

# 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.**

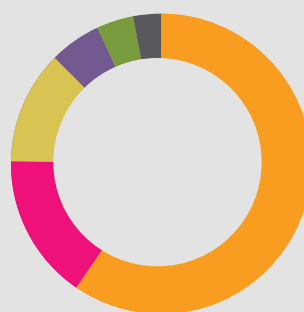
## WHY WE EXIST

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.

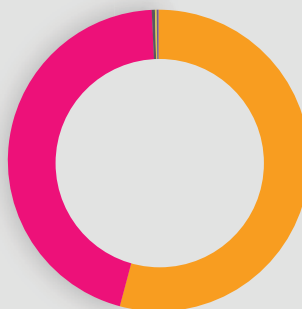
**Only 1 in 4 Central Texas high school graduates go on to earn a college degree or certificate. For students from low-income communities, that number drops to just 1 in 8.**

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.

## STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



- Latino/Hispanic (60%)
- Black/African American (16%)
- White/Caucasian (12%)
- Other (5%)
- Multiracial (4%)
- Asian/Asian American (3%)



- Female (53.98%)
- Male (45.38%)
- Decline to State (.34%)
- Nonbinary (.19%)
- Other (.19%)

**87%** qualify for free or reduced lunch

**57%** speak a language other than English at home



## 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.

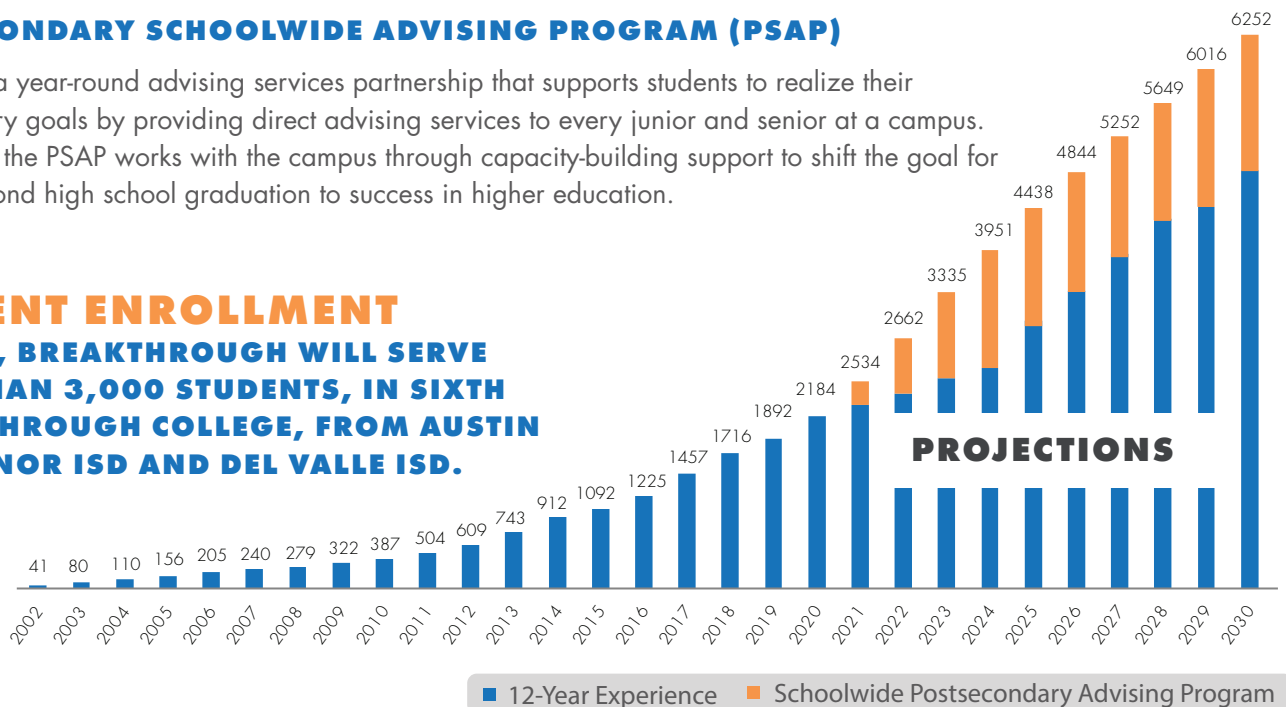
### LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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 2023, BREAKTHROUGH WILL SERVE MORE THAN 3,000 STUDENTS, IN SIXTH GRADE THROUGH COLLEGE, FROM AUSTIN ISD, MANOR ISD AND DEL VALLE ISD.



## OUR STUDENTS SUCCEED

**96%**  
graduate high school early or  
on time

**87%**  
enroll directly in college

**2X**  
as likely to graduate from  
college as their peers