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**KIPP Miami to Launch High School in 2026, Bringing a Unique High School Model to Liberty City Students**

Miami, FL – September 2, 2025 – KIPP Miami announced today that it will launch KIPP Miami Technical High School (KIPP Miami Tech) in August 2026, a tuition-free, specialized public charter high school located on the Miami Dade College North Campus.

Opening with an inaugural ninth-grade class and growing to serve grades 9–12, KIPP Miami Tech will provide students with the academic foundation, professional skills, and real-world experiences necessary to excel in college or career pathways.

KIPP Miami Tech will offer three specialized career academies: Business, Commercial & Digital Arts, and Technology. Students will be able to graduate not only with a high school diploma, but also with college credits, industry-recognized credentials, and hands-on experience that provide a head start on their futures.

Students at KIPP Miami Tech will take real college courses on Miami Dade College's North Campus, earning up to a year of credits before graduating, benefit from personalized advising from KIPP educators, college counselors, and industry mentors, and join a close-knit community that prepares them for independence, leadership, and opportunity.

"This is a unique, hands-on learning model for Miami high school students," said Charlie Schmidt, Executive Director of KIPP Miami. "Our vision is to create a school that honors the brilliance of our students while equipping them with the skills they need to succeed in tomorrow's economy," said Schmidt.

With this launch, KIPP Miami expands its footprint from elementary and middle schools, currently serving more than 1,350 students at KIPP Royalty Academy and KIPP Courage Academy, to a full K–12 pathway that prepares students from Opa Locka and the Urban Core to live choice-filled lives.

KIPP Miami and KIPP New Jersey are sister regions within the national KIPP network, working in close partnership to share leadership, resources, and proven practices. The launch of KIPP Miami Tech builds directly on the strong track record of KIPP New Jersey's high schools, ensuring Miami students benefit from a model with demonstrated success.

The founding principal of the high school will be Kinyette Henderson, a seasoned educator and school leader, and alumna of KIPP New Jersey middle school. Henderson brings deep



experience from leading classrooms and schools across the country, along with a personal connection to KIPP's mission and legacy.

"I'm thrilled to watch this high school come to life with our founding students," said Kinyette Henderson, Founding Principal of KIPP Miami Tech. "As a KIPP alum, I know firsthand the power of excellent schools to change lives. I am honored to return to this network and to partner with our students and families in Miami to ensure they have access to both college and career pathways that lead to lasting success."

### **About KIPP Miami**

Founded in 2018, more than 1,350 students from Greater Miami are educated and inspired today in KIPP Miami classrooms. KIPP Miami is part of the KIPP (Knowledge Is Power Program) national nonprofit network of college-preparatory, public charter schools educating elementary, middle, and high school students. KIPP has a 25-year track record of preparing students for success in college and life. KIPP Miami educates elementary students at KIPP Royalty Academy and middle school students at KIPP Courage Academy.

KIPP Miami is proud to partner with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami Dade College, Girls Inc., the YMCA, Black Men Build, and Bridge to Hope to bring additional education options to our community. Students also benefit from partnerships with Barry University, The Children's Trust, and Jessie Trice Community Health System; the latter two organizations provide health services to students through our school clinic. To learn more, visit [www.kippmiami.org](http://www.kippmiami.org)

### **About KIPP Public Schools**

KIPP, the Knowledge Is Power Program, is a national network of 278 public charter schools dedicated to preparing students for success in college and life. KIPP Public Schools are tuition-free, and enrollment is open to all students. Started in 1994 as a middle school program, KIPP has since expanded to enroll nearly 125,000 students in pre-K through high school, operating schools in 21 states and Washington, D.C.