



COMBINED-LEVEL SCHOOL

## Kipp Academy Lynn Charter School Lynn, MA

The first ground-up charter school in Massachusetts, this popular middle and high school is part of a national network of open-enrollment charter schools focused on underserved low-income, minority communities.

With this in mind, the winged-floorplan creates learning opportunities throughout the day as students flow from inside their classrooms, to the centrally located "Commons" that includes a light-filled library, gym and cafeteria. These shared amenities bring students together with a series of dynamic, naturally lit, tiered-levels. Students and faculty use the space for socializing, studying, and teaching outside of the classroom which provides the social tools for life-long learning.

With high ceilings and a south facing window wall that leads out to a balcony overlooking downtown Lynn and the ocean, the cafeteria

provides indoor/outdoor activity space in nice weather. Not only does the "Commons" encourage learning for students throughout the school day, it is utilized by the surrounding community for weekend and evening events due to its flexible, open, and bright space.

The connected and flexible building design is based on KIPP's mission that student outcomes drive every decision.

In the KIPP program over 87% of the organization's students are from low-income families and eligible for federal meals program assistance. Nationally, more than 90% of KIPP middle school students have graduated high school and more than 80% of KIPP alumni have gone on to college.



### New Construction/Addition Multi-use/joint-use building/space

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#### KEY STATS

Grades Served: 5-12  
Capacity: 850 students  
Size of Site: 5.8 acres  
Building Area: 68,400 gsf  
Space per Student: 80.4 sq. ft.  
Cost per Student: \$21,882  
Square Foot Cost: \$272  
Project Cost: \$18,600,000  
Completion Date: August 2012  
Sustainability Rating Status: Designed to LEED certification standards

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