



KICKSTART KIDS

Character through Karate
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WHAT IS KICKSTART KIDS?

KICKSTART KIDS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to giving middle and high school students the tools and support necessary to resolve conflicts, avoid participating in gangs, choose a drug-free lifestyle, resist negative peer pressure, and remain in school until they graduate. Students in the program achieve a higher level of academic success and ultimately become more productive members of their communities. We teach character through karate.

KICKSTART KIDS HISTORY

KICKSTART KIDS was established in 1990 by philanthropist, actor and martial artist Chuck Norris with the help of former President George H. W. Bush. In 1992 the program was launched in Houston in four public middle schools - Central, Burbank, Hamilton, and Hogg. Chuck and Gena Norris serve as Chairman and Executive Chairman. The success of the **KICKSTART KIDS** foundation is their life's mission. Their vision is that one day Texas will be the beacon state for the rest of America .

STATS & FACTS

For over 20 years, **KICKSTART KIDS** has developed and delivered our in-school physical education and character development program based on the martial arts. **KICKSTART KIDS** is recognized through the TEA (Texas Education Agency) allowing Texas' independent school districts to award up to two PE credits.

Since our inception, the **KICKSTART KIDS** program has been endorsed by teachers, parents, school officials and community leaders as having a positive impact on the lives of more than 80,000 students. The continued success of **KICKSTART KIDS** is largely due to the committed dedication of over 70 instructors and staff and the many individual and organizational partners committed to our success.

THE FUTURE

We now envision a future where a student can begin the **KICKSTART KIDS** program in the sixth grade and know, if they stay in the program, stay in school, and get good grades, they can graduate from high school with a black belt in karate and a scholarship to a local college. We are looking for partners who can share our vision.

*Building strong moral
character in our youth
through martial arts.*

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