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## **Bus Trip 18 Rider School Reflections**

### KIPP South Fulton Academy

National Anthem – dynamite arrangement! Exceptional welcome. The total school – pep rally in the gym – very impressive. This is an old building with good things happening every day. 8<sup>th</sup> graders are talking about high school options. There is focus on the future here.

Leaders are effective by taking advantage of the Teach for America program that prepares leaders for life long learning, therefore, that concept is passed down to the students that learning never ends. Quote to remember: “We can complain or help solve the problem.”

Articulate, engaged students. Not enough time in the classrooms – too much time with leadership panel.

Great school full of motivated, articulate, and determined young people. I like how strong the administration staff and the teachers are. They embody the teaching profession and care about the future and well being of the students. Great job at unique teaching techniques!

The impression I left with was “Wow!” How can I sign up to work there. KIPP left a footprint on my heart because it is my dream school and it was a healing process for me to finally see teachers that have the same vision as myself. I also love how they keep track of the students through college.

Loved the energy but didn’t see much difference in teaching strategies.

Awesome! The philosophy creates a wonderful foundation and then the commitment and energy that the faculty, staff, administrators and the students put in make the KIPP South Fulton Academy a great learning experience. They are proof that schools are big business and the payoff is the success of our children. I love what you are doing.

Disappointed in lack of interaction in class and with students. Hard to evaluate effectiveness.

Loved the charts! Such power & absorption for the students in what they memorize & chant - - positive affirmations. Great energy - - emotional, mental, physical. Excellent leadership!

Achieving amazing results & students can articulate academic success

Panel was too long – not able to get in classroom.

Great way to demonstrate how long school hours, extended day works.

I love what they are doing with the KIPP students; however, I believe the students need to have their facility renovated.

Outstanding school culture

High energy, but innovative

What a great opportunity for these kids! I really liked the area of preparing them for the idea of going to college at an early age. Those kids really love and believe in their school. The words and phrases everywhere are great to reinforce a positive environment.

Very articulate, positive student body.

Yeah KIPP!! High structure - high expectations – specifically articulated and written. Excellent support for all grades & learning levels – pos. results is the expected outcome.

Enthusiasm & confidence, 5<sup>th</sup> grade focus on graduating from college plans 10 years ahead. Extra time in schedule; work hard /flexile – able to change what is needed to achieve. Leadership training for staff.

Kids knew the mission, theme and credo by heart – POWERFULL. Team and family atmosphere/culture was pervasive. Work hard, be nice – LOVE THIS! High expectations for students; children have college plans and aspirations.

I was blown away by the student self-confidence and motivation to be the absolute best they could be. KIPP sets high expectations for their students and those students exceed those expectations.

Super school, poor diversity, good attitudes, positive learning, good flexibility and good test scores.

I enjoyed learning about KIPP and seeing a charter school in action. It wasn't all about the bells & whistles, just as the principal stated. It was a school that had hardworking and motivated students and it was them that impressed me the most.

The visions of school correlate to the vision I have for my career. The elevation of the students at the school after leaving KIPP is remarkable.

Total commitment to excellence and high expectations for all students to succeed! The students were excited and motivated to excel and graduate from college.

Energy, engagement, knowledge construction and strong school culture.

At this school, we had an opportunity to listen to the directors of the various KIPP schools and this was helpful in learning about KIPP and its philosophical views on education. Shows how it is about the learning which goes on in the building and not the building.

KIPP was an awesome experience. I could tell that collaboration among students, teachers, parents and the community is very high. I loved the flexibility that the teachers have in order to meet the needs of their students. Teachers are passionate and committed to the success of their students.