WHO ARE WE

Kgololo Academy is a private combined, university preparatory school. In 2015, Kgololo Academy's founding year, it served grades Pre-R and Grade R. Each year the Academy will grow one grade until reaching full maturity.

Kgololo Academy is located in the Alexandra Township where the average annual income is R36 000 and where less than 13% of the students who matriculate from secondary school do so with a Bachelor's Pass. Our aim is to provide our students with access to the same high quality education of select private schools at a fraction of the cost.

At Kgololo Academy, scholars learn in a space where their voices, culture, language, values, and life experiences are valued by their peers and teachers. In our learning space scholars are pushed to be critical thinkers and are challenged to recognize and address injustice in the world. As part of our journey towards justice, Kgololo Academy has an inclusive education model, and accepts scholars with barriers to learning.





Kgololo is inspired by the success of the education reform movement in the US where schools like KIPP and Uncommon have proven what is possible for schools serving low-income communities. Kgololo Academy leverages many of their effective practices in a way that is consistent with the South



OUR PROMISE

At Kgololo Academy we know that our students can accomplish just as much as students from the most affluent communities if they have access to a world class education. We make a promise to all of our families, that with their support, we will do whatever it takes to ensure that their children have the habits and skills needed to succeed in university and in life.









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MORE TIME

At Kgololo Academy, scholars participate in a rigorous academic day, modeled after the most successful schools in South Africa and in the United States. The model places a dual focus on both the academic skills and character traits that will lead to success in university. In addition, our scholars have the benefit of being in an intimate learning environment with class sizes of 30 versus the average class size of 55 in Alexandra Township primary school.

Students attend school from 7:30-15:30, providing them with 20% more instructional hours than students in both public and private schools in South Africa. More time allows us to:



Provide students with more than 200 minutes, above the national requirement, of literacy instruction in English and Zulu per week



Introduce English as a First Additional Language in Grade R versus the traditional model in South Africa of introduction in Grade 1



Build extra-curricular activities, such as Drama, Yoga, and Cricket, into the school day



Provide scholars with two nutritious meals and one healthy snack each day

TESTIMONIALS

"My son started with Kgololo Academy last year and I have seen such amazing growth and progress. Mahlatse has learned to speak and spell in English and isiZulu and is constantly telling me that he is going to University! I am grateful to Kgololo Academy, they really know what they are doing."

-Mahlatse's Mom, Grade R

"Kgololo Academy is a great stepping stone for my little angels to grow from strength to strength. My kids have not only grown in their academic abilities, but they have also grown strong attributes and values. The school is truly preparing our children for a bright future!"

> -Callum and Jessica's Mom, Grade 1 and G<u>rade R</u>

"At Kgololo Academy we dream, and we live out our dreams! To work with such a focused team, pushes me everyday to be the best I can be and to serve my scholars with dedication and courage. Our courage encourages our scholar's everyday to go after their dreams with everything they have. An opportunity like this doesn't come very often!"

-Sthembile, Kgololo Academy Lead Teacher



Although the average monthly salary of Kgololo Academy parents is less than R3000 per month, parents go deep into their pockets to contribute 50% of the cost of educating their child. The remaining 50% is covered through the generosity of individuals, corporates and foundations.

We invite you to partner with us. Your gift will have a direct, measurable, and positive impact, making an exceptional university preparatory education accessible to the children of the Alexandra Township. With your support our scholars will continue to receive what is required for success at university and in life.