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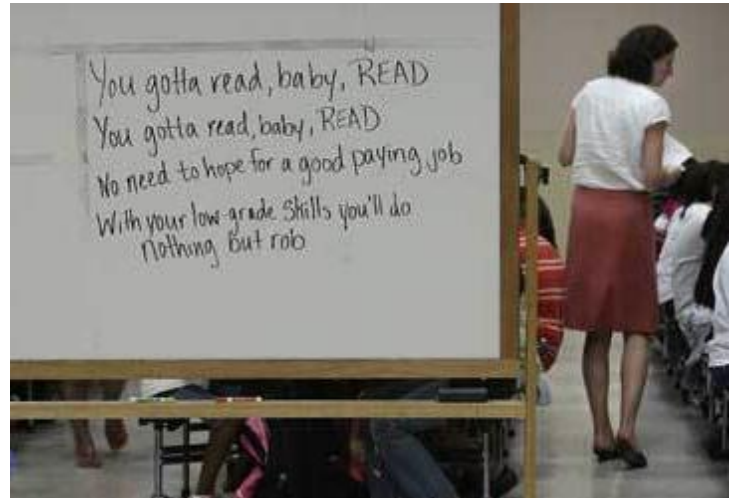
## School Profile & Slideshow: A Desire To Learn

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Alexander Miranda, 12, works on a paper at KIPP Academy in Lynn, which has already started its school year. KIPP educators say a key to its success is an extended school day. KIPP students spend 9 1/2 hours a day in school during the year, about three hours longer than district schools. There are also 15 additional school days in the summer, and about 100 students voluntarily attend KIPP each Saturday for classes and extracurricular activities.

A message is written on the flip side of a white board in the KIPP cafeteria, where the fifth-grade math students receive instruction. KIPP, an acronym for the Knowledge Is Power Program, began as a charter middle school in the city four years ago and is part of a national set of schools that now number 66.



Fifth-grader Ariyanna Agnew offers to answer a question in math class at KIPP Academy Lynn on the third day of school.



After fifth-grade math students earned their binders, they run through a practice drill to open and close them in unison. The binders have a distinctly “Superhero” theme.



Eighth-graders, including Christopher Batista, right, load their backpacks and silently line up at dismissal.



2008 KIPP graduate Khalil Flemming, 14, is headed this fall to Phillips Academy in Andover. "They challenged me here," says Flemming, who has taken part in spelling and geography bees, and was encouraged to take part in the Center for Talented Youth at Johns Hopkins University.