



**BREAKTHROUGH OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA** helps launch motivated middle school students on a path to competitive high schools, setting a critical foundation for college and career success.

Our program is FREE to middle school students in public, parochial, and charter schools all across Philadelphia. Once enrolled, Breakthrough students receive four consecutive years of year-round support beginning in the summer before 6th grade and ending in the summer before 9th grade. In the summer, our six-week program runs for five full days every week. During the school year, programming takes place on Saturdays.



**Our four-year program is hosted on the campus of Germantown Friends School, where we provide:**

- ▶ **Rigorous academic enrichment** in core subjects such as math, science, writing and literature
- ▶ **Elective activities** including dance, world languages, photography, debate, sports and more
- ▶ **Preparation for high school** through application support, test preparation and mentorship
- ▶ **Life skills courses** such as financial literacy, social justice, public speaking, health and fitness
- ▶ **Inspiration and mentorship** from *Career Conversations* guest speakers and college-aged *Teaching Fellows*



## Breakthrough increases educational opportunity with a unique approach to teaching:

- ▶ **Near-Peer Teaching model.** Middle school students are taught by college-aged Teaching Fellows – outstanding college students pursuing careers in education who also serve as inspiring role models on campus. Our Teaching Fellows are coached by experienced educators in the field, including faculty from Germantown Friends School.
- ▶ **Small class sizes** to collaborate, debate and engage deeply with peers and content.
- ▶ **Growth-mindset approach** to learning and teaching, meeting students where they are.
- ▶ **Warm and nurturing educational community** of faculty, college-aged teaching fellows, staff, volunteers.

## APPLY TODAY!

We welcome student applications from current 5th graders but will also consider admission in later grades. We also encourage principals, teachers and guidance counselors to nominate students for our program.

*Embrace the fun in learning at Breakthrough!*



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