and have high expectations for each and every student. We are all working together to live our core values of commitment to community, leading with equity, team and family, continuous growth, and high expectations for all. Together with our dedicated staff, we strive to connect with students to help them feel valued, proud of who they are, and safe. Our overarching goal is to support students in learning and developing the skills they need to live a life of choice. We want our KIPPsters to be prepared for any future goal they want to reach!

Partnering with families is so crucial to success in our collective work. We truly value the relationships we have developed and look forward to new connections in the future. We love our Unite families!

Please don’t hesitate to reach out to us with questions or concerns. We are looking forward to partnering and celebrating this school year!
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2023-2024

Quarter 1
- 7/20 - Back to School (Last Name A-L)
- 7/22 - Back to School Community Block Party
- 7/25 - Back to School Night (Last Name M-Z)
- 8/15 - Family Action Council Meeting 1
- 8/24 - Meet the Teacher Night
- 8/31 - Lit for Lit
- 9/7 - Immunization Clinic
- 9/14 - Meet the Tutor Night
- 9/20 - Pastries with Parents

Quarter 2
- 10/20 Family Conference
- 10/24 Family Action Council Meeting 2
- 10/31 K-2 Character Parade
- 11/07 Holiday Dinner
- 11/11 KIPP U Event 1
- 12/16 KIPP U Event 2

Quarter 3
- 1/18 Kindergarten Open House
- 1/22 100th Day of School
- 1/27 KIPP U Event 3
- 2/13 Family Action Meeting 3
- 2/20 Family Conference Day 2/I-READ Family Event
- 2/23 Immunization Clinic
- 2/24 KIPP U Event 4
- 2/29 Black History Month Program
- 3/16 KIPP U Event 5/Book Fair

Quarter 4
- 4/12 I-READ Celebration Breakfast
- 4/18 Kindergarten Readiness/Round-Up
- 4/20 KIPP U Event 6
- 4/23 Family Action Council Meeting 4
- 5/03 Unite Dance
- 5/09 End of Year Family Event
- 5/10 Immunization Clinic
- 5/11 KIPP U Event 7 - Celebration
- 5/21 Kindergarten Promotion
- 6/25 New Student Orientation

*Please RSVP for all events on Parent Square*
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KIPP Indy Unite Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We are thrilled to welcome you to another great year at KIPP Indy Unite and thankful you have chosen KIPP Indy to nurture, educate, and grow your child. At KIPP Indy Unite 3-5, we believe in the power of a dream team – a collaborative group of champions who rally around each child to ensure they reach their highest potential. We are excited about this year’s opportunities to deepen our connections with your family, set and achieve ambitious academic goals, and build a safe, joyful, collaborative learning community. Together, we can achieve a future without limits!

Whether new or returning to KIPP this year, we are committed to deepening our connections with families and our community. We will strongly emphasize the power of community and how we all contribute to academic achievement, safety, and joy. We are excited to listen and open to learning and invite each of you to engage with us this year to serve our students actively.

We are also committed to setting and achieving ambitious academic goals. We maintain high expectations for each student coupled with solid support to meet their individual needs. We deeply believe in each child’s potential and know that our students can reach their limitless potential with strong attendance, high-quality instruction, hard work and persistence, and deep family-school partnerships. We are excited to set shared goals and develop individualized plans that will help achieve those shared goals.

Lastly, we believe in establishing a safe, joyful, and collaborative school community. Ensuring that each of our students feels known, valued, and loved in our school and finds joy in the relationships and accomplishments they achieve is our ultimate measure of success. We know safety and joyful learning are priorities for our entire community, and we look forward to partnering to ensure this is the best place for each of your students to learn and grow!

We look forward to an amazing year ahead!

Welcome to the Dream Team!
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2023-2024

Quarter 1
July-September
- 7/20 Back to School Night (Last Names A-L)
- 7/22 Back to School Community Block Party
- 7/25 Back to School Night (Last Names M-Z)
- 8/15 Family Action Council Meeting 1
- 8/24 Meet the Teacher Night
- 9/7 Immunization Clinic
- 9/14 Meet the Tutor Night
- 9/20 Pastries with Parents

Quarter 2
October-December
- 10/20 Family Conference Day#1
- 10/24 Family Action Council #2
- 11/7 Holiday Dinner
- 11/11 KIPP-U Event#1
- 12/16 KIPP-U Event#2

Quarter 3
January-March
- 1/27 KIPP-U Event #3
- 2/1 Family Voter Registration Drives
- 2/13 Family Action #3
- 2/20 Family Conference Day #2
- 2/20 IREAD Family Event
- 2/23 Immunization Clinic #2
- 2/24 KIPP-U Event#4
- 3/16 Book Fair
- 3/16 KIPP-U Event#5

Quarter 4
April-June
- 4/3 ILEARN Family Event
- 4/12 IREAD Celebration Breakfast
- 4/20 KIPP U Event #6
- 4/23 Family Action Council #4
- 5/3 Unite Dance
- 5/9 End of Year Family Event
- 5/10 Immunization Clinic #3
- 5/11 KIPP U Event #7
- 5/20 5th Grade Promotion
- 6/25 New Student Orientation

*Please RSVP for all events on Parent Square*
Welcome Team & Family,

Thank you for choosing KIPP Indy College Prep Middle School! We are thrilled to have you and your scholar as members of our community, working together to provide exceptional supports, encouragement, and love during these essential middle school years.

At KIPP Indy College Prep, or KICP, our entire team of educators is focused on ensuring an experience centered around Community, Culture, and Conceptual Understanding. Our belief is when development in these areas is fostered and focused, students will be positioned to reach their full potential and leave middle school ready for high school and beyond.

Community comes first at KICP. We believe when our collective strengths are realized through community, there is nothing we cannot achieve! Establishing and maintaining strong community requires intentional efforts to build, sustain, and repair relationships. To do this, our team prioritizes both proactive and reactive discussion circles and other critical restorative practices. Together, in community, we will exceed our wildest goals.

Culture is foundation to everything at KIPP Indy College Prep Middle. By centering the unique perspectives and cultures of our students, families, and staff, we work to ensure everyone in our community is seen, heard, appreciated, and loved. Culture is centered in everything at KICP from curriculum to celebrations.

Conceptual understanding is the final pillar at KICP. To truly prepare our scholars to be independent thinkers, questioners, and world-changes, they must deeply understand not only the content and skills taught within each class, but also the deeper concept surrounding its origins, theory, and development. By supporting our students with "thinking deeper", we aim to build confidence in academics that goes well beyond the textbook or assessment.

Together, though community, culture, and conceptual understanding, KIPP Indy College Prep students develop the skills, knowledge, confidence, and agency to continue to pursue their lives of choice. We look forward to partnering deeply with you on this exciting journey!
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2023-2024

Quarter 1
July-September
- 7/20 Back to School Night (Last Names A-L)
- 7/22 Back to School Community Block Party
- 7/25 Back to School Night (Last Names M-Z)
- 8/15 Family Action Council Meeting 1
- 8/24 Meet the Teacher Night
- 9/7 Immunization Clinic
- 9/14 Meet the Tutor Night

Quarter 2
October-December
- 10/20 Family Conference
- 10/24 Family Action Council Meeting 2
- 11/11 KIPP-U Event 1
- 11/14 Holiday Dinner
- 12/16 KIPP-U Event 3

Quarter 3
January-March
- 1/19 KICP Dance
- 1/27 KIPP-U Event 3
- 2/13 Family Action Meeting 3
- 2/20 Family Conference
- 2/23 Immunization Clinic
- 2/24 KIPP-U Event 4
- 3/16 Book Fair
- 3/16 KIPP-U Event 5

Quarter 4
April-June
- 4/3 I-LEARN Family Event
- 4/12 I-READ Celebration Breakfast
- 4/20 KIPP U Event 6
- 4/23 Family Action Council Meeting 4
- 5/10 KICP Dance
- 5/10 Immunization Clinic
- 5/11 KIPP U Event 7
- 5/22 8th Grade Promotion
- 6/25 New Student Orientation
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LEGACY
ONE
PRIDE
Welcome Legacy Families,

We are honored and thrilled that you are choosing KIPP Indy Legacy High as the place where your students will learn, grow, and discover their interests, talents, and passions. Our mission at KIPP Indy drives our daily work to ensure that together we can equip students with the skills and confidence to pursue their paths – college, career, and beyond.

As a school, our core beliefs capture our mindsets and how we approach working with our students. At Legacy we believe:

- Our school's children deserve a diverse and equitable educational experience.
- Our students deserve to be challenged and that they will rise to high expectations.
- Our students will learn best in a caring, consistent, creative, and joyful environment.
- It is vital for our students to develop a sense of self.
- Our students are destined to lead in their communities and beyond.

Being a part of the Legacy Pride means your student will experience a rigorous, diverse, and well-rounded education. At Legacy, students take Advanced Placement (AP) courses, allowing them to earn college credit before they even step foot on a college campus. In addition, students have multiple opportunities starting in ninth grade to prepare for the SAT, which gives them the practice and preparation to earn the best possible score by the time they are a junior. Furthermore, students can be a part of various sports teams, such as cheer, basketball, volleyball, wrestling, soccer, or track and field.

We also encourage students to use their advocacy and leadership and join the student council to be the voice of their peers.

We are grateful you have chosen KIPP Indy Legacy High and look forward to supporting your student on their educational journey.
## Calendar of Events 2023-2024

### Quarter 1
- **July-September**
  - 7/22 Back to School Community Block Party
  - 7/26 Back to School Night
  - 8/15 Family Action Council #1
  - 8/24 Meet the Teacher Night
  - 9/7 Immunization Clinic
  - 9/19 Senior Family Night #1

### Quarter 2
- **October-December**
  - 10/20 Family Conference Day #1
  - 10/21 Homecoming
  - 10/24 Family Action Council #2
  - 11/14 Holiday Dinner

### Quarter 3
- **January-March**
  - 1/31 FAFSA Night
  - 2/1 Family Voter Registration Drives
  - 2/13 Family Action #3
  - 2/20 Family Conference Day #2
  - 2/23 Immunization Clinic #2
  - 2/24 KIPP-U Event #4
  - 3/14 Legacy Open House & Senior Family Night

### Quarter 4
- **April-June**
  - 4/23 Family Action Council #4
  - 4/25 Junior Family Night
  - 4/27 Prom
  - 5/10 Immunization Clinic #3
  - 5/10 Senior Decision Day
  - 5/16 Baccalaureate
  - 5/18 High School Graduation
  - 6/26 New Student Orientation

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**Committed to Community**
Leading W/Equity

**Team and Family**
Leading W/Equity

**Continuous Growth**
Leading with equity

**High Expectations for All**
Leading with Equity
Developing Families Self-Confidence and Power, while Improving Student Academic Achievements.

KIPP University, or “KIPP U”, is a program designed by families - for families as a way to support student learning at home.

Our program has three vital foundational strategies:
- Empowering families through family learning guides that help students achieve growth in math and English while supplying parents with resources to provide an understanding.
- Engaging families to take targeted actions that will result in career-ready graduates.
- Connecting families to resources that improve student’s achievement.

When families are engaged, students perform better academically.

Throughout the year long KIPP U program, there are monthly check-ins to monitor progress and provide families the opportunity to engage in academic activities that support learning at home.

With guidance and support from critical stakeholders, families will benefit from increased:
- **Collaboration**: Families learn ways to support child development and learning in courses that strengthen the parent-child bond.
- **School Success**: Programming focuses on helping parents become full partners in their child’s education.
- **Leadership Development**: Parents are empowered to take active roles in their child’s school and the community.

**Sign-ups will take place during Family Teacher Conferences on Oct. 20, 2023**

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All KIPP U Events will take place at the K-8 Building
1740 E. 30th Street
From: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

**Event 1** - Saturday, Nov. 11th
**Event 2** - Saturday, Dec. 16th
**Event 3** - Saturday, Jan. 27th
**Event 4** - Saturday, Feb. 24th
**Event 5** - Saturday, Mar. 16th
**Event 6** - Saturday, Apr. 20th
**Event 7** - Saturday, May 18th
The KIPP Forward Team support students as they prepare for and select the right post-secondary path and career based on their interests and passions. After high school, KIPP Forward counselors help alumni navigate the academic, social, and financial challenges they might encounter while in college or pursuing a career.

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. Our KIPP Forward team supports students to choose and prepare for the educational and career paths that fit their goals and sense of purpose. Once on their way, we support alumni to keep moving forward, tackling academic, social, and financial challenges they might encounter while pursuing their dreams. And through the National KIPP Alumni Network, our KIPP family is creating powerful connections and ascending together with networking, mentorship, leadership training, and more.

**HIGH SCHOOL SUPPORTS**
- Scheduling/Transcript Review
- On-Track Graduation Support
- 1:1 family meetings
- Junior and Senior Family Info sessions
- Junior and Senior Seminar
- College and Career Visits
- Career exploration, job shadowing and internships

**COLLEGE AND CAREER ADVISING**
- College & Career Wishlist
- Support for application, scholarship, and financial aid processes
- Postsecondary decision-making and matriculation support

**ALUMNI PERSISTENCE AND SUPPORT**
- Ongoing academic, financial, and socioemotional check-ins
- Connections to internships, externships, scholarships, and more
- Networking and career development support
SOCIAL SERVICES

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Here at KIPP, we truly believe in the importance of team and family. Please know our Social Services team is here to support both students & families in finding the resources needed. KIPP social workers are licensed professionals who serve as a link between school & community - to promote and support students’ and families’ academic, social, & emotional success.

**HOW WE CAN HELP:**

- Address behavior concerns
- Collaborate with teachers
- Student check-ins
- Small groups focused on social emotional learning & coping skills
- Assistance: Food, Clothing, and Other
- Individual and/or Family Therapy
- Grief Support
In partnership with Edna Martin Christian Center, our team provides family-centered and strengths-based approach to making decisions, setting goals, and achieving desired outcomes for children and families.

If you are experiencing a transition with housing and a lack of stability, please reach out to Robyn Russell to ensure that we are providing you with support and resources. Most importantly, we will help coordinate, transportation to and from school for your student(s). Situations that would qualify for this additional support include temporarily living with relatives or friends, living in a hotel or shelter, or living a mobile home.
The Martindale Brightwood Education Zone is a network of partnering agencies offering goods, services, and programs to help families meet every day needs. The "Zone" offers support for the short and long-term goals of you, your child and your community. Parents/caregivers are partnered with a Family Success Coach, who will assists your family with setting and achieving your desired goals.

**YOUTH PROGRAMS**
- 21st Century Community Learning Centers
- After-school Programs
- Summer Youth Program
- Youth Employment
- High-Quality, Early-Childhood Education Programs
- Spring/Fall Break Camps

**ADULT PROGRAMS**
Career Education and Training Academy (CETA): CETA members receive coaching and support to achieve:
- increased income/assets
- educational goals
- employment or better employment

Resources include one-to-one coaching, workshops and group activities in the areas of financial literacy and responsibility, income support resources, education and training opportunities and career development.
- HSE Diplomas
- Microsoft Office Specialist
- Entrepreneurship Training
- Construction
- Culinary Training
- Logistics Associate
- Marian University’s 16-Month ABSN Program
- Certified Nursing Aide
- Training Cable Installation

**FAMILY RESOURCES**
**MBEZ NETWORK OF PARTNERS:**
The Education Zone has over 30 local community partners who provide a wealth of additional resources for Zone Families.

**EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:**
MBEZ Families experiencing financial difficulty work with their Family Success Coach to update their household budget and explore financial resources that will cover their basic, critical needs. By helping to stabilize the household, the Coach can assist the family in creating a longer term plan.

**EMCC FOOD PANTRY:**
Emergency food supply for families in need, who may visit once per week. In addition to food, our pantry also provides other important items like toothpaste, toilet paper, soaps, laundry detergents, and other household necessities.

**HOURS:** Mon–Fri, 1 PM–3 PM. Valid ID and mask required.
Students must have a completed and cleared physical prior to trying out/playing a sport or cheerleading.
- Physicals can be scheduled in the Nurse’s clinic at both campuses. (See Health net page for more information).
- Parent/guardian must read and sign the Concussion and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Acknowledgement and Signature forms.
- Students must commit to attending all practices and games and should not be in the building unattended
- Parent/guardian must pick up their student immediately following the conclusion of practices/games.

Extracurricular requirements for student’s grades K-12:

- Parent/guardian must sign a permission slip for their student to attend the extracurricular activity
- Students should commit to attending at least 90% of activity meetings
- Parent/guardian must pick up their student immediately following the conclusion of the club/activity meeting