

Dear Parent or Guardian,

At KIPP Memphis Collegiate High School, we value your partnership and are committed to providing an exceptional educational experience for our KIPPsters. It is with a shared sense of responsibility and enthusiasm that we communicate with you today regarding an important designation that our school has received.

Under the Federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) has identified KIPP Memphis Collegiate High (KMCH) School as a Priority School for the 2023-24 academic year. This designation highlights areas where we can collectively focus our efforts to further elevate the educational journey of our scholars.

Priority School Indicators

Each year the TDOE examines schools' performance across several different indicators to provide an overall look at how schools are serving the needs of all students. The department included the following indicators in its analysis of school accountability:

- Student achievement
- Student growth
- English learner proficiency exam (ELPA)
- Ready graduate (high school only)
- Graduation rate (high school only)

More information on each of these indicators and the data used to define them can be found in the [2022-23 Accountability Protocol](#). Under the Federal ESSA, schools will receive additional support from the TDOE to help meet the varying needs of students.

Our Commitment

Recognizing the importance of preparing our KIPPsters for success, in addition to our rigorous academic curriculum, we have implemented a variety of enrichment & socio-emotional learning programs to further enhance student performance and we have forged partnerships with leading industry organizations specializing in STEM to offer early certification programs. These programs, with the combination of our new STEM labs, encompass a range of subjects allowing our KIPPsters to gain valuable skills to help them reach their full potential.

We believe that these initiatives, combined with the dedication of our teachers and the support of parents like you, contribute to the overall growth and development of our scholars. While we acknowledge the challenges identified in the school accountability results, we are actively working towards improvement, and your involvement is crucial to our success.

How You Can Help

We encourage you to help by participating in the development and implementation of our school improvement plan and/or our Parent-Teacher Association. Please contact Mrs. K. Hall Jones at [901-791-9792](tel:901-791-9792) or khall@kippmemphis.org if you are interested in serving our students.

With children in mind,
Principal Tonye Smith-McBride