

## SUCCESS STORY

**KIPP DC: WILL ACADEMY**

Washington, DC



KIPP DC: WILL Academy students help launch the PASS program at the inaugural event.

In partnership with U.S. Soccer, Yingli Americas donated a 5 kW solar energy system to KIPP DC: WILL Academy, a public charter school serving the Shaw neighborhood in Washington, DC. Standard Solar, Inc., of Rockville, MD, will install the project at no cost to the school. These charitable donations mark the launch of the PASS (Powering Advancement with Solar and Soccer) Program, a joint initiative between Yingli Americas and U.S. Soccer that harnesses the power of solar and the power of soccer to benefit underserved communities. The PASS program combines the financial and educational benefits of a solar energy system donation with the active lifestyle benefits of soccer. KIPP DC: WILL Academy plans to incorporate solar energy into the school's science curriculum to educate students about renewable energy, instilling within them a sense of environmental responsibility.

**INSTALLATION**

Customer	KIPP DC: WILL Academy
Location	Washington, DC
Size	5 kW
Module Type	YGE 60 Cell Series
Installer	Standard Solar, Inc.

**ABOUT THE KNOWLEDGE IS POWER PROGRAM (KIPP) IN DC**

Students	over 2,600
Locations	3 campuses in the District of Columbia
Grade Levels	Pre-K through 12th
Website	<a href="http://www.kippdc.org">www.kippdc.org</a>

“We’re thrilled to have solar be part of our curriculum and our everyday school life from the classrooms and our gym to the soccer field. After all, **giving our kids the power to learn is key to our approach** and even our name – **Knowledge Is Power Program.**”

–Kate Finley,  
Principal of KIPP DC: WILL Academy

“KIPP kids will be part of the system from day one. Solar energy systems like this give schools **a unique hands-on opportunity to teach students about renewable energy.**”

–Tony Clifford,  
Chief Executive Officer of Standard Solar



Left: KIPP DC: WILL Academy students are introduced to Yingli Solar modules by Yingli Americas' spokesperson Helena Kimball.

Right: U.S. Soccer Men's National Team stars Maurice Edu and Oguchi Onyewu answer questions from KIPP DC: WILL Academy students.



## DETAILS ABOUT THE PASS PROGRAM

- The PASS program was launched with an inaugural event at the KIPP DC: WILL Academy featuring speakers from Yingli Solar, U.S. Soccer, Standard Solar, and members of the U.S. Soccer Men's National Team.
- U.S. Soccer Men's National Team stars Maurice Edu and Oguchi Onyewu led a soccer skills clinic for KIPP students, helping to empower the KIPP DC: WILL Academy's growing soccer program.
- Yingli, the first renewable energy company to sponsor the FIFA World Cup™, brought the 2014 FIFA World Cup Winner's Trophy to the KIPP DC: WILL Academy as an inspiration to student athletes.
- KIPP students will be able to monitor the solar energy system and overall electricity use at the school through an online “dashboard” interface.
- To instill a sense of environmental responsibility among students, the KIPP DC: WILL Academy plans to incorporate solar energy lessons into the school's science curriculum.