

Who is eligible?

- Students must be in the sixth grade when they apply to the program.
- Students must attend one of the Breakthrough feeder schools.
- Students should have mostly A's and B's on their report card.
- Students with proficient or above on their PSSA scores will be given preference.
- Students must demonstrate the desire to be challenged with above-level course work.



Breakthrough also determines a student's eligibility by looking at household income, parental/guardian education levels, household composition, and other factors. Students who fit into one or more of the following categories receive priority in the admissions process:

- Students whose families have limited financial resources
- Students who have the potential to become the first in their families to get a college degree
- Students who live in single-parent households
- Students whose family members do not speak English as their primary language

How to Apply



Breakthrough is competitive. We receive a lot of applications each year from interested students. Unfortunately, we cannot accept all students into the program. If you have questions about eligibility, or would like to request an application, please call us at 215-951-2398.

Below is a general application timeline.

October - February

Breakthrough representatives visit feeder schools to pass out applications. Application deadlines vary per school and will be noted on each application.

January - April

If you pass the first stage, someone from Breakthrough will call you to schedule interviews with you and your parent(s)/guardian(s).

March - May

Breakthrough will notify you via mail to let you know whether or not you have been accepted into the program.

We are
**BREAKTHROUGH
OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA**



and we have
HIGH EXPECTATIONS!

We commit ourselves to
**HARD WORK, DEDICATION, RESPECT,
FUN,**

and above all,
EXCELLENCE IN LEARNING!

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Where do you see yourself in 20 years?



Doctor, lawyer, artist, scientist, nurse, writer, entrepreneur?

Breakthrough will help you develop the skills to be successful in the best high schools and help build a path to college!

Breakthrough's programs are located at [Germantown Friends School](#) and [St. Joseph's University](#). Our students come from middle schools in the surrounding areas.

Breakthrough students commit to:

- ✓ Six-week summer programs pre-7th, pre-8th and pre-9th grades
- ✓ After-school programs two days per week during 7th and 8th grades
- ✓ Monthly grade meetings, tutoring, SAT prep, and college prep workshops and application assistance 9th - 12th grades

Students also participate in:

- ✓ Special events and activities
- ✓ Field trips
- ✓ Career shadowing
- ✓ College tours



"Breakthrough is the best thing that ever happened to me. It helped me bring my grades up and made me want to learn more."

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

Academic Enrichment: We'll provide you with challenging classes that will help you prepare for high school and college, at no cost to you or your family.

Awesome teachers: Breakthrough teachers are all college students! They bring fun and energy to the classroom, and serve as mentors and positive role models.

Transportation: Breakthrough provides bus transportation from our feeder schools to the after school program, and home. During the summer, we provide SEPTA tokens and transpasses.

High School Counseling: Breakthrough will get you thinking about and preparing for college early! We'll help you and your family select and apply to the high schools that are best for YOU -- including public, charter, parochial, and private schools.

High expectations: We will hold you to high standards for behavior and participation, and challenge you to develop socially and academically in a COLLEGE BOUND atmosphere.

Small class sizes: We provide you with a safe environment where you receive individual attention and are surrounded by other students focused on going to college. On average, Breakthrough classes have 7-10 students.



"Breakthrough helped me have a love for learning. I gained confidence at Breakthrough."

YOUR PROMISE TO US

Dedicate yourself to your EDUCATION:

Students in our program know how important it is to attend college-prep high schools. They know completing academic courses and homework in the summer will help them feel more confident in the school year and prepare them for the hard work they'll receive in high school!

Keep an open mind: Be prepared to learn new things and meet new people! You'll take above-grade level courses in the summer, make new friends, and even have some fun during all-school meetings and field trips!

Challenge yourself: You might struggle sometimes because we'll push you to always do your best. You'll learn valuable skills that will prepare you to be successful in high school and college!

Commit yourself to Breakthrough: You must give your time and energy to the program. This includes completing two hours of homework each night in the summer program, attending classes two days per week during your 7th and 8th grades, and participating in workshops, meetings and programs in 9th - 12th grades.