

A Note from the Desk of Dana Muldrow

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Welcome to May...and what a month it is in Indianapolis.

The city has one speed in May and that speed is fast. The Greatest Spectacle in Racing is just around the corner. Memorial Day weekend is closing in. We are coming around the last turn of SY 2025-26 with the yard of bricks in sight.

Our students are crossing finish lines of their own this month. Next week our kindergartners will leave the pit lane for the first time at their promotion ceremony, headed into 1st grade. Our 5th graders will hit the halfway mark at their promotion ceremony, stepping out of Unite and into KICP. Our 8th graders will come out of Turn 3, earning their place at Legacy HS. Then there is our Class of 2026. They are coming around the last turn. Senior Week is the final lap. May 15 is the yard of bricks. Commencement on May 22 is Victory Lane. Every grade in between is moving to the next lap. Each moment matters.

It has been a long race. There were crashes along the way. There were laps that felt like they would never end. Every crew at KIPP Indy has a role in keeping this race going.

The cars showed up. Every day. Some on fumes. Some held together with nothing but will. They showed up.

Teachers drive. They sat behind the wheel for every lap, every turn, every straightaway. They did not hand the car off. They are driving it through to the finish line.

Some drivers clocked extra laps. Coaches, club sponsors, activity leads, every person who gave time after the bell. They did not have to. They did.

School leaders kept all the cars moving counterclockwise, together. That is harder than it sounds.

The FACE team made sure every car had a family in the stands. They connected people to this race who did not know they had a seat.

Student Services was the safety crew. When a car spun out, they were already there. They did not wait. They moved.

The Diverse Learning team made sure every car had the right equipment. Not every car runs the same way. They built accordingly.

The Multilingual Learning team made sure no car was left on the side of the track because its engine sounds different.

Custodial and cafeteria staff maintained the Brickyard and kept every car fueled. Every morning before the cars arrived. Every evening after they left. No race runs on a dirty track or an empty tank.

KIPP Forward had their eyes on the next race before this one was done. They mapped the route from the Brickyard to whatever comes next.

The Tech team is in the control tower. When something goes down they bring it back up.

Front office and operations kept all the parts moving smoothly. They make sure the race runs like it is supposed to.

The Regional team is the spotter on the radio. Calling what the driver cannot see. Keeping the bigger picture in view through the front windshield.

One day for our seniors. Six days for K-11th grade students. Seven days for school-based staff. The checkered flag is in sight.

McKinney-Vento: By the Numbers

HOUSING INSTABILITY AT KIPP INDIANAPOLIS
School Year 2025-26 | As of May 13, 2026



These numbers reflect a point-in-time snapshot of student housing instability across KIPP Indianapolis. Because enrollment, eligibility, and family living situations can change throughout the school year, these numbers remain fluid.

TOTAL MKV ELIGIBLE

168 Total identified SY 2025-26
141 Currently active (10.8% student population)
22 Withdrawn
3 Unaccompanied youth

ENROLLMENT BY CAMPUS

Legacy 9-12	43 students
Unite K-2	35 students
Unite 3-5	32 students
KICP 6-8	31 students

HOUSING STATUS

Doubled-Up	88 students (62%)
Motel / Hotel	19 students (13%)
Shelter	11 students (8%)
Transitional	6 students (4%)
Other / Permanent	17 students (12%)

WHAT THE DATA TELLS US

Housing instability is touching every grade band at KIPP Indy. That mirrors the national picture. Public schools across the country identified more than 1.37 million students experiencing homelessness in the 2022-23 school year. Here at KIPP Indy this work is

showing up across all four schools and in many cases across entire families. One family's housing crisis often means multiple students navigating instability at the same time.

The largest share of our students are doubled-up. 62% are living with another family due to economic hardship or loss of housing. These students are not sleeping on the street. They are harder to see. That is exactly why identification matters.

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE



Attendance
Data
Matters



KIPP INDY ADA OVERVIEW

MKV ADA 87.3% **Above 86.5% goal**

Non-MKV ADA 90.8%

Gap 3.5 points

BY CAMPUS — MKV vs NON-MKV

Unite K-2

MKV 87.4%

Non-MKV 92.1%

Unite 3-5

MKV 89.0%

Non-MKV 91.8%

KICP 6-8 Below goal

MKV 85.3%

Non-MKV 90.5%

Legacy HS 9-12

MKV 87.1%

Non-MKV 88.5%

WHAT THE DATA TELLS US

MKV attendance district-wide is stable and above goal. Three of four schools are at or above the 86.5% target.

KICP continues to be the one to watch at 85.3%. It is the only school below goal and has been flagged consistently. That is where attention belongs as plan for SY 2026-27.

The gap between MKV and non-MKV attendance is consistent across all four schools. Legacy has the smallest gap. HopSkipDrive's flexibility in scheduling and same-day adjustments has made it easier for Legacy students to get to and from school and participate in afterschool activities more consistently.

Click the link to read the real impact.

<https://www.hopskipdrive.com/clients/charter-school-closed-attendance-gap-cut-transportation-fees/>

These MKV students are showing up at 87.3% while navigating housing instability. That is not a small thing. It is worth saying out loud.

Ending Well. Starting Better.



CLOSING OUT THE YEAR AND WHAT COMES NEXT

MKV eligibility for SY 2025-26 ends on May 22, 2026. Once that window closes, we close out the year for every active student and begin the work of identifying who will need support when the new year starts.

Current MKV families will hear from me directly after May 22. I ask them to complete a Housing Questionnaire to recertify for SY 2026-27. If their situation has not changed, the process is straightforward. If things have improved, we note that and close out their record. If things have gotten harder, we start getting supports in place before August. Families who do not recertify do not carry their eligibility into next year automatically. Every school year is a fresh start.

In late June and early July, the Housing Questionnaire goes out to every enrolled KIPP Indy family. Not just families we already know. Every family. Staff sometimes ask why we reach out so broadly. The reason is simple. Housing situations change between May and August. A family that was stable when school ended may be in a very different place by the time school starts. The earlier a student is identified, the earlier supports can be put in place. For many families, that questionnaire is the first time they learn that help is available. It is also the only way we can have transportation ready before day one.

The closer to the school start date a student is identified, the greater the chance transportation will not be ready on day one. A new bus stop takes up to seven business days to process from my request to the first ride. That is coordination between IPS, First Student, the campus, and the family. It has to happen in order. MKV families move often, sometimes outside IPS boundaries. When that happens, we arrange car service through HopSkipDrive or EverDriven. The same timeline applies.

Our MKV students are attending school at 87.3% this year, above our district goal. Transportation is a big part of why. When a student has a reliable ride, they show up. When they do not, they do not. Early identification is how we protect that number going into next year.

Honoring those we lost...



Before we close out this school year, we pause.

This year brought joy and it brought grief. Our KIPP Indy community lost a beloved teacher and several students this year.

We carry them with us as we cross every finish line this month. Their absence is felt. Their presence is not forgotten.

To the families and loved ones of those we lost, this community sees you. We grieve with you.



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Wherever the Road Takes You

See Me, Email Me, Text Me, Calendly Me

Email is the best way to reach me and usually the fastest place to start.

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Staff are always welcome to stop by my space at Legacy in the Regional Office or catch me at the K-8 building on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons in the Family Center.

For a more intentional check-in, my Calendly link can be used to schedule a brief meeting via teams or in-person.

[Calendly - Dana Muldrow](#) to make an appointment

To those of you who are returning in the fall, welcome back already. Rest well. We will see you on the other side of summer ready to go again.

To those of you who are moving on to your next chapter, thank you. What you gave to KIPP Indy students does not leave when you do. It stays in every child you showed up for this year.

Have a wonderful and safe summer break. See you at the end of July to start the 2026/27 School Year.