

Greetings, Breakthrough Family!

It is our pleasure to officially welcome you and your scholar as a new scholar for the 24/25 school year at Breakthrough Public Schools (BPS). At BPS, we believe that families are powerful partners in their scholars' learning and development. We're looking forward to getting to know you, your scholar and building a lasting relationship for years to come!

## Wednesday, August 14, 2024 - First Day of School

### KINDERGARTEN

**9:00a - 2:15p | School Day**  
**2:15p | Dismissal Begins**

*Starting Aug 15*

**7:35a | Doors Open**  
**7:35a - 7:55a | Breakfast Served**  
**8:00a - 2:15p | School Day**

### 1ST - 8TH GRADE

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**7:35a - 7:55a | Breakfast Served**  
**8:00a - 2:15p | School Day**  
**2:15p | Dismissal Begins**

## CAMPUS INFO

### Citizens Glenville Campus

12523 Woodside Ave, Cleveland, OH 44108  
(216) 367-9392

### Preps Woodland Hills Campus

9201 Crane Ave, Cleveland, OH 44105  
(216) 298-1164

### Citizens Southeast Campus

15700 Lotus Dr, Cleveland, OH 44128  
(216) 586-3887

### Preps Willard Campus

9401 Willard Ave, Cleveland, OH 44102  
(216) 586-3892

### Preps Cliffs Campus

1415 E 36th St, Cleveland, OH 44114  
(216) 456-2080



3615 Superior Ave Ste 4403A Cleveland, OH 44114  
216.456.2086 | [breakthroughschools.org](http://breakthroughschools.org)

## SUMMER EVENTS

### New Family Orientation

Welcome to the Breakthrough school and community family! We cannot wait to meet you at the New Family Orientation scheduled for July 22 through July 26. We thought of everything a new family would need, from uniforms to school technology connections, Breakthrough swag, and light refreshments. Learn the Breakthrough way and what we mean when BPS provides high structure with high support! You do not want to miss this event, RSVP below!



**Our Family Orientation will occur on July 22-26; please attend your family's campus orientation.**

- Monday, July 22: Preps Willard Campus
- Tuesday, July 23: Preps Cliffs Campus
- Wednesday, July 24: Citizens Glenville Campus
- Thursday, July 25: Citizens Southeast Campus
- Friday, July 26: Preps Woodland Hills Campus

**We will offer two different session times. You only need to attend one of these sessions**

*Session 1: 3P - 4:30P*

*Session 2: 5P - 6:30P*

### **Back to School Night - Monday, August 12**

**Citizens Glenville Campus | 4:30P-6P**

**Preps Willard Campus | 4:30P-6P**

**Preps Woodland Hills Campus | 5:30P-7P**

## READINESS CHECKLIST

- Hang this checklist and school calendar on your fridge

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- Read all information in this packet

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- Save the Front Office phone number in your phone

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- Order school uniforms

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- Request Yellow Bus Transportation (if needed)

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- RSVP for New Family Orientation

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- Follow us on social

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- Refer a friend! School is Better with a Buddy

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- Attend Back-to-School Night on August 12

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- Get ready for the first day of school on August 14

**July 2024**

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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28	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

1-5 Schools Closed  
 8-12 New Leader Intensive  
 15-19 All Leader Intensive  
 22-26 All Leader School Year Prep  
 29-31 New Teacher Summer Institute

**August 2024**

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1-2 New Teacher Summer Institute  
 5 BPS Launch  
 6-13 All Teacher Summer Institute  
 7 Network Professional Learning Day  
 14 First Day of School

**September 2024**

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2 Schools Closed - Labor Day  
 9 Professional Day - No Scholars

**October 2024**

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27	28	29	30	31		

14-18 Fall Break

**November 2024**

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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	30

1 End of Trimester 1  
 5 No School - Voting Day  
 11 Professional Day - No Scholars  
 27-29 No School - Thanksgiving Break

**December 2024**

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29	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

23-27 No School - Winter Break  
 30-31 No School - Winter Break

**January 2025**

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19	<b>20</b>	21	22	23	24	25
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1-3 No School - Winter Break  
 6 Professional Day - No Scholars  
 20 No School - MLK Day

**February 2025**

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23	24	25	26	27	<b>28</b>	

17 No School - President's Day  
 21 End of Trimester 2  
 28 Professional Day - No Scholars

**March 2025**

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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

14 Professional Day - No Scholars  
 17-21 No School - Spring Break

**April 2025**

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27	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			

18 Spring Holiday  
 21-25 ELA OST  
 28-30 Math OST

**May 2025**

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	<b>26</b>	27	28	29	<b>30</b>	31

1-2 Math OST  
 5-9 Science OST  
 26 No School - Memorial Day  
 30 Last Day of School

**June 2025**

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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22	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	28
29	<b>30</b>					

2 Professional Day - No Scholars  
 19 Juneteenth  
 23-27 Schools Closed  
 30 Schools Closed

# MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

## Our 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.

## Our 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.

## Our Values

**We Center Joy**

**We Bring a Growth Mindset**

**We Remain Committed**

**We Cultivate Belonging**

**We Communicate Openly + Honestly**

**We Set High Expectations + Offer High Support**

## How We Teach

We use a blend of small group instruction and computer-based learning to accelerate student learning to drive student academic growth. Students rotate through small groups to receive instruction at their level through the Corrective Reading program, book studies, independent centers and computer-based, personalized iReady instruction.

## STUDENT SERVICES

**We believe all students deserve an exemplary education to achieve at the highest levels. Our program aims to be inclusive, aspiring anti-racist, brave spaces where all learners can reach their full potential.**

We provide the following student-focused and goal-driven services:

- Special Education teachers who provide support for students with IEPs.
- Counseling
- English as a New Language (ENL) support
- Speech therapy, Physical therapy, Occupational therapy, Hearing services

We offer self-contained Special Education settings for students with IEPs who need more specially designed instruction and a small-group, self-contained setting.

- E Prep & Village Prep Cliffs Campus
- E Prep Woodland Hills Campus
- Village Prep Woodland Hills - has a Multi-Intensive Autism Center for K-2

### **Acceleration Strategy**

We use a blend of small group instruction and computer-based learning to accelerate student learning to drive student academic growth. Students rotate through small groups to receive instruction at their level through a curriculum that best suits their individual needs, and iReady instruction.

To identify the appropriate acceleration strategy and curriculum, teachers will utilize screening tools to determine why the student is struggling. Once they understand why they can match the curriculum and strategy to the need. Teachers will then engage in ongoing data collection and analysis to adjust the intervention as the scholar's needs shift throughout the year.

## KEY INFORMATION

### Attendance + Visitation

The primary responsibility for a scholar's attendance rests with their guardian(s). Guardian(s) must call or email the school to inform the school that their child is absent. Upon return to school, the scholar must provide to the school a written statement from a guardian stating the cause for absence or the absence will be considered unexcused.

### Late Arrival and Early Dismissal Related to Absences

Scholars must arrive on time (8:00 am) and to stay at school until the very end of the day (2:15 pm). Late arrivals and early pickups are tracked by the minute and will be deducted from their scholar's hourly attendance time. This means if you drop off 30 minutes late or pick up 30 minutes early, 0.5 hours will be added to their absent hours.

A scholar is truant if the scholar is absent for 72 total hours of unexcused time (or about 11 school days) or more in one school year."Under Ohio state law, we are required to refer families whose scholars are habitually truant to the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court. You can avoid this by ensuring your scholar is at school on time, every day, and stays the whole day!

### Visitor Policy

All visitors **MUST** report to the Main Office upon arrival and sign in and provide a valid ID. Since it is difficult to conduct an impromptu meeting without notice, we also ask that you do the following:

- Call to schedule your visit 24 hours in advance with the Principal or your child's teacher.
- Teachers will be unable to meet with you during their teaching time.
- Plan to stay for 30 minutes to 60 minutes at maximum. Visit only your child's designated class.
- Wear the visitor's pass in a clearly visible area.
- Turn your cell phone to silent if entering the classroom.
- If you would like to speak again with a teacher following your visit, please contact them by phone or call the school to set up a follow-up meeting.

### Lunch + Recess

- All students in grades K-8 have a lunch break for 25 minutes daily.
- Students in grades K-4 have recess for 25 minutes daily.
- Lunch menus are located on the Family Resources page, at [bit.ly/bps\\_lunchmenu](https://bit.ly/bps_lunchmenu), and the QR code.



## KEY INFORMATION

### Uniforms

Uniforms are purchased through our uniform provider Schoolbelles. Uniform shirt and pant colors vary by which school your scholar attends. You can purchase online, from the store, or by returning the order form to the school's main office by July 10th. The order form is located on the next page of this packet.

The uniform policy is enforced every day, Monday - Friday. Any scholar who arrives at school out of uniform may receive a phone call home. Guardians may be asked to bring the missing uniform item to school. Scholars may receive a consequence or be assigned Reflection/Detention for being out of uniform. Scholars that are consistently out of uniform may receive further disciplinary consequences. If you need financial support attaining uniform pieces, please contact our Family Hotline at 216-302-0591.

Generally, scholars at BPS should avoid the following to be in compliance with the dress code:

- Sweatpants, blue jeans, or leggings
- Sweatshirts that cover the school uniform top
- Sandals or open-toed shoes
- Hats and hoods
- Carry cell phones or other electronic devices on their person during the school day

### Preps K-8

#### Tops

Grades K-4: Royal Blue Schoolbelles Polo

Grades 5-7: Green Schoolbelles Polo

Grade 8: Black Schoolbelles Polo

#### Bottoms

Black pants/slacks, jumpers, or skirts

#### Shoes

Black shoes

### Citizens K-4

#### Tops

Navy Blue or Gold

Schoolbelles Polo

#### Bottoms

Navy blue or khaki pants, jumpers, skirts or shorts

#### Shoes

Any closed-toe shoe

### Citizens 5-8

#### Tops

Purple or Black

Schoolbelles Polo

#### Bottoms

Navy blue or khaki pants, jumpers, skirts or shorts

#### Shoes

Any closed-toe shoe

*School uniform bottoms and shoes do not need to be purchased from a specific vendor. Please review your school handbook for more details regarding the full uniform policy.*



## How to Purchase Uniforms

### Option 1 - Purchase from Front Office

Families will also have the option to purchase uniforms from the school front office between May 6 - July 10. Orders placed this way will not be charged shipping costs. \*\*After July 10, 2024 all orders must be purchased via Option 2 or 3.\*\*

### Option 2 - Purchase In Store

Prices are \$1 more per shirt when you order online or in-store! Take advantage of the pre-order window today! Please call for current store hours.

#### Schoolbelles - West

4747 West 160th St., Cleveland

Phone: 216-898-5500

#### Schoolbelles - East

468 Richmond Rd. Suite E, Richmond Heights

Phone: 216-291-0568

### Option 3 - Purchase Online



1. Visit [bit.ly/BPS-uniforms](https://bit.ly/BPS-uniforms) or scan the QR code
2. Select your campus and register for an account. You must be logged in (registered) to the site to see accurate pricing. The cost is double if you go to the website and do not log in.

#### *School Codes by Campus*

Citizens Glenville - 2742

Citizens Southeast - 2743

Preps Cliffs (VPS + EPC) - 2508

Preps Woodland Hills - 2510

Preps Willard - 2698

# YELLOW BUS TRANSPORTATION

You must meet the following requirements (set by Cleveland Metropolitan School District) in order to be eligible:

- Fully enrolled as a K-8th-grade scholar for the 24-25 School Year at one of our five campuses.
- Reside in the city of Cleveland (Proof of Residence may be requested if the address indicated on the application is different than what we have on file).
- Live more than 1 mile from the school in which your child is enrolled.



**What is the deadline to apply for yellow bus transportation?**

**When will route information be available? When can my child(ren) begin riding?**

Starting May 6, 2024 we will accept Yellow Bus Applications throughout the Spring/Summer and at any point during the 2024-2025 school year up until April 28, 2025 @ 3PM.

If you submit your application request during this window:	Rightway will provide route information to you (the family) by:	Your child(ren) can begin riding the bus on this date:
May 6th - August 5th	8/9/24	8/14/24
August 6th - August 12th	8/16/24	8/19/24
August 13th - August 19th	8/23/24	8/26/24
August 20th - August 26th	8/30/24	9/3/24
August 27th - September 2nd	9/6/24	9/10/24
September 3rd - September 9th	9/13/24	9/16/24
September 10th - September 16th	9/20/24	9/23/24
September 17th - September 23rd	9/27/24	9/30/24
September 24th - September 30th	10/4/24	10/7/24
October 1st - October 7th	10/11/24	10/21/24
<b>Larger Window Due to Fall Break</b>		
October 8th - October 21st	10/25/24	10/28/24
October 22nd - October 28th	11/1/24	11/4/24
October 29th - November 4th	11/8/24	11/12/24
November 5th - November 11th	11/15/24	11/18/24
November 12th - November 18th	11/22/24	11/25/24
<b>Larger Window Due to Thanksgiving Break</b>		
November 19th - December 2nd	12/6/24	12/9/24
December 3rd - December 9th	12/13/24	12/16/24
December 10th - December 16th	12/20/24	1/7/25
<b>Larger Window Due to Winter Break</b>		
December 17th - January 6th	1/10/25	1/13/25
January 7th - January 13th	1/17/25	1/21/25
January 14th - January 20th	1/24/25	1/27/25
January 21st - January 27th	1/31/25	2/3/25
January 28th - February 3rd	2/7/25	2/10/25
February 4th - February 10th	2/14/25	2/18/25
February 11th - February 17th	2/21/25	2/24/25
February 18th - February 24th	2/28/25	3/3/25
February 25th - March 3rd	3/7/25	3/10/25
March 4th - March 10th	3/14/25	3/24/25
<b>Larger Window Due to Spring Break</b>		
March 11th - March 24th	3/28/25	3/31/25
March 25th - March 31st	4/4/25	4/7/25
April 1st - April 7th	4/11/25	4/14/25
April 8th - April 14th	4/18/25	4/21/25
April 15th - April 21st	4/25/25	4/28/25
April 22nd - April 28th Closes at 3:00 PM	5/2/25	5/5/25

# RESOURCES + PARTNERSHIPS

## Family Resource Center



Important resources, links, and information can be found at the Family Resource Center, including:

- School Calendar
- Family Welcome Packet
- Scholar + Family Handbook
- Uniforms
- Powerschool Portal
- Illness Protocols
- Summer Resources
- Home Tech
- Food + Wellness
- Transportation
- Inclement Weather
- Safety + Security

## Family Partnership (216) 302-0591 [family@breakthroughschools.org](mailto:family@breakthroughschools.org)



At Breakthrough Public Schools, we know that families and communities play a big role in helping our scholars learn and grow. Our Family Partnership team works to build strong and trusting relationships between schools and families. By working together, we help our scholars succeed and achieve great things.

## Partnerships by Campus



### Say Yes! Cleveland

LOCATION: CLIFFS,  
WOODLAND HILLS,  
WILLARD, GLENVILLE

Provides Family Support Specialists that provide wrap-around services for students and families.



### Open Doors Academy

LOCATION: CLIFFS,  
WOODLAND HILLS,  
GLENVILLE, SOUTHEAST

Provides after-school programming and summer experiences



### Rainey Institute

LOCATION: WILLARD,  
CLIFFS

Provides after-school programming

# RESOURCES + PARTNERSHIPS

## Family Communications - Point Person

To ensure families have a direct line of contact for quick responses and appropriate action, each grade band has a designated leader.

While families are encouraged to **communicate directly with teachers via Remind**, this designated point person will serve as an additional direct contact.

### Cliffs Campus

K-1: Stephanie Macek, AP Literacy  
smacek@breakthroughschools.org

2-3: Kim Slany, AP STEM  
kslany@breakthroughschools.org

4: Ron Bruce, VPC Dean of Culture  
rbruce@breakthroughschools.org

5-6: [TBD] AP Literacy

7-8: [TBD] AP STEM  
Special Education: [TBD]

### Glenville Campus

K-2: Radina Brown AP K-2  
rbrown@breakthroughschools.org

3-4: [TBD] AP 3-4

5-6: Brianna Crabtree AP 5-6  
bcrabtree@breakthroughschools.org

7-8: Calah Dean AP 7-8  
cdean@breakthroughschools.org

Special Education: Jenny Willis AP SS  
jwillis@breakthroughschools.org

### Willard Campus

V PREP

Literacy: Lauren Pisanelli  
lpisanelli@breakthroughschools.org

STEM: Melissa Carnes  
mcarnes@breakthroughschools.org

Attendance/Behavior: Mark DeWine  
mdewine@breakthroughschools.org

Attendance/Behavior: Dominique Pugh  
dpugh@breakthroughschools.org

Special Education: Aaliyah VanLeer  
avanleer@breakthroughschools.org

Wrap Around Services: Ashley Brown  
abrown@breakthroughschools.org

### Southeast Campus

K-2: [TBD] AP K-2  
@breakthroughschools.org

3-4: Daniel Norman AP 3-4  
@breakthroughschools.org

5-6: [TBD] AP 5-6  
@breakthroughschools.org

7-8: [TBD] AP 7-8  
Special Education: [TBD]

### Woodland Hills Campus

K-2: Ellen Hunter, Assistant Principal K-2  
ehunter@breakthroughschools.org

3-4: Melissa Knight, AP 3-8 STEM  
mknight@breakthroughschools.org

5-6: Joseph Shelton, K-8 DOC  
jshelton@breakthroughschools.org

7-8: Matthew Wiczorek, AP 3-8 Humanities  
mwiczorek@breakthroughschools.org

Special Education: Samantha Wilson, AP SS  
swilson@breakthroughschools.org

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Literacy: Aric Skalican  
askalican@breakthroughschools.org

STEM: Dan Balmert  
dbalmert@breakthroughschools.org

Attendance/Behavior: Roger T Jones  
rjones@breakthroughschools.org

Attendance/Behavior: Brandon Ray  
bray@breakthroughschools.org

Special Education: Brandon Ray  
bray@breakthroughschools.org

Wrap Around Services: SW/C  
Escalated Parent/Scholar Issues:  
Shartara Miller  
smiller@breakthroughschools.org

## OUR PARTNERSHIP

**Arrive on time to school every day. Every minute matters to your scholar's achievement. Attendance is the number one predictor of academic success.**

Scholars arriving at 8:01AM or after are tardy. Tardies add up to absences.

**Attend meetings about your child's education and development, like parent-teacher conferences.**

We want to meet with families at least once a year to discuss your child's progress and to keep you updated about how your child is doing in school.

**Your scholar's success relies on us working together.**

We cannot achieve our mission without your partnership. Expect to hear from us often.



*We will support your scholar from Kindergarten through Career with our Beyond Breakthrough program.*

## This network provides exceptional support to over 3,000 alumni!

Beyond Breakthrough offers dedicated support for alumni at every stage of their journey: high school, trade school, college, postgraduate, and career development.



*Here's why this matters to Breakthrough families:*

### Comprehensive Support

- Middle school programming
- Career Exploration
- College Tours

### Guidance in Education

*Help with:*

- High school
- Trade school
- College applications
- Financial aid processes

### Career Connections

*Alumni gain access to:*

- Internships
- Part-time jobs
- Summer employment
- Full-time positions

### Mentorship

*Dedicated mentorship for*

- Aspiring entrepreneurs
- Community Leaders

### Scholarship Assistance

*Assist alumni in:*

- Applying for and earning scholarships and other crucial educational funding

### Ongoing Support

*We offer continual support throughout each scholar's journey.*

## STAY CONNECTED

WEB  
btcle.org

PHONE  
216.367.5720

INSTAGRAM  
breakthrough.cle

FACEBOOK  
BreakthroughCLE

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Breakthrough  
Public Schools