

# AT&T Aspire: KIPP Delta Public School

## Graduating Students, One Community at a Time



### Program Description:

Located in Helena and Blytheville, Arkansas, KIPP Delta Public School students come from some of the highest-poverty counties in the country, which also, not surprisingly, have among the lowest rates of high school and college completion. Ninety-four percent of KIPP Delta's students qualify for free/reduced lunch, and over 95 percent are African-American. Students from these backgrounds are traditionally under-served in their schools and far under-represented in colleges and universities. Nationally, only 8 percent of students from these backgrounds graduate from college, while students from more advantaged backgrounds graduate from college at ten times that rate.

By opening schools in underserved areas with high drop-out and non-completion rates, KIPP Delta Public Schools is uniquely positioned to proactively work to address this need in the communities they serve. Working hand in hand with teachers, school leaders and executive leadership to help ensure these students are progressing academically and climbing the mountain to and through college, is our KIPP Delta KIPP through College counselor.

AT&T Aspire funding will support KIPP Delta's KIPP through College program which serves all enrolled students and instills the academic, professional and character skills needed for KIPP students to be successful in high school, college and the competitive world beyond. The program provides academic support services, college placement and financial counseling to students. AT&T

Aspire funding will allow the current program to expand to include a cooperative learning and work study program designed specifically for students who are most at risk of not completing high school and climbing the ladder to and through college. AT&T Aspire Funding will allow KIPP Delta to fulfill their promise to ensure each and every student keeps climbing.

- **100 percent** of KIPP Delta's seniors have graduated from high school. **85 percent** of these graduates are currently in college or serving in the armed forces.

- KIPP Delta Public Schools first opened in Helena in 2002 and has grown to serve **over 1150 students in four schools** in Helena and Blytheville, AR.

*"Without KIPP, I wouldn't have been accepted to nineteen schools and I would not be attending Vanderbilt University."*

Galeesa Murph, KIPP Delta Class of 2012

