



2017-2018 Board Application

Do you have experience in education or a sincere passion for education reform? Do you desire a chance to make an impact on a student's life? Are you an energetic Houston area young professional seeking an opportunity to become involved with a nonprofit organization? If so, joining KIPP Houston's KIPP PALS (Professionals, Advocates and Leaders) may be the perfect opportunity for you!

KIPP

KIPP is a national network of free, public, college-preparatory charter schools with a track record of preparing students in underserved communities for success in college and in life. There are currently 26 KIPP Houston schools that serve 13,500 students. Nationally, KIPP serves 80,000 students in 20 states and the District of Columbia.

More than 90 percent of our students are from economically disadvantaged families and eligible for the federal free or reduced-price school meals program, and 96 percent are African American or Latino. Nationally, 94 percent of KIPP students have graduated high school, with 81 percent matriculating to college.

KIPP Houston

KIPP Houston is the largest of the 31 KIPP regions across the country. Its mission is to develop in underserved students the academic skills, intellectual habits, and qualities of character necessary to succeed at all levels of PreK -12 education, college, and the competitive world beyond.

KIPP PALS

The mission of KIPP PALS is to empower KIPP Houston's middle and high school students to succeed in high school, college, and the competitive world beyond by supporting KIPP through initiatives and activities including:

- Raising awareness of KIPP Houston's mission among young community members in the Houston area.
- Providing middle and high school students with insight into college and career opportunities.
- Raising scholarship funds to support KIPP Houston alumni through college completion.

Why Join KIPP PALS Board?

- Support an organization that is committed to education and to preparing Houston's youth for college and productive adult lives.
- Play an active role in engaging other young professionals passionate about education.
- Directly impact students who have a desire for learning and are seeking professional role models for guidance.
- Enhance your resumé with important community service involvement while gaining an understanding of education reform.
- Develop your leadership skills and your potential to join KIPP Houston's Executive Board.
- Meet a wonderful group of people and have FUN!



Executive Board Member Requirements:

- Must adhere to the Commitment to Excellence for Executive Board Members
- Must have served on at least one committee for a full school year
- Must serve for at least one school year (August-June)
- Must re-apply after two years of membership

General Board Member Requirements:

- Must adhere to the Commitment to Excellence for General Board Members
- Required to serve on one committee
- Must serve for at least one school year (August-June)
- Required to support at least one KIPP PALS event or program (volunteer, fundraising, etc.)
- Must re-apply after two years of membership

1. Please provide the following personal contact information.

Name:	
Company / Organization:	
Professional Title:	
Preferred Cell Phone:	
Preferred E-mail Address:	

2. Please indicate below which of the following committees are of interest to you:

- Executive Committee:** Executive Committee is responsible for setting the strategic direction as well as managing the internal and external correspondence of the Board. Its members include Board Chair, Board Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Volunteer Chair, Development Chair, Communications Chair, and Membership & Growth Chair.
- Volunteer Committee:** The Volunteer Committee is responsible for identifying volunteer opportunities at KIPP Houston Public School campuses that directly impact students. It is dedicated to providing insight to students about the various higher education and career opportunities.
- Development Committee:** The Development Committee is responsible for designing, planning, and executing events to raise awareness and funds for KIPP Houston. This committee seeks to engage and leverage the substantial resources of the Houston business community.
- Communications Committee:** The Communications Committee is responsible for developing creative methods to publicize KIPP PALS' and KIPP Houston's mission. It is dedicated to ensuring that current and future KIPP PALS members are kept abreast of current KIPP PALS activities.



Membership & Growth: The Membership & Growth committee is responsible for overseeing membership, recruitment, and engagement for both the KIPP PALs Board and the KIPP PALs Volunteers Base for our regularly occurring volunteer activities.

3. How did you find out about KIPP PALs?
4. Please list and summarize any current or past involvement with KIPP Houston, the KIPP PALs Board or the KIPP network.
5. Please list and summarize any applicable skills and qualifications you have acquired from employment, internships, volunteer work or other activities (e.g. roles on non-profit Boards, education-related experience, or other relevant volunteer experience) that you feel would be able to contribute to KIPP PALs.
6. Why are you interested in the committee(s) you selected?
7. Please briefly describe what motivates you to serve on the KIPP PALs Board (e.g. desire to be involved in a charitable activity, passion for education reform, belief in the KIPP model, etc.).
8. What is the time commitment you would be able to make to KIPP PALs?
9. Please attach your current resumé.
10. Send your completed application and resumé to tonyreed@gmail.com by March 31st, 2017