

## Executive Summary School Accountability Report Card, 2009–10

# *For KIPP Comienza Community Prep School*

**Address: 3211 Santa Ana St., South Gate, CA 90280**  
**Principal: Margarita Florez**

**Phone: (323) 907-9262**  
**Grade Span: K-4**

This executive summary of the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) is intended to provide parents and community members with a quick snapshot of information related to individual public schools. The data presented in this report are reported for the 2009–10 school year, except the School Finances and School Completion data that are reported for the 2008–09 school year. For additional information about the school, parents and community members should review the entire SARC or contact the school principal or the district office.

### **About This School**

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KIPP Comienza Community Prep (KIPP Comienza) is a tuition-free public charter elementary school that opened in the summer of 2010 in the Southeastern Cities of Los Angeles. KIPP Comienza currently serves 90 kindergartners under the leadership of Founding School Leader Margarita Florez. One grade will be added each year until we become a K–4 elementary school serving 520 students in 2014. KIPP Comienza is operated by KIPP LA Schools, a non-profit charter school management organization. KIPP LA operates four additional KIPP schools in Los Angeles.

KIPP Comienza utilizes the successful strategies of KIPP schools nationwide and here in Los Angeles. KIPP schools across the city and country have established a strong track record of dramatically improving student achievement and preparing them for success in college-prep high schools.

Please check back in late summer 2011 for student achievement results for KIPP Comienza's founding class of kindergartners

# School Accountability Report Card

## Reported Using Data from 2009–10 School Year

*Published During 2010–11*

The School Accountability Report Card (SARC), which is required by law to be published by February 1 of each year, contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school. More information about SARC requirements is available on the California Department of Education (CDE) SARC Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa/>. For additional information about the school, parents and community members should contact the school principal or the district office.

## II. About This School

### Contact Information (School Year 2010–11)

This section provides the school's contact information.

School		District	
<b>School Name</b>	KIPP Comienza Community Prep	<b>District Name</b>	Los Angeles Unified
<b>Street</b>	3211 Santa Ana St	<b>Phone Number</b>	(213) 241-1000
<b>City, State, Zip</b>	South Gate, CA 90280	<b>Web Site</b>	www.lausd.net
<b>Phone Number</b>	(323) 907-9262	<b>Superintendent</b>	Ramon C. Cortines
<b>Principal</b>	Margarita Florez	<b>E-mail Address</b>	superintendent@lausd.net
<b>E-mail Address</b>	mflorez@kippla.org	<b>CDS Code</b>	19-64733-0121707

### School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2009–10)

This section provides information about the school, its programs, and its goals.

KIPP Comienza is built on the belief that great schools and strong relationships transform communities. The mission of KIPP Comienza is to teach the academic skills, cultivate the character traits, provide the learning experiences, and forge the community relationships needed for our elementary students to thrive in middle school, high school, college, and life

*Comienza* is the Spanish action verb: begin. But the significance of *comienza* is lost when simply translated into "begin." *Comienza* evokes a sense of immediate action, an action that may ignite a new beginning towards voice; towards strength; towards change.

KIPP Comienza aims to strengthen our students' self-identify and build a collective spirit by which children feel personally responsible for their own success and work to support the success of others in their classroom, school, and community. As a school, we will provide the knowledge, skills, and experiences all students need to be successful through college and stay committed to positively impacting their community.

### **Opportunities for Parental Involvement (School Year 2009–10)**

This section provides information about opportunities for parents to become involved with school activities, including contact information pertaining to organized opportunities for parental involvement.

*Narrative provided by the LEA*

### **III. School Climate**

#### **School Safety Plan (School Year 2009–10)**

This section provides information about the school's comprehensive safety plan.

Each school has joined a federally funded consortium of other Los Angeles area charter schools in order to develop a comprehensive safety plan. Next year (2011-2012) both new schools (KEA and KCCP) will spend a year in the planning process that involves attending informational meetings, collaborative planning sessions, conducting supervised practice, getting feedback from external observers, and establishing the Incident Command structure. In years following, monthly safety drills are held to ensure that all students and staff are prepared in the event of an emergency or natural disaster. The school site operations team also goes through a regional focusing session at the beginning of each year to make sure that the safety plan is ready to be executed throughout the school year.