

Welcome
to our
school



**KIPP:
TEXAS**
PUBLIC SCHOOLS


KIPP:SHARP College Prep Lower School

OPEN HOUSE
2023-2024



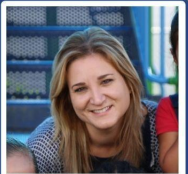
KIPP:SHARP

KIPP SHARP Principal



MEET THE PRINCIPAL

I have been in education for over 30 years. I was a founding teacher at SHARP and became principal in 2013. I love to decorate our school and spend time creating a warm, welcoming environment for all SHARParoos.



The Basics

Ms. Bennett

I went to the University of St. Thomas for my undergraduate and University of Houston for graduate degree.

I am from Houston and I am an only child. I went to school in HISD. I loved to ride bikes and play outside. I also loved to swim. I learned how to swim when I was 7.

My Education


My Childhood

Food: Enchiladas/Pizza
Disney Movie: Cinderella
Color: Teal/Maroon
Drink: Diet Coke
Store: Hobby Lobby
Dessert: Donuts/Cupcakes

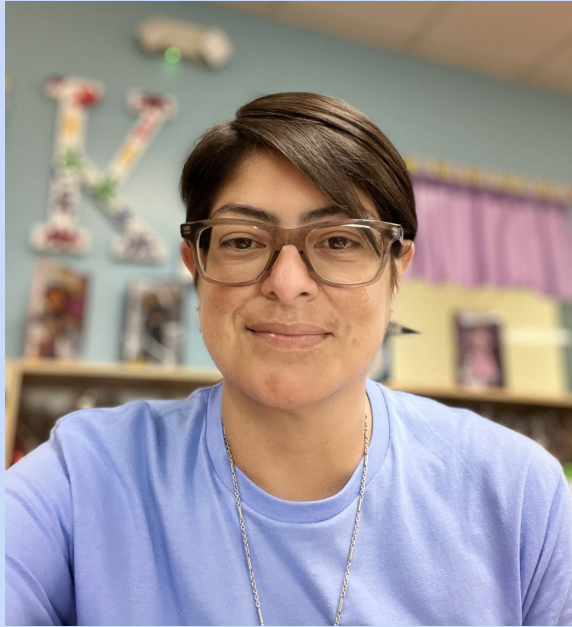
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832-443-6073

My Favorites

Contact Me



KIPP SHARP Assistant Principals



**Monica
Barragan-
Instruction**



**Monica
Castillo-
Instruction**



**Lorena
Del Toro-
Operations**

Team and Family Pledge

We are a team and family.

If there is a problem, we find a solution.

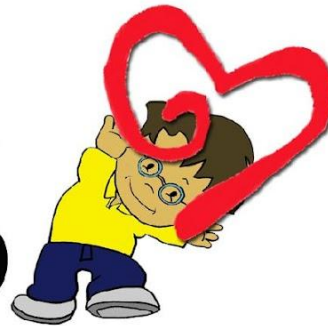
If there is a better way, we will find it.

If we need help, we ask.

If a teammate needs help, we give.

H.E.A.R.T. Values

● ● **VALUES**



Honor

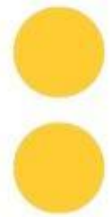
Explore with Enthusiasm

Always with Excellence

Ready to try again

Together

H.E.A.R.T. Values



VALORES



Honor

Explorar con Entusiasmo

Ante todo Excelencia

Rapidamente, volver a intentar

Todos juntos

KIPP SHARP PK3 Team



Ms. V. Smith
Ms. S. Soto
Ms. J. Gold
Ms. M. Villatoro
Ms. A. Pacaja
Ms. C. Aguilar

KIPP SHARP Instructional Coaches



Ms. M. Perez
Ms. D. Hightower
Ms. C. Le
Ms. L. Miranda

Stay Up to Date



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facebook.com/kippsharphouston
youtube.com/KIPPSHARPPrep
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2022-2023 School Hours



SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:25 AM
Breakfast is from 7:00-7:25

SCHOOL HOURS 2023-2024



PK4-5TH
Monday-Friday
7:25am-3:25pm

PK3 AM
7:25am-10:55 am
MON-FRI

PK3 PM
11:55pm-3:25pm
MON-FRI

2022-2023 School Hours PK3 AM

PK3 AM ARRIVALS

Doors Open 7:00-7:25

Doors Close 7:25

PK3 AM DISMISSAL

Doors Open 10:55-11:05

Doors Close 11:05



2022-2023 School Hours PK3 PM

PK3 PM ARRIVALS

Doors Open **11:45-11:55**

Doors Close **11:55**

PK3 PM DISMISSAL

Doors Open **3:00**



2023-2024 Academic Calendar

KIPP Texas
Houston

23-24
Academic
Calendar





2023-2024 KTX Academic Calendar

Austin - Dallas - Houston

July 2023							August 2023							September 2023							October 2023																	
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KEY

- First day for students (Aug. 14 2023)
- Holidays (No School)
- Parent Conference Day
- Equity and Data Days (No Students)
- Early Release for Election Day
- Last day for students (May 24, 2024)
- Rest and Renew Days
- Early Release (High School ONLY)

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Labor Day Sept. 04, 2023
 Rest and Renew Oct. 06, 2023
 Fall Holiday Oct. 09, 2023
 Thanksgiving Nov. 20-24, 2023
 Winter Holiday Dec. 22, 2023 - Jan. 05, 2024
 MLK Day Jan. 15, 2024
 President's Day Feb. 19, 2024
 Spring Break Mar. 11-15, 2024
 Spring Holiday Mar. 29, 2024
 Rest and Renew April 01, 2024*
 Memorial Day May 27, 2024
 Juneteenth June 19, 2024

EQUITY AND DATA DAYS (STUDENT HOLIDAYS)

Sept. 15, 2023
 November 17, 2023
 January 8, 2024*
 February 9, 2024
 March 8, 2024

* Make-up Days Jan. 8 & Apr. 01 if needed; Inclement Weather

NINE WEEK GRADING CYCLES

Cycle 1: Aug. 14 - Oct. 13 41 Days
 Cycle 2: Oct. 16 - Dec. 21 42 Days
 Cycle 3: Jan. 09 - Mar. 07 59 Days
 Cycle 4: Mar. 18 - May 24 48 Days

PARENT CONFERENCE DAYS

October 20, 2023
 January 12, 2024

STAAR TESTING | SPRING ADMINISTRATION WINDOWS

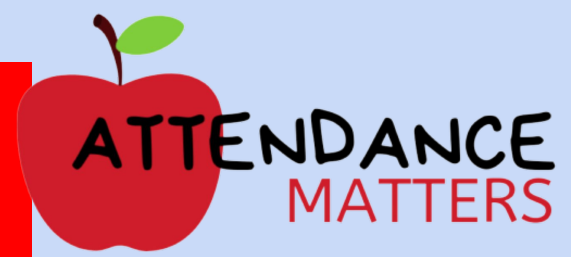
Spring STAAR Testing| April 9th – May 3rd

Actual Instructional Minutes PS/MS: 81,360
 Actual Instructional Minutes HS: 80,880
 Days of Instruction: 170

Approved by the KIPP Texas Board on April 21, 2023

KTX Houston Academic Calendar

2023-2024 Attendance



**#AttendanceMatters
#LaAsistencialImporta**

KIPP Texas takes attendance very seriously. Being present in school every day is the foundation for student achievement and academic success. If students are not in school, they are missing out on what is being taught and are at risk for experiencing lower academic performance. When absences become a pattern or become a chronic issue, students can fall behind and experience academic struggles as well as experience challenges beyond the classroom.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: KIPP Texas students are expected to be at school every day unless they have spoken with their school leader ahead of time and received permission or have had an excused absence. It is the duty of the parent/guardian to monitor student attendance and make sure the student is in school every day possible.

Excused absences should provide on their return to school (no later than 2 days) a note containing the following: Date the note is written/Dates of the absences/Student's full name and grade level/Reason for the absence (example: illness, death, or other family emergency, religious...etc.)/Parent/guardian signature



2023-2024 Child Nutrition

**Free Breakfast and Lunch
For All Students**



Child Nutrition [Houston](#) [Lunch Menus](#)

At KIPP Texas Public Schools, all enrolled students are provided with free nutritionally balanced meals with the nutrition necessary to fuel academic success while building lifelong healthy habits. The KIPP Texas Child Nutrition Team has adopted the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which enables eligible schools to serve free breakfast, lunch, and supper (if offered) to all students, regardless of income. A confidential Household Income Survey is completed during online registration instead of a meal application.

PM Lunch Time

- Lunch is only for the PM Class
- Lunch is from 12:35 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Parents are not allowed to come eat with the student.
- If student brings lunch from home it must be in a lunchbox.
- Practice opening containers and opening/closing lunchbox.
- We can encourage them to eat, but not force them
- No snack time for AM/PM



23-24 Arrival /Dismissal PK3 Students

- Doors Open at 7:00
- Breakfast 7:00am-7:25am
in cafe
- Please drop off and pick up
on time
- Doors close at 3:45pm



23-24 Arrival /Dismissal PK3 Students

Your child needs to be here by 7:25 (AM) or 12:55 (PM) or they will be counted as tardy. Every minute your child is late, they are missing instruction.

If your child is absent, please send in an excuse note when they return in their red folder (no later than two days). You can also email the doctor's note to the attendance clerk.

Attendance Clerk: Lindsay Melendez
lindsay.melendez@kipptexas.org



23-24 Independence in PreK-3

- Students walk in class independently
- Students put their backpacks in their locker, take out their red folder and place it in the bin
- Practice with students using the restroom independently
- Practice changing clothes if an accident occurs
- Practice with your child at home: putting toys away, listening to a story, etc.
- Students should be able to eat independently

The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.

DENIS WAITLEY

EVERYDAYPOWER



KIPP SHARP Uniforms

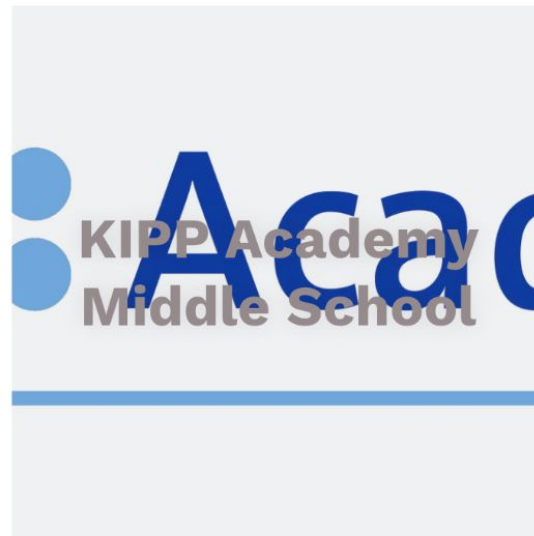
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Uniforms

MONDAY- THURSDAY UNIFORM



Khaki and Navy bottoms



FRIDAY UNIFORM



Jean bottoms

SWEATERS-NAVY BLUE



Uniform Policy: Sweaters

Per KTX Uniform Policy:

“Students may wear non-KIPP outerwear to school but must remove the outerwear and store it in a locker, backpack, or classroom while in the building. Students may wear KIPP branded sweatshirts or hoodies sweatshirts inside the building. Students may not wear hoods or caps, and their faces must be visible.”

***Navy sweaters may be worn**



Uniform Policy 2023-2024

Students will not be allowed to wear:

- Sheer bottoms or pants with holes/rips/tears
- Leggings, jeggings, pajama pants, work out/mesh pants
- Low-rise bottoms
- Blue jeans **ONLY** on Fridays with Friday shirt
- Non KIPP outer wear must be removed when entering the school building
- No hoodies/caps (beanies) are permitted inside the school building
- No crocs, slides, sandals, or slippers are to be worn to school
- Skirts or shorts that are shorter than 3 inches above the knee



Backpack Policy 23-24



For the 2023-2024 school year, all students will need to have a clear backpack on campus. We want to ensure the safety of all students and staff. We understand this will not eliminate safety concerns, however it is one step to ensuring that nothing is brought to school that could cause harm to others.



KIPP:SHARP

Parent-Teacher/School Communication

- Time to call teachers (4:30 pm-7:00 pm)
- Sign behavior charts daily/conduct cards
- We will communicate with you via:
 - Classtag
 - Remind 101
 - Facebook/Instagram
 - Flyers/Notes home
 - School website
 - Parent Newsletters/ Parent Monthly Calendar



Remind 101-Receive Messages



Weekly Newsletters

The image shows a screenshot of a website for KIPP:SHARP. At the top center is the KIPP:SHARP logo, which consists of a red heart icon followed by the text "KIPP:SHARP" in blue and yellow. On the left side, there is a white navigation menu with the following items: "Table of Contents" (with an upward arrow icon), "3-24 School Information/Información importante", "MAP Testing/Examen de MAP", and "Dates de Open House". A large red rectangular overlay is positioned in the center of the page, containing the text "SHARP Parent Newsletter #1" in large white font, and "August 18, 2023" in a smaller white font below it. The background of the website is a photograph of a modern school building with a blue sky and white clouds. At the bottom of the screenshot, there is a video player showing a woman's face, with a white play button icon overlaid on it. The text "ENGLISH WELCOME BACK" is visible at the bottom left of the video player area.

KIPP SHARP Website

VISIT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

www.kippsharp.org



[KIPP SHARP Website](http://www.kippsharp.org)

Grade Level Expectations



Conduct Cards

- Conduct Cards must be signed daily.
- They will be located inside your student red folder.
- We will begin sending home starting Monday, September 18.



HEART Values Expectations

School Hours: Mon-Fri 7:25-3:25

August/Agosto 2023

MONDAY / LUNES	TUESDAY / MARTES	WEDNESDAY / MIÉRCOLES	THURSDAY / JUEVES	FRIDAY / VIERNES
7	8	9	10	11
X _____	X _____	X _____	X _____	X _____
14 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	15	16	17	18
X _____	X _____	X _____	X _____	X _____
21	22	23	24	25
X _____	X _____	X _____	X _____	X _____
28	29	30	31	
X _____	X _____	X _____	X _____	



A heart means that the student was living out the HEART Values. [Un corazón significa que el estudiante estaba viviendo los valores]



A green happy face means that the student met all expectations for the day. [Una cara feliz color verde significa que el estudiante cumplió con todas las expectativas para el día]



A yellow face means that student did not meet a HEART value expectation after two redirections. [Una cara amarilla significa que el estudiante no cumplió con una expectativa después de dos redirectiones]

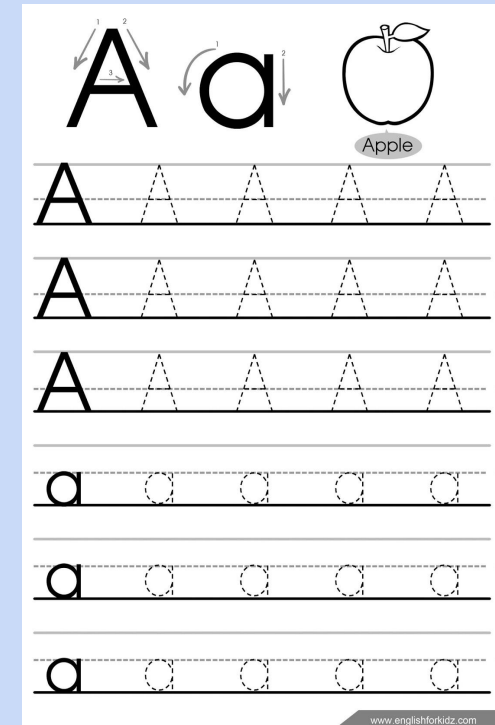
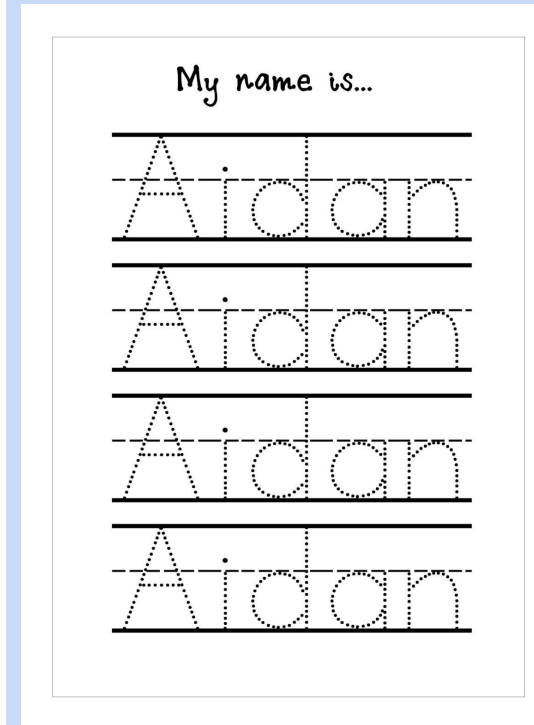


A red face means that student did not meet more than one HEART value expectation after four redirections. [Una cara roja significa que el estudiante no cumplió con más de una expectativa después de cuatro redirectiones]

***Repeated color changes may result in a office visit/discipline referral **Varios cambios de color pueden resultar en una visita a la oficina/forma disciplinaria

Homework

- Homework will be given Monday-Thursday.
- Homework will be the following:
 - Monday: Name practice
 - Tuesday: Letter practice
 - Wednesday: Name practice
 - Thursday: Number practice
 - Friday: No Homework
- Student will complete 1 page per day. Do not do the entire packet at once.
- Homework must be returned to teacher daily.
- Starting Monday, September 18 we will send homework.



Birthdays/Celebrations

- Food items must be store bought.
 - donuts
 - cupcakes
 - goodie bags
- Please contact your students' teacher ahead of time if you would like to celebrate.
- Student must still be in full uniform on their birthdays.

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

Health Precautions

- School Nurse: Mrs. Calvillo
monica.calvillo@kipptexas.org

SICK CHILD POLICY:

- Teachers are not allowed to give medication to students. If your child requires medication, please take it directly to the school nurse. School nurse is next to the front office.
- All students must be fever free (without medication) or 24 hours before returning to school. All students must be vomit/diarrhea free for 24 hours before returning to school.



PreK Potty Training Policy

We can't allow students to wear diapers or pull ups because we aren't able to change them. It's not sanitary for them to sit in their urine or feces because it leaves them open to infections.

If they have an accident, we will call and ask you to come change them if they are not able to change themselves.

Please work on potty training so they can start school being independently able to use the restroom. This includes asking to use the restroom, cleaning themselves, and pulling their own clothes up and down.



Students Personal Belongings

Please make sure students belongings have their names on ALL items.

Ex: sweaters, backpack, lunchboxes

For safety reasons, please **do not** allow your child to bring any toys or candy to school.

Toys can easily become broken, lost, or stolen. Teachers will not be responsible for toys brought to school.

Candy and gum **are not** allowed at school at any time.

Teacher Contact Information

Ms. Gold

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Email: jaleesa.gold@kipptexas.org

Ms. Pacaja

Phone: 832-224-5956

Email:

Alicia.Pacaja@kipptexas.org

Ms. Smith

Phone: 832-786-9089

Email: vaneshia.smith@kipptexas.org