

KIPP:MA

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

2021 - 2022 SCHOOL GUIDE



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A Message from our Executive Director



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KIPP Families,

It continues to be my honor to lead this organization. As I begin my second year as Executive Director, we all begin the second year of navigating COVID - it is our reality. And yet, we are a resilient people who come from a lineage of those who have survived and thrived countless challenges. So, I believe, when we put student and staff safety and well-being first while co-authoring this learning experience, we will keep our children and staff safe. We will meet their mental health needs. We will accelerate their learning by building on their strengths. We will do all of this TOGETHER.

Because we know that we have shared a great deal of information about returning to in person learning, we put together this School Guide so that you can have a quick resource to answer your frequently asked questions regarding topics like COVID safety protocols, school calendars, bus transportation and even our visitor policy. We hope it is a helpful resource. As always, if you need immediate support, please reach out to your child's school or e-mail us at info@kipppma.org.

With humility & hope,

Nikki Barnes

Return to Full Time In Person Learning

KIPP Massachusetts plans for a complete in-person return for students & staff in the 2021-2022 School Year. School policies & procedures are aligned with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (DESE) expectations.

For the fall, all districts and schools are required to be in-person, full-time, five days a week, and all DESE health and safety requirements are lifted. *This includes all physical distancing requirements.*

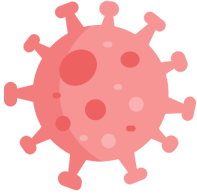
KIPP MA continues to collaborate with the Department of Public Health (DPH) to issue any additional health and safety recommendations. We will provide any updates to districts and schools as we receive them.

DESE Updates are available to the public on <https://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/>.

Exceptions to In Person Learning

- In the event that we must quarantine a student, staff member, or group, KIPP MA consults with DESE to determine next steps. We cannot guarantee concurrent or remote instruction availability in this circumstance.
- In rare cases, students are designated home or hospital instruction per their individualized plan, in which remote learning plans may be implemented.

COVID19 Safety



KIPP MA follows all DESE mandates and policies regarding COVID Health & Safety. When additional clarification is required, KIPP MA collaborates with the Department of Public Health (DPH), the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and our Nursing & Health Services Team.

General Safety Policies on Campus

- We are committed to keeping our staff, students, and families safe while on campus- [How We are Keeping You Safe](#)
- Students and staff will remain masked throughout the day.
- Whatever distance can be maintained (without disrupting instructional programming) will be maintained
 - We always encourage social distancing when possible. This includes:
 - Restroom use
 - Hallway transitions
 - Waiting in lunch line
 - Recess & outdoor time
 - When we cannot socially distance, we:
 - Make physical dividers a(during lunch) or face shields (class time) available
 - Use seating charts (in case we need to contact trace)
 - Shared materials will be wiped down regularly.
- High-touch surfaces will be disinfected daily (at a minimum).
- Hand-sanitizer and/or hand-washing will be prioritized throughout the day, particularly before snack/meal times.
- HVAC updates will continuously circulate and clean the air.

COVID19 in the School Health Office

- School Health Offices are not required to have medical waiting/isolation rooms in the 21-22 School Year. All students with suspected COVID may remain with other students as long as they are distanced at least 6 ft away.

COVID19 Screenings

- While KIPP MA does not engage in pre-screenings to enter the building, we encourage all families to review the symptom list each day prior to sending their children to school. Any symptomatic students or staff are rapid tested by our School Health Team. Please review the symptom list [here](#).

Quarantine Policies

- KIPP MA abides by the [KIPP MA Quarantine Guidelines](#), subject to change based on updated guidance from the CDC, DESE, and other health authorities
- KIPP has a standard procedure to ensure that we keep our students safe and identify possible COVID exposure- including calling the Local Board of Health and DESE.

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We always quarantine:	We do not quarantine:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● COVID+ individuals ● Symptomatic individuals ● Unvaccinated individuals that do not participate in Test & Stay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Asymptomatic & vaccinated individuals ● Close contacts that are: Socially distanced & masked, on the bus, have tested positive for COVID in past 90 days ● Unvaccinated individuals who are asymptomatic and participate in Test & Stay

- Academic Support During Quarantine
 - Allow 48 hours for specific instructions
 - Computers will be available swiftly
 - Assignments and related resources will be posted to Canvas by GL or course (HS)
 - Instructional platform recommendations will be shared based on the grade-level
 - Zoom office hours will be available weekly
 - At this point, we are not planning for concurrent or 'streamed' classes.
 - Per DESE, your child must be recorded as "absent" but KIPP will keep note quarantines

Communication Protocols with COVID+ Cases

- KIPP communicates COVID+ cases within schools as quickly as possible to close contacts, classrooms, and the campus.
- If a COVID+ person is in close contact with your child:
 - COVID+ Individual & Close Contacts are notified via phone & letter
 - Classroom is notified
 - Campus is notified
- If a close contact of a COVID+ person is in direct contact with your child:
 - We do not notify others unless it is suspected that there is community spread
 - The close contact will be quarantined
- **If we believe that your child has been exposed to COVID in school, we will notify you as soon as possible.**

COVID19 Testing



In the 2021-2022 School Year, KIPP MA Schools offer three types of COVID Testing. All forms of testing require parental consent, which can be completed [here](#).

Test & Stay

- Optional for close contacts that are exposed at school
- Individuals who do not participate will need to quarantine for 7+ days
- Required for 5+ consecutive days post exposure
- Students participating in Test & Stay must quarantine over the weekends during the Test & Stay window
- For more information on KIPP MA's Test & Stay Program, see [here](#).

Symptomatic BinaxNOW Rapid Tests

- Available to all students & staff with COVID symptoms
- Offered daily

Pooled PCR Testing COVID19 Testing on Campus

- Provided to students that submit consent
- Mandatory for all unvaccinated KIPPMA staff
 - Required weekly
 - Test & Stay BinaxNOW Rapid Tests
 - Please view [our resources](#) on where to find COVID testing in Massachusetts.

Reporting cases of COVID to KIPP MA



All KIPP employees and students are required to report when they are determined as a confirmed close contact or are diagnosed with COVID (as soon as they are made aware of their condition). Please email covid@kippma.org and/or call your School Nurse to report as soon as possible.

Close contacts are defined as individuals who have been within 6 feet of a COVID-19 positive individual while indoors, for at least 15 minutes during a 24-hour period. Please note that the at-risk exposure time begins 48 hours prior to symptom onset (or time of positive test if asymptomatic) and continues until the time the COVID-19 positive individual is isolated.

School Contact Information



KIPP Academy Boston

37 Babson St, Boston MA 02126
Phone: 617-393-5682
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bostonops@kippma.org
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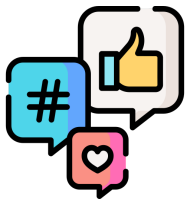
KIPP Academy Lynn, K-8

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Phone: 781-598-1609
Fax: 781-598-1639
highrockops@kippma.org
highrocknurses@kippma.org

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wheelernurses@kippma.org

Contact Us!



Social Media

For updates from KIPP Massachusetts, please follow us on Facebook (@KIPP Massachusetts) and Instagram (@kippma)



Email Us!

Have a question? Email us at info@kippma.org. Be sure to include if your student attends KIPP Boston or Lynn and their grade level.

School Calendars & Hours



School Calendars are available on our website (kippma.org) and updated regularly. For school hours, please contact your child's school directly.

KIPP Massachusetts Policies & Procedures



KIPP MA updates policies regularly to inform our community of expectations regarding our district. All policies are found at <https://kippma.org/kipp-ma-policies/> and can be requested in hard copy by sending an email to info@kippma.org or at the school's front office.

This includes, but is not limited to: Student Handbooks, Bullying Prevention, Sexual Harassment & Title IX Reporting, and Accountability Reports

Visitor Policy



KIPP Massachusetts welcomes visitors to its campus as long as they are in compliance with health & safety guidelines, which are subject to change throughout the school year.

Classroom Visits

- KIPP MA Schools have an open door policy for classroom visits for parents & guardians. To ensure we are able to accommodate your visit, we ask that family members schedule time with the teacher to ensure we are prepared for your visit.
- While KIPP MA welcomes parents and guardians in classrooms, the school may not have the ability to host a family when:
 - The visit cannot meet the school's health and safety guidelines, which may include capacity, social distancing, vaccination status, masking, etc.
 - Classroom visitors would cause an interruption to learning (such as classroom assessments)
 - There are prohibitive custody or legal arrangements with a specific student

Student Technology



All students at KIPP MA schools receive a chromebook to support in school and at home learning. Students receive a new chromebook in Kindergarten, 5th, and 9th grade.

Damaged or defective equipment should be reported to the school immediately. Our schools implement the policies laid out in the “KIPP Massachusetts Student Chromebook Agreement”- copies of which can be found on our website or requested at info@kippma.org.

Transportation Services



Transportation services for our students are coordinated by:

- KIPP Lynn, K-8: Healey Transportation
- KIPP Boston, K-8: Boston Public Schools Transportation

Students qualify for transportation based on the specific guidance of their geographic district. For more specific information regarding your student’s transportation policies, please contact the school.

- In Lynn, students must reside at least 1.0 miles from the school and live with Lynn city limits.
- In Boston, students qualify based on BPS policies, which are found [here](#).

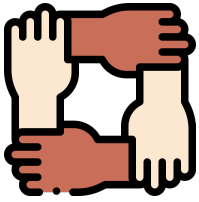
Uniform & Dress Code Information



Our schools have different uniform and dress code policies. Please connect directly with your child’s school to learn more about dress code policies.

More specific uniform and dress code policies are found at <https://kippma.org/kipp-ma-policies/> and can be requested in hard copy by sending an email to info@kippma.org or at the school’s front office.

Assistance for Families in Need



KIPP MA offers a variety of services to students and families requiring assistance. We encourage you to reach out to the School Counselor if you need academic, financial, or social-emotional support to see what services are available to your family.

Transitional Students (Homeless, Foster, Migrant, Military)

- [KIPP MA Education of Homeless Students Policy](#) is found on our website. Families experiencing homelessness should contact the Homeless Education Liaison for their school, found in the Student Handbook online or available by request at the school's front office.
- KIPP MA abides by all DESE requirement in the education of transitional students in accordance with the policies of the [Office of Student and Family Support](#)

Internet Assistance

- If your family does not have access to reliable internet (no internet, limited internet or bandwidth), please contact info@kipppma.org for options. We provide multiple internet assistance options for families, including free in home and portable internet.

Aftercare Services



Aftercare services are provided for students in grades K-8 from the end of the school day until 7PM at our KIPP Lynn and KIPP Boston through [Imagine That](#).

To apply, please visit their website or request a paper application at the school's front office. Our aftercare program accepts vouchers and has other flexible options for families in need of assistance.

Sports & Extracurriculars



KIPP MA follows the [Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association](#) (MIAA) guidance regarding health and safety guidelines for student athletes. This includes practice, games, and spectators.

All other extracurriculars (such as clubs and non-athletic teams) follow general School & Safety guidelines while on School Property.

Field Trips & College Visits



KIPP MA offers field trips & college visits if:

- Students, staff, and chaperones are able to follow state mandates and guidelines, including DESE guidance
- Mitigation strategies are in place to minimize the exposure and spread of COVID19 and other communicable diseases.