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.

Only 1 in 4 Central Texas high school graduates go on to earn a college degree or certificate. For students from low-income communities, that number drops to just 1 in 8.

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.
WHAT WE DO

THE 12-YEAR EXPERIENCE
Starting in middle school, Breakthrough provides extended learning, personal advising and leadership experiences through the entire phase of a student’s schooling (middle school, high school, and college).

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.

POSTSECONDARY SCHOOLWIDE ADVISING PROGRAM (PSAP)
The PSAP is a year-round advising services partnership that supports students to realize their postsecondary goals by providing direct advising services to every junior and senior at a campus. Additionally, the PSAP works with the campus through capacity-building support to shift the goal for students beyond high school graduation to success in higher education.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT
IN 2022, BREAKTHROUGH WILL SERVE MORE THAN 3,000 STUDENTS, IN SIXTH GRADE THROUGH COLLEGE, FROM AUSTIN ISD, MANOR ISD AND DEL VALLE ISD.