

Executive Summary School Accountability Report Card, 2009–10

For KIPP Empower Academy School

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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

KIPP Empower Academy (KEA) is a college-preparatory, tuition-free public charter elementary school that opened in summer 2010 in South Los Angeles. KEA serves roughly 110 kindergarteners in 2010-11, and will add one grade each year until it reaches capacity in 2014 with 550 students in kindergarten through fourth grade. KEA is operated by KIPP LA Schools, a non-profit charter school management organization. KIPP LA operates four additional KIPP schools in Los Angeles.

KEA 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 KEA's founding class of Kindergartners.

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Reported Using Data from 2009–10 School Year

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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	
School Name	KIPP Empower Academy	District Name	Los Angeles Unified
Street	7511 Raymond Avenue	Phone Number	(213) 241-1000
City, State, Zip	Los Angeles, CA 90044-2430	Web Site	www.lausd.net
Phone Number	(323) 907 9563	Superintendent	Ramon Cortines
Principal	Mike Kerr	E-mail Address	Superintendent@lausd.net
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School Description and Mission Statement (School Year 2009–10)

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

Our mission is to empower our students to be strong in mind, body, and spirit so that they will thrive in middle school, high school, college, and the competitive world.

“Strong in mind” conveys the importance of academic skills (cognitive development); “strong in body” refers to personal habits (physical development); and “strong in spirit” references the character traits we strive to foster (socio-emotional and psychological development).

By cultivating all aspects of a child’s development, KEA will prepare our students for more than just middle school; we will prepare them for the variety of challenges they may face in high school, college, and in their careers.

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.

KIPP Empower Academy (KEA) encourages all parents to participate in our school's success and growth as much as possible. Parents regularly contribute to KEA in many diverse ways. For example, parents are welcome to volunteer their time by assisting with the daily operations of our kindergarten classrooms. In the past, the families of both our students and staff have served KEA by helping to clean classrooms, assisting with lunchtime supervision, chaperoning field trips, and by donating their unique skills such as furniture construction and whiteboard installation. The contact number for Neela Parasnis, KEA's Dean and Parent Coordinator is 323-750-2279.

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.