What Makes a Successful School?
A Successful School has:

- Engaging Teachers
- Dedicated Parents
- Students with a Positive Attitude
- Desire to Succeed
- Longer School Days
- Required Summer School
- Every Other Week Saturday Classes
- Two Hours of Homework a Night
- Frequent Contact Between Teachers and Parents
- Personal Relationships with Teachers

KIPP’s Beginnings

July 1992: Recent college graduates Mike Feinberg and Dave Levin meet at Teach for America summer institute.


January 1994: Levin and Feinberg draft the KIPP proposal.

Both struggling as beginning teachers, Levin and Feinberg befriend mentor teacher Harriett Ball.
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Spring 1994: KIPP launched in a Houston public school

1995: KIPP Academy New York becomes a charter school, directed by Levin

1995: KIPP Academy Houston becomes a charter school, directed by Feinberg

Video
Unconventional Methods

• 5th grader Abby Hernandez rarely completed homework because she liked to watch T.V.

• Feinberg reached an agreement with Abby’s mother and physically removed the family’s only T.V. from their home.

• Abby eventually graduated as the valedictorian of her high school class. She attended Texas A&M on a full scholarship.
KIPP Statistics

• Today there are 82 KIPP schools in 19 states serving around 20,000 students.

• 80% of alumni have gone on to college.

• 90% of middle school students attend college prep schools.

http://www.kipp.org

Challenges for KIPP

• High Dropout rate
  – Poor performing students return to public schools
  – Causes skewed achievement statistics

• KIPP must screen its students
  – Not everyone is motivated enough to participate

• Parents must be dedicated to and play an active role in their child’s education

• KIPP methodology requires passionate and energetic teachers
Discussion