Breakthrough Public Schools’ only west side campus, Village Prep and E Prep Willard, is situated in the Cleveland neighborhood of Cudell. Co-located on the same site, Village Prep serves grades K-4 and E Prep serves grades 5-8.

Founded in 2016, Willard offers highly focused and structured classrooms that provide a rigorous college prep curriculum to scholars. Building core academic skills and developing character traits, such as motivation, respect, and self-discipline, are essential components of the Willard school culture.

Breakthrough Public Schools made the decision early to start the 2020-2021 school year virtually. The Network Academic Team created a rigorous remote learning program, which mirrored the standards of excellence expected from our in-class instruction. To assist the Breakthrough families with employment obligations, we partnered with Open Doors Academy to open six of our facilities as Remote Learning Centers (RLCs). The RLCs provided students with a safe space to participate in distance learning. All Breakthrough schools participated in remote learning for the entire 2020-2021 school year.
E Prep Willard’s (EPW) founding art teacher and 8th grade scholars created a beautiful and powerful Black Lives Matter mural in the main corridor of the school. The mural is meant to represent unity, inclusion, and the power of our youth’s voices in a different capacity – the arts.

In April, Village Prep Willard (VPW) began offering scholars the option to return to the school building for Monday Programming, which focused on social-emotional learning and small group academic instruction.

VPW’s fourth-grade scholars graduated and celebrated with a drive-through parade as the staff and their families cheered them on.

EPW’s founding class graduated and celebrated their onward journey to high school through a beautiful ceremony that included a student-led singing of the National Anthem and speeches from our founding leaders of the school, rising principal, and valedictorian.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

Just about half (49%) of Village Prep Willard scholars were on or above grade level in reading based on spring i-Ready assessments scores.