

KIPP Bessie Coleman

ACADEMY



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KIPP Bessie Coleman Academy (BCA) is named after the first African American woman to earn a pilot's license. Bessie Coleman visited Jacksonville, Florida frequently to host pilot demonstrations in the Paxon area; a block away from the BCA campus. Like Bessie Coleman, the school seeks to embody innovation and demonstrate resilience to face and overcome challenges.

BCA is located in an industrial area on the Northwest side of Jacksonville and educates over 800, K-8 students. This success is attributed to the belief that all students can learn and a specific school design that leverages data-driven decision-making in all aspects of schooling: academics, behavior, operations, and culture.

The focus is raising the bar of excellence for all of our stakeholders in an effort to yield high academic achievement results for our scholars, maintain a strong culture by retaining high-performing educators and supporting families and community members as they embrace KIPP BCA as their school of choice.

BCA stands on the pillars of cultural awareness, curiosity, and citizenship. These are pillars that are emphasized not only for scholars, but also for staff. The administrators and staff are not afraid to think outside of the box; however, they value researched-based methods and practices proven to yield student success.

BCA supports the whole child by offering social emotional learning and restorative practices. There are certified therapists on campus to assist students. In alignment with all the KIPP Jacksonville Public Schools, the school seeks to ensure that all students will be strong readers, mathematicians, scientists, advocates, and leaders. What sets BCA apart? There's a celebration of student curiosity and a focus on small skills to fill in gaps for students.

The team at BCA is diverse and are advocates for social justice. They hold every child to high academic and behavioral expectations.