



EACH SUMMER, STUDENTS IN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES AVERAGE 2 MONTHS OF LOSS IN READING AND MATH.

In 2013, Breakthrough Birmingham launched with a two-fold mission: (1) to increase academic opportunities for highly motivated students in Birmingham City Schools in order to get them college-ready and (2) to inspire and develop the next generation of teachers and leaders.

In 2018, 151 rising 7th — rising 9th grade Birmingham City School students committed to becoming Breakthrough Birmingham scholars, where they participated in a rigorous 6-week summer program dedicated to acceleration in math, science, literature, and writing. They engaged in career exploration and college visits while developing a strong love of learning. Students were taught and mentored by 24 teaching fellows from all over the country who also taught enriching electives such as Debate and Visual Arts. Our fellows received over 75 hours of training by our team of Instructional Coaches.

"This program has opened my daughter's mind to a new, fun way of learning. She is more comfortable with herself academically, socially, and -- most importantly -- independently. As a parent, I am thankful to Breakthrough for showing me what a loving program like this can do to a child that was once afraid to learn."

Breakthrough Birmingham Parent



BREAKTHROUGH SCHOLARS

Closing the opportunity gap by promoting summer learning & supporting paths to college

310

Number of Birmingham City School students served to date

80%

Of students served are from low-income communities

57%

Are from single-parent households

50%

Will be the first in their family to graduate from a 4-year university

92%

Parents who saw improvement in their child

TEACHING FELLOWS

Training and inspiring the next generation of educators

At Breakthrough Birmingham:

114

Undergraduate Teaching Fellow alumni to date

3.7

Average college GPA of a Birmingham Teaching Fellow

96%

Teaching Fellows better understand the demands of teaching

76%

Teaching Fellows who currently work in education

95%

Teaching Fellows would recommend Breakthrough to a friend interested in education

Nationally:



INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES

The foundation of our teachers-teaching-teachers and students-teaching-students model

- 4 instructional coaches (70+ years of combined experience)
- Train, manage, and coach our teaching fellows
- Experienced & proven Birmingham City School educators
- 95% of coaches reported they improved their instructional leadership

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