

KIKH HIGH SCHOOL

Integrating technical study and personal growth



Ward: TBD



New start
Projected start date:
Fall 2019



Charter



Grades served:
6-12

Kaizen, Ikigai, Kintsukuroi, Hansei High School, or KIKH High, is a lab school that combines technical study with a focus on personal and intellectual growth. Built around the Japanese principles of continuous improvement (kaizen), life purpose (ikigai), self- and communal care (kintsukuroi), and relentless reflection (hansei), KIKH High aims to reinvigorate students' independence and natural love of learning. With an emphasis on deeper learning, KIKH High will integrate liberal arts methods with technical skills in order to prepare students for a world that requires both nuanced thinking and concrete abilities. The school will leverage technology as a tool to identify critical needs and support students and teachers as they accomplish learning objectives that are broad, comprehensive, and carefully adapted to each student.

TEAM LEADER:

SARAH DILLARD

For the last decade, Sarah Dillard has been working to improve U.S. education. She began her education career at the U.S. Department of Education, where she served as a Special Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development. She was the youngest staff member of the Secretary's policy committee, initiated the launch of Doing What Works and contributed to the plan for transforming the New Orleans Public School system after Hurricane Katrina. Sarah left ED with her boss to start the National Math and Science Initiative, which scales up programs

with proven impact on math and science education.

Most recently, Sarah was on the management team at Quad Learning, a venture-backed startup that partners with community colleges to offer the American Honors program. She started her career at Bain & Company, and she holds a B.A. in economics, magna cum laude, from Duke University, an MBA from the Harvard Business School, and an MPP from the Harvard Kennedy School where she was a Reynolds Fellow and a George Fellow.

Sarah serves on the alumni advisory council of the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard, the board of Capital City Public Charter School, and the advisory board of Guild Education.