Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How much does this school cost?

A: KIPP OKC College Prep is a public charter school, which means it is free to attend. There are costs associated with purchasing a uniform and school supplies but there is NO TUITION cost. Our lunch and breakfast programs are free for all students.

Q: What grade students can attend this school?

A: KIPP OKC College Prep currently educates students in grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. The amount of open seats we have available each year depends on how many of our current students return. This means that it is best to enroll your child at KIPP in 4<sup>th</sup> grade to ensure they have a reserved seat for the full 5 year program.

Q: How many open seats will there be for 2020-21?

A: The amount of seats open each year depends on how many of our current students return and our goal is always to retain as many of our students as possible. We started this year with a small 4<sup>th</sup> grade class and the addition of that grade to our school has been so successful that we would like to have a full Lower School Program (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) next year. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade will have the most open seats for 2020-21.

Q: What does it mean to be a charter school?

A: Charter schools are unique, non-sectarian public schools that are allowed more freedom to address student’s needs in more innovative ways. However, charters are still held accountable to the same state and federal measurements and testing requirements as traditional public schools. Because charter schools are public schools, they are non-selective, do not charge tuition and do not have special entrance requirements.

Q: What does it mean to be a college prep school?

A: Our ultimate goal for our students is to live a choice filled life. Our rigorous academic program is designed to make sure our students are able to obtain a pathway to and through college. We have a KIPP Through College (KTC) Program that assists parents and students with high school placement, ACT preparation, college admission and college persistence. Since we do not currently have a KIPP high school in Oklahoma City, we work with our partner high school counselors to make sure we align our college goals for our alumni.
Q: I enrolled online, what now?

A: There will be a lottery on February 24th to determine who can enroll and who will be placed on a waiting list. As a public charter school, we are legally required to have a lottery if more students enroll than we have room for. This ensures that admission is non-selective. You will receive an email the day after the lottery with instructions for next steps.

Q: I would like for my child to attend this school, what do I do next?

A: All new students must enroll online at oneappk.com. This can easily be done on your own smart phone, computer or we have a station set up with Chromebooks to enroll at this event. There will be a lottery on February 24th to determine who can enroll and who will be placed on a waiting list. As a public charter school, we are legally required to have a lottery if more students apply than we have room for. This ensures that admission is non-selective. You will receive an email the day after the lottery with instructions for next steps.

Q: I have heard your school schedule is different than OKCPS, is that true?

A: Yes, our academic school day begins at 7:30am and ends at 2:30pm. During this time children are in core classes such as reading, writing, mathematics, science and blended learning (a class which incorporates multiple subjects using technology). From 2:30 – 4:30pm each day, students can participate in a variety of extra-curricular activities in the Beyond the Bell Afterschool Elective Program. These activities include sports, visual arts, performing arts, leadership and more. In regard to the overall school calendar, we do try to align with OKCPS on most breaks (fall, summer, winter, spring & Thanksgiving) but there are a few differences. In addition to breaks, we will sometimes have different parent/teacher conference and teacher professional development days that students are out of school.

Q: Do you provide transportation?

A: Unfortunately, as a public charter school we do not receive funding for the traditional transportation services that other public schools have. For the first time in 18 years our board of directors did approve leasing two buses after our school was moved in July 2019. Returning students and their siblings are given priority on these buses. IF by chance there are additional spots open on the buses, a system will be created to fill those but it is too early to determine availability at this time.

If you have a question that we haven't answered, please email us at powertolead@kippokc.org or call (405) 849-9700.