

KIPP Focus on Results

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• Knowledge Is Power Program

KIPP Schools are a growing number of open-enrollment public schools that provide educationally underserved students with the knowledge, skills, and character needed to succeed in top-quality high schools, colleges, and the competitive world beyond.



• At a Glance

- 38 KIPP public schools in 15 states and the District of Columbia
- Over 6,000 students of which 95% are African American or Latino
- 83% of KIPP students are eligible for the federally subsidized meal program
- Students are accepted regardless of prior academic record, conduct, or socioeconomic background
- Most students are well below “grade level” before entering a KIPP School

• KIPP's Five Pillars

- Choice & Commitment
- More Time
- Power to Lead
- High Expectations
- Focus on Results



• School Model

- Open with one grade level, add a new grade each year
- Small schools: 350 students per school at capacity
- Students typically attend school 7:30-5pm each day, two Saturdays a month, and 3 weeks during the summer
- Teachers available by mobile phone after school hours to help students
- Strong culture of achievement
- High accountability for students and parents
- End-of-year “field lessons” brings the curriculum alive

• KIPP Foundation

The KIPP Foundation is a national, non-profit organization that recruits, trains, and supports outstanding educators to open and run high-performing college-preparatory public schools.

- Recruit high-quality educators to start and lead independently-run KIPP Schools
- Provide prospective school leaders with one year of intensive training before opening of KIPP School
- Assist school leaders in securing the “freedom, facility, and funding” necessary to implement the KIPP model
- Continue to support and evaluate KIPP Schools

• Founding Schools

1994

Teachers Mike Feinberg and Dave Levin complete Teach For America commitment, launch 5th grade program in Houston.



1995

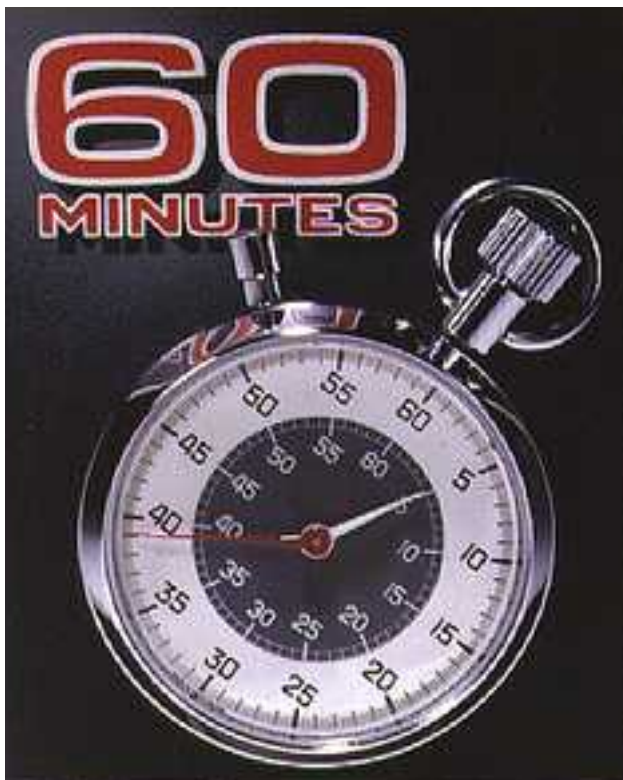
KIPP Academy New York is established in the South Bronx. KIPP Academy Houston becomes one of Houston's first charter schools.

1999

KIPP's first class of 8th graders earn admissions to top high schools nationwide.

• Replicating KIPP's Success

1999 KIPP featured on CBS' *60 Minutes*



Doris and Donald Fisher, founders of Gap Inc., help replicate the success of the founding KIPP Academies.

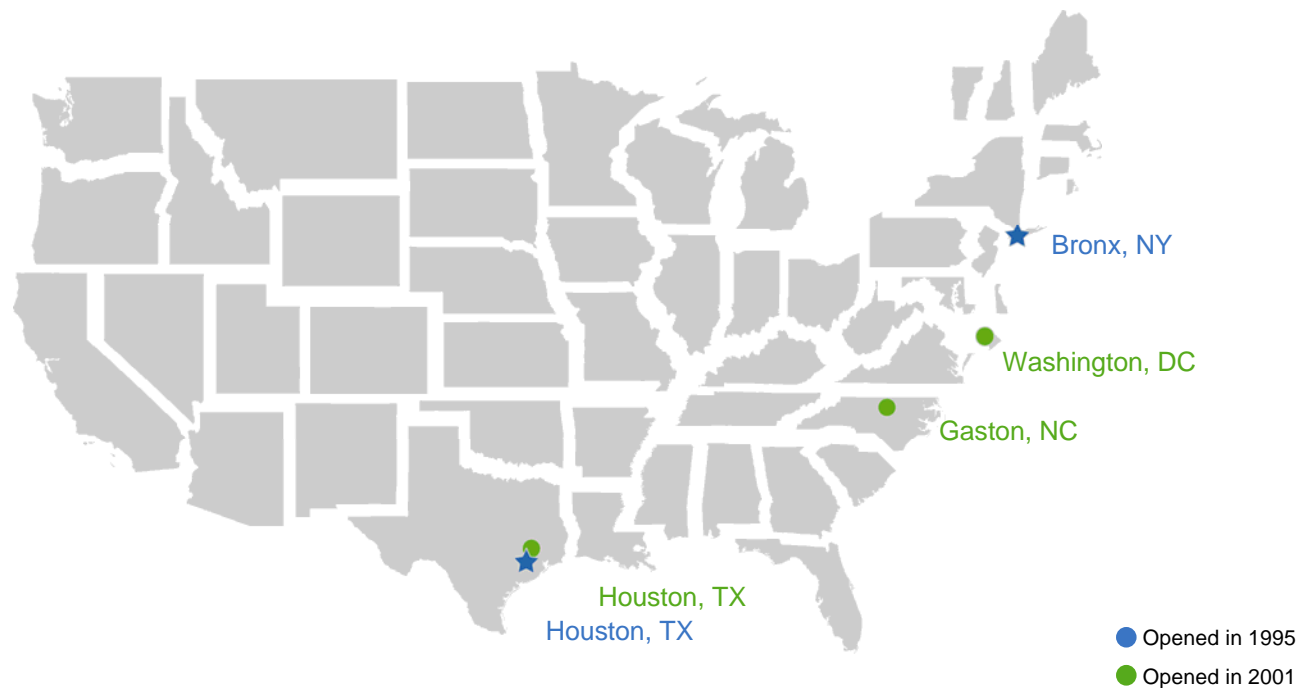
2000

The Fishers and Scott Hamilton form partnership with Feinberg and Levin to start KIPP's national effort.

• Growth

2001

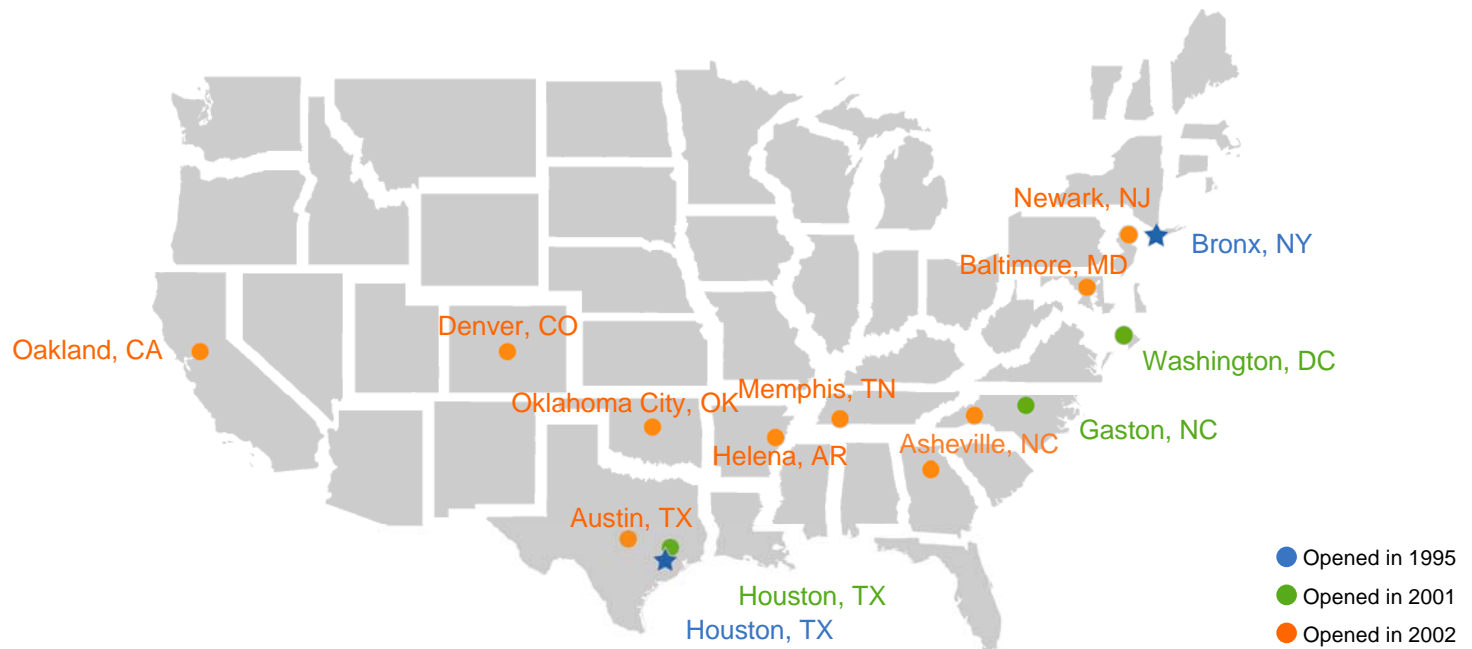
Three new KIPP Schools open.



• Growth

2002

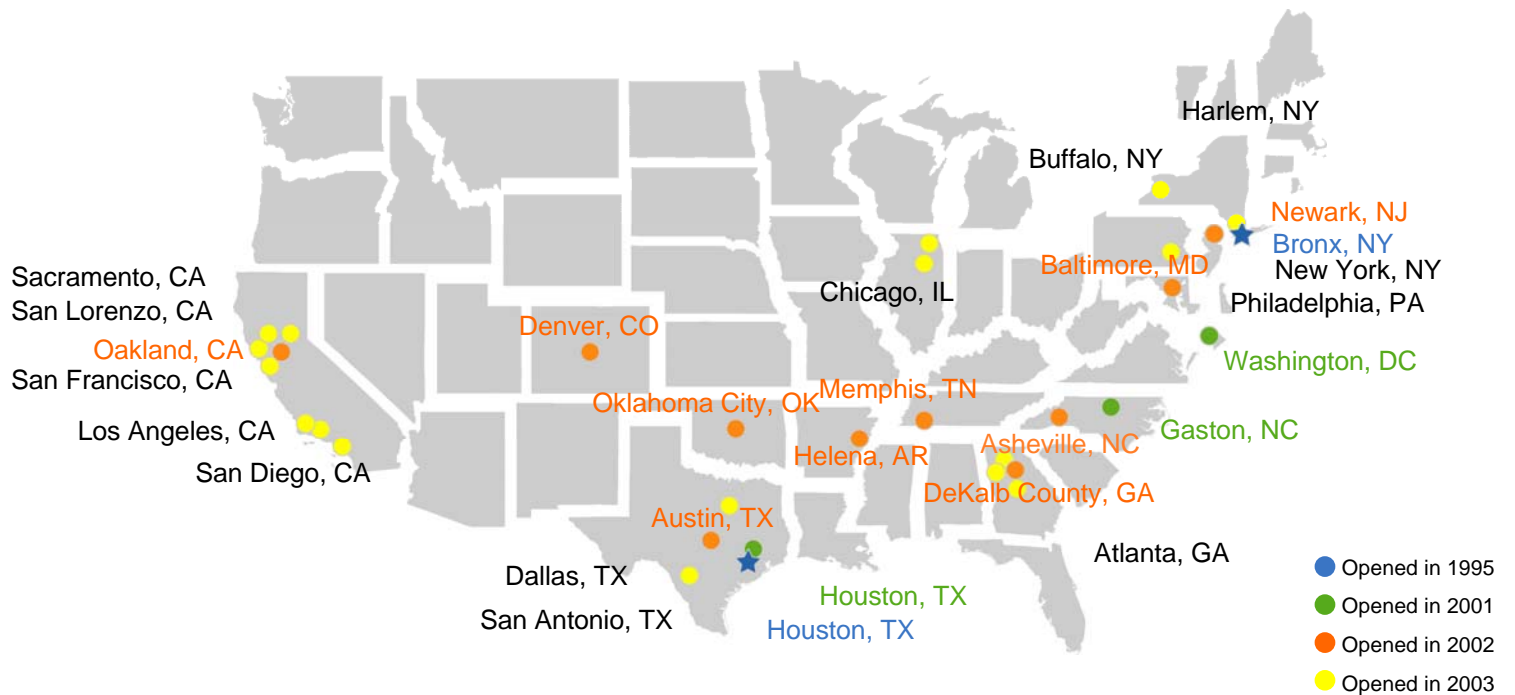
9 new KIPP Schools open.



• Growth

2003

17 new KIPP Schools open.



• Results

2002

According to an independent evaluation, all of the KIPP Schools founded by KIPP-trained principals in 2001 recorded statistically significant gains in student achievement.

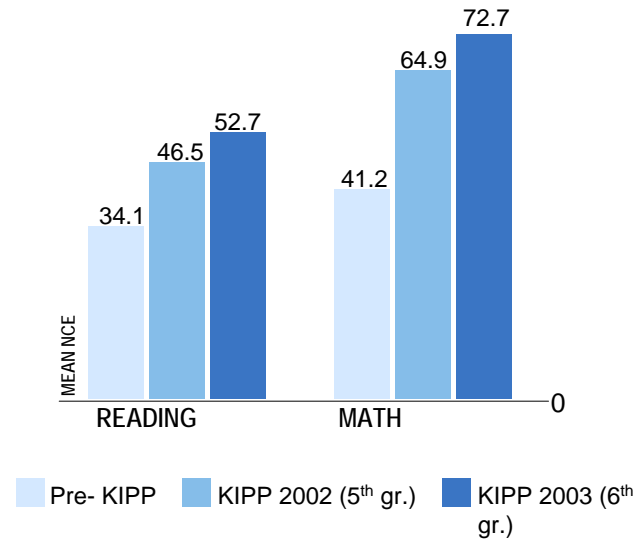
2003

Since 2003, three out of four KIPP middle school graduates have earned acceptances to four year colleges.

• Results

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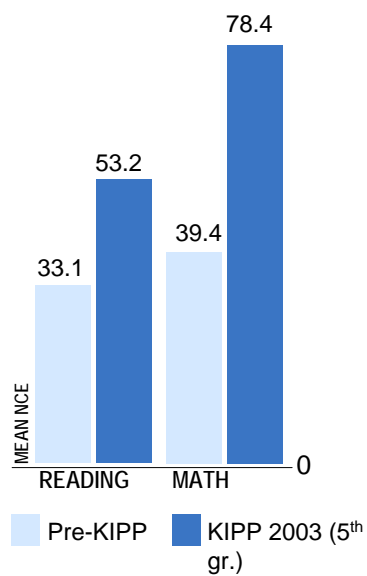


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• Results



A KIPP School, Newark, NJ



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