**Our Mission**: At Kgololo Academy we grow and strengthen our academic and character skills and are prepared for success in university and beyond. We work collectively to develop ourselves and others and grow as leaders who lend our voices and align our actions to enrich our communities.

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**WHO ARE WE?**

Kgololo Academy is a grade R- 12 private, university preparatory school opening in the Alexandra Township in 2015. In year one, Kgololo Academy will serve grade R students and each year, an additional grade will be added. Kgololo Academy is a low-fee paying school and admission is granted on a first come, first serve basis.

Kgololo Academy is a proud member of **The One World Network of Schools**, an organization, founded in the United States, committed to building a global network of transformational breakthrough schools.

**OUR COMMUNITY**

Alexandra is a historic area located in the Gauteng Province in South Africa with several notable leaders residing in Alexandra at some point in their journey, including President Nelson Mandela and former First Lady Zanele Mbeki. Alexandra is a community full of promise, however, it is considered one of the most economically disenfranchised urban communities in the country. The average household income in Alexandra is under R5000.00 per month and an estimated population of 500,000 people inhabit one square mile of land.

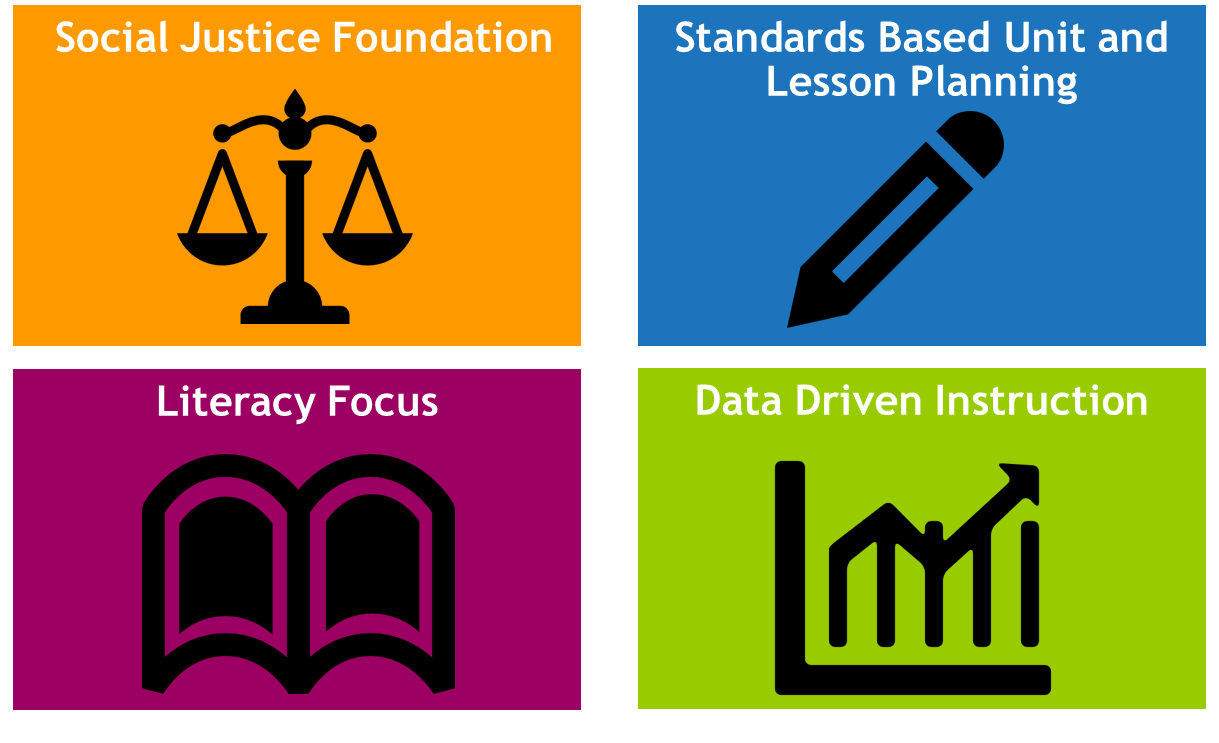
**OUR MODEL**

Kgololo Academy has several unique features designed to put all students on the path to university:

* Rigorous university preparatory curriculum
* Highly qualified, caring, and passionate educators and staff
* Extended school day
* Dual language programme (English and Zulu)
* Creative arts and movement classes
* Technology integration across subject areas
* Extra-murals built into the school day

**CORE COMPONENTS**

At Kgololo Academy, we have outlined four core components that will be prioritized; each area provides an avenue for achieving our mission of ensuring that all students are prepared with the academic and character skills that they need to be successful in university.



**OUR SCHOOL LEADER:** Waahida Tolbert-Mbatha is a passionate educator and advocate for social justice. She has served as a contributing writer for Education Southern Africa and Rethinking Schools and in 2012 Waahida gave a TEDx talk on the importance of an education steeped in social justice.  Waahida is excited about the opportunity to learn and serve the Alexandra Township and is one of the organizers for TEDxAlexandra. In 2013, Waahida completed the highly selective KIPP Global Fellowship Programme a specialized programme that prepares fellows to found and lead high performing schools in underserved communities. Prior to establishing Kgololo Academy, Waahida taught middle school humanities for seven years and worked as an education programme coordinator. Waahida holds an MS Degree in Education Policy from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where she was an Advanced Opportunity Fellow and a BA in education from Berea College.

**QUESTIONS**: If you have questions, please contact a member of our team at +27 79-594-5682 or by email at info@khululafoundation.org.