

BREAKTHROUGH CENTRAL TEXAS

CREATING FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE GRADUATES



BREAKTHROUGH CENTRAL TEXAS CREATES A PATH TO AND THROUGH COLLEGE FOR STUDENTS WHO WILL BECOME THE FIRST IN THEIR FAMILIES TO EARN A COLLEGE DEGREE.

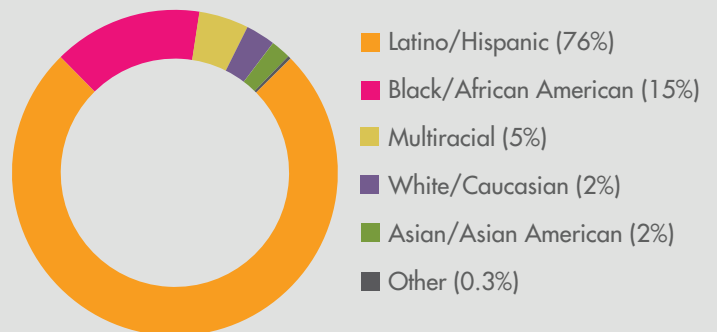
WHY WE EXIST

All children should have the opportunity to benefit from the life-changing power of a college degree, as educational opportunities beyond high school afford a greater ability to achieve economic mobility and build a life of one's own choosing. However, too often, a student's circumstances of birth – race, ethnicity, family's income level or immigration status – predicts the educational opportunities they will be afforded.

In Central Texas, only 8% of middle schoolers from low-income communities go on to earn a college degree of any kind.

To combat this inequity, Breakthrough makes a 12-year commitment to students and their families to guide them through the process of preparing for, enrolling in and completing college. The long-term model ensures the success of students and families from middle school to high school graduation to college diploma and beyond.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



83% qualify for free or reduced lunch

58% speak a language other than English at home

55% female

45% male



WHAT WE DO

At the core of our model are three main pillars. Each pillar provides students skills and experiences that address the three critical factors that limit academic success and persistence: unequal out-of-school academic opportunities, the lack of a knowledgeable personal advocate and the development of leadership skills.

Extended Learning

Breakthrough extends the amount of learning each student receives outside of school by offering academically challenging summer programs, after-school tutoring, Saturday enrichment programs and SAT/ACT preparation. We also offer college-financing counseling and individualized college guidance.

Comprehensive Advising

Breakthrough advisers serve each student, 24/7, as their go-to, knowledgeable, personal advocate and champion. Advisors are a special key to our model's success. Our professional advisors, work one-on-one with students through middle school, high school, and college.

Leadership Experience

Breakthrough engages students in rich, meaningful experiences that develop leadership and instill confidence and a sense of real-life achievement. These experiences develop important non-cognitive skills such as motivation and perseverance that are crucial for college success and success in life.

OUR STUDENTS SUCCEED

98%
graduate high school on time

90%
enroll directly in college

7X
more likely to earn a college degree, compared to similar peers

In 2021, Breakthrough will serve more than 2,300 students, in sixth grade through college, from Austin ISD, Manor ISD and Del Valle ISD.

