



Frequently Asked Questions

1. I have mailed my application already. When can I expect to hear from you again?

We will conduct a lottery on May 5 based on all the applications we receive by April 30. We will mail out acceptance letters to all on May 10.

2. Who can apply for admission?

Priority is given to students living within the geographical boundaries as specified in our charter. Students living south of I-30 within Loop 12 are given preference for admission. Acceptance will be based on the number of spots available; whether or not students are within our geographical boundaries; and whether or not parents meet the application deadline. If the number of students who meet these criteria exceeds the number of spaces available, students will be granted enrollment based on a lottery process.

KIPP TRUTH can accept students from Dallas ISD, Arlington ISD, Cedar Hill ISD, De Soto ISD, Duncanville ISD, Garland ISD, Grand Prairie ISD, Irving ISD, Lancaster ISD, and Mesquite ISD.

3. When is the application deadline?

The application deadline is April 30th.

4. When do I know for sure that my child has been accepted for enrollment?

We will conduct a lottery on May 5th. Acceptance letters will be mailed to students.

5. How many openings are available?

Typically we have at least 90 spots available for 5th grade. Unless we have more than 90 applications any 5th grade student that applies should automatically be admitted.

Students applying for admission in 6th – 8th grade will be admitted based on the availability of spots. We will not be able to determine the exact number until we receive the intent to return letters from our current students.

Students within the geographical boundaries will be given priority over students residing outside the geographical boundaries.

6. Why does my child have to take a placement test?

Students who are currently in the 4th grade are not required to take a placement test. A child currently in the 5th, 6th, or 7th grade will be required to take a placement test because of the limited availability of spots and to determine if the student can handle the workload.

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8. Are there any fees?

\$5.00 a month for Saturday School

Students have the opportunity to EARN an end-of-year out of state field lesson. KIPP TRUTH Academy covers the majority of transportation, lodging, food and admissions costs, and parents contribute about \$50-\$60 (exact amount will be disclosed and parents will be notified well in advance if their child earns the trip).

Lunch fees if student does not bring a lunch or does not qualify for free/reduced lunches.

9. Can I apply to other schools while my child's application goes through?

Absolutely! It won't affect your child's chance of enrolling in KIPP TRUTH Academy in anyway.

10. Does looking at other schools affect my child's chances in any way?

No. We encourage you to look at other schools and doing so won't affect your child's chances in any way.

11. Do you provide transportation?

Transportation provided in selected areas. Please provide your address to see if you are within the bus route.

12. Do you offer free/reduced lunches?

Yes, it is available to those students who qualify. In order to qualify for free/reduced lunches, an application needs to be completed and submitted.

13. How can KIPP TRUTH help my child improve?

TRUTH Academy is an intensive college preparatory program designed to put students on a path to some of the nation's best high schools, colleges, and universities. Last year, the two KIPP eighth grade classes earned over three million dollars in scholarship money for high school!

14. Do you have Special Education?

Yes, we do offer special education services for those students who need them.

15. Do you have tutoring?

Students will have late-night access to teachers. No question is too small, silly or unimportant. Teachers will carry cell phones and be willing to answer questions and help with homework whenever the student needs it (until 9PM). If a teacher feels that a student needs tutoring, it will be arranged.

16. Is KIPP TRUTH Academy part of DISD?

No. We are our own public charter school in our own district.

17. Why do students have to go to summer school?

KIPP schools know that there are no shortcuts when it comes to success in academics and life. With an extended school day, week, and year, students have more time in the classroom to acquire the academic knowledge and skills that will prepare them for competitive high schools and colleges, as well as more opportunities to engage in diverse extracurricular experiences.

18. What do students do during Saturday School?

Saturdays can be spent participating in new and energetic activities. This is the time KIPP TRUTH Academy offers enrichment program instead of taking time away from reading, writing, and math during the week.

19. Is Saturday School really required or is it extra curricular?

Saturday School is required and in order to be able to attend the end-of-year out of state field lesson. Students cannot miss more than two Saturdays.

20. Why are the hours so long?

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21. What do you do with them from 7:30 to 5:00?

At 7:30am students start morning work while eating breakfast. Students spend at least 1 ½ hour in most classes, particularly in Reading and Writing. At 4:30pm students begin homework hall where they have a chance to ask questions and they leave at 5:00pm.

22. Do classes start at 7:30 or is that when they eat breakfast?

At 7:30 am students eat their breakfast while doing morning work.

23. Do they have to wear a uniform?

Yes, students are required to wear a white shirt tucked in, khaki pants (fit properly), and a belt. Students will have the opportunity to EARN their first school shirt and they will wear it tucked in with khaki pants and a belt. Additional shirts will be available for purchase at the school after the first shirt is earned.

24. Does KIPP TRUTH offer extracurricular activities?

Yes, students can participate in choir/theater (typically one large production each spring) by trying out. KIPP TRUTH also offers after-school programs for students grades 6th – 8th (scheduled for Tuesdays, 5-6 PM, for the 07-08 school year), including golf, chess, TiViTz (math strategy game), and the sports club. These after-school programs are offered through a partnership with the YMCA and After-school All-Stars.

25. Does KIPP TRUTH offer an athletics program?

No, not at this time. Students participate in physical education as part of the daily curriculum, but no organized sports or athletics (e.g., basketball, baseball, volleyball, etc.) are offered.