MISSION
Our mission is to provide Cleveland area scholars with an education that empowers them to lead lives full of impact and opportunity.

Our network of schools center joy, curiosity, and individual growth, uniquely positioning Breakthrough Public Schools to cultivate a community of learning where all students thrive. At Breakthrough, we are committed to providing scholars with the academic, social, and emotional skills necessary to excel at learning and citizenship from kindergarten through eighth grade promotion. We are committed to the success of every child.

VISION
We believe in the power of education to ignite change and strengthen the Cleveland community.

Breakthrough Public Schools achieves this vision by fostering a love of learning, a sense of belonging, and an appetite for excellence within our youth. We empower scholars to reach their full potential, becoming learners and leaders equipped with the tools necessary to impact their communities and the world.

ABOUT US
Breakthrough Public Schools is a nonprofit organization operating free, open to all public charter schools in the city of Cleveland. We currently serve about 3,000 scholars across 10 schools serving grades K-8, all in high-need neighborhoods throughout Cleveland. Breakthrough’s goal is to ensure equitable access to high-quality education for all our scholars. As an organization, we work hard to provide exceptional education options to Cleveland families that otherwise might not have access to high-quality seats in their neighborhood. Breakthrough traditionally ranks as one of Ohio’s top-rated public charter school networks.

CLEVELAND COMMUNITIES
Each Breakthrough school is deliberately located in a Cleveland neighborhood that has historically been educationally underserved. Adding a high-quality school option to communities where the need is great allows Breakthrough to play a role in the revitalization of the surrounding neighborhoods.
Public charter schools in Cleveland, and all of Ohio, receive less funding per pupil than traditional district schools. This funding gap violates the opportunity for every student to receive the same education no matter what school they attend. Breakthrough has been advocating for equitable public funding for over a decade, and we will continue working to change charter school funding laws.

Breakthrough students are 90% African American, 1% Asian, 1% Caucasian, 4% Hispanic/Latinx, and 4% multiracial. Additionally, the vast majority of BPS scholars are considered economically disadvantaged. We are proud to offer the students of Cleveland high-quality education options in their neighborhoods.

Breakthrough Public Schools may end at eighth grade, but our alumni success program provides continued support and resources to alumni in each phase of their post-Breakthrough life (high school, college or post-secondary, and career). Beyond Breakthrough’s goal is to produce a mission-oriented, sustainable program that tracks and supports graduates while also working to transform the Cleveland economy with a local, educated, and qualified workforce. The program, currently serving over 2,700 alumni, will grow by about 300 scholars yearly.