



2012 Student Application

“We are Breakthrough. We are achievers, leaders, learners, and teachers. We are a diverse, safe, and close-knit community, dedicated to excellence in life-long learning. We work hard, take risks, and have fun.”

**Prepare for college!
Make new friends!
Have fun as you learn!**

**Student application due:
Thursday, March 8th, 2012**

**Please give completed applications to your teacher,
or send to:**

**Breakthrough Santa Fe
1101 Camino de la Cruz Blanca
Santa Fe, NM 87505**

Frequently asked questions about Breakthrough Santa Fe

What is Breakthrough?

Breakthrough is a six-year academic enrichment program for highly motivated middle school students from Santa Fe Public Schools. Breakthrough students work hard, develop leadership skills, and have fun in the process. Designed to help students excel academically and socially, the program prepares and encourages its students to enter and succeed in competitive college preparatory classes in high school. Breakthrough students are college-bound!

During their six years at Breakthrough Santa Fe, students will participate in:

- Two six-week summer sessions held at Santa Fe Preparatory School.
- School Tutoring during 7th and 8th grades.
- Educational counseling.
- Field trips and other enrichment opportunities.
- College Prep program.

You are NOT alone! Breakthrough is located in the following cities across the U.S.!

Atlanta	Fort Worth	New Orleans	Saint Paul
Austin	Hong Kong	New York City	San Francisco
Boca Raton	Houston	Norfolk	San Jose
Cambridge	Manchester	Philadelphia	San Juan Capistrano
Cincinnati	Miami	Pittsburgh	Santa Fe
Denver	Minneapolis	Providence	Washington D.C.
Fort Lauderdale	New Haven	Sacramento	

Who are the students?

Students just like you! Breakthrough students come from many different backgrounds. They all share a love of learning and want to go to college. Breakthrough students strive to do their best and are always open to new ideas and experiences.

Who are the teachers?

Teachers who are only three to ten years older than you! All of the teachers are talented high school and college students. They work long hours to make learning exciting, challenging, and rewarding. Our teachers are special because they possess a love of learning and a desire to share their time and ideas with younger students. They teach all classes and lead all activities. Imagine learning math and English with eighteen-year-old teachers!

What are classes like?

Class sizes have no more than 6 students per class; therefore students receive a great deal of individual attention. Students take 4 courses: Language Arts, Science, Math, Social Science and two academic electives (i.e. journalism, mythology, Spanish). Breakthrough students also complete intensive training in public speaking. These classes prepare students for challenging middle and high school courses.

What about homework, tests, and grades?

Homework and tests are essential to learning. **Breakthrough students complete TWO - THREE hours of homework a night during the summer program.** The teachers design assignments and tests that are thought provoking. Teachers may grade assignments, but there are no final grades. Instead, students receive written evaluations from their academic teachers. Mandatory parent conferences are also scheduled during the summer.

Are we in class all day?

No! In the afternoon, students have an opportunity to choose new activities or to do ones they already love. There are also exciting field trips and special events every Friday!

Who gets accepted into Breakthrough?

Admission to Breakthrough will be selective. The goal of the admissions committee is to select a class of committed and motivated students who are economically and ethnically diverse. There is no specific quota per public school. **Space will be limited to 25-30 students.** You should not be upset if you do not get a space; instead be proud that you took the risk to apply. **Acceptance letters will be sent out by Tuesday, April 17, 2012.**

What type of student applies to Breakthrough?

Students **currently in the 6th grade** are eligible to apply. Students who exercise good behavior, want to earn good grades, have a strong desire to learn, and want to enroll in college preparatory classes are encouraged to apply. Breakthrough students are willing to make a commitment to their education. They love learning and new challenges.

What will it cost?

Breakthrough is a **free** academic year-round educational program. **All Breakthrough costs you is hard work, good behavior, and attendance.**

What is the commitment?

You and your family **must agree** that, if you are accepted, other activities will be scheduled around the dates of the program. **Attendance is required every day during the summer program.** Also, **you will be expected to attend our school year programs:** Saturday events during 7th – 12th grade (and tutoring if necessary).

How should I fill out the application?

Your application should be handwritten **in pen**, not pencil. You must complete the student pages by yourself; your parents have their own pages to complete. You are also required to have your teachers fill out the recommendation form, and make sure we get your grades and test scores from your school

Is transportation provided?

Yes. During the summer a bus will pick you up at various elementary schools in the morning and return you there in the afternoon.

Complete this application in ink!

Student Information

Name: _____
Address: _____ _____
Telephone: _____
Social Security Number: _____
Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-racial <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Gender (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male
Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____
Is English your 1 st language? _____ If not, what language is? _____
Current School: _____ Grade: _____

List the extra-curricular activities that you participate in (sports, music, dance, etc.) _____ _____

Do you know anyone who has gone to Breakthrough? Their name (s): _____ Relationship to you (friend, cousin, sister, etc): _____

Short Answers: Answer the following short questions with detail and in complete sentences. You may continue on another sheet of paper if necessary.

When you are not in school, what do you like to do in your free time?

What is your favorite book and why?

Name someone you especially admire and explain why.

What are some things that make you laugh?

Why does Breakthrough Santa Fe sound exciting? (Explain)

What things do you like best about school, and why?

What things do you like least about school, and why?

Express Yourself! Please use this box to tell us about yourself. Fill it up! Be creative!
Draw, write a poem, do a math problem, write a rap or anything that describes you.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, occupying the majority of the page below the instructions. It is intended for students to draw, write, or create something that describes themselves.

Summary page for your records

We are delighted that you are interested in the new challenges, fun experiences, and exciting opportunities offered by Breakthrough Santa Fe. In order for your application to be complete, **all 3 sections need to be finished**. Use this page as a checklist to keep track of which parts of your application have been completed.

STUDENT SECTION

Please complete these pages in your own handwriting. Be sure to use pen, not pencil. Do a rough draft on a separate piece of paper and have someone proofread it, not write it for you, before you fill out the application form in pen. Don't forget to express yourself! *Give this section to your teacher when you finish it, or send it directly to the address below.*

PARENT/GUARDIAN SECTION

Have your parent(s) or guardian(s) complete these pages. *Give this section to your teacher when you finish it, or send it directly to the address below.*

SCHOOL SECTION

Have your parent(s) or guardian(s) complete the first page and the top of the second page. *Then hand this packet to your teacher.* Make sure an academic teacher completes your recommendation.

Feel free to call Talia Winokur, Director, Breakthrough Santa Fe (505) 795-7517 or email her at twinokur@sfbprep.org with any questions



Good Luck!

Nombre del estudiante: _____

Escuela actual: _____

Su hijo/a está solicitando el ingreso a Breakthrough Santa Fe, un programa de enriquecimiento académico gratuito con duración de seis años. Este programa busca estudiantes altamente motivados para participar en sus dos sesiones de seis semanas durante el verano (una sesión después del sexto grado, y una después del séptimo). El programa Breakthrough Santa Fe también proveerá sesiones de tutoría y apoyo una vez a la semana durante los años de secundaria/preparatoria hasta que su hijo se gradúe de la preparatoria. **La participación de la familia es una parte esencial de la experiencia del programa Breakthrough Santa Fe.** Si su hijo/a es aceptado al programa, se espera que Usted participe en una variedad de eventos familiares durante el verano y el año escolar, incluyendo una sesión de orientación, una conferencia donde se planearan las metas a seguir, sesiones del consejo familiar, y una Celebración.

Recuerde que su asistencia es OBLIGATORIA, por lo mismo le suplicamos que planee sus propios eventos familiares para que estos no interfieran con el horario de eventos del programa Breakthrough Santa Fe, como ser, conferencias, orientaciones, sesiones y celebraciones.

Durante el verano, el programa Breakthrough Santa Fe proveerá servicio de transportación al y desde el programa. **Durante el año escolar, es su responsabilidad proveer transportación para su hijo.**

Fechas obligatorias para el verano del 2012:

Orientación familiar: Sábado, 12 de mayo (12:00-3:00pm)
Programa del verano: Lunes a Viernes, 18 de junio – 27 julio (8:00-3:45)
Celebración: Sábado, 28 de julio (7:00-9:00 p.m.)

Si mi hijo/a es aceptado al programa, **planearé los eventos familiares de tal manera que no interfieran con los eventos del programa** Breakthrough Santa Fe, incluyendo la Celebración. Entiendo que mi asistencia y la asistencia de mi hijo/a son obligatorias.

Firma: _____

Estado civil de los padres: Casados Separados Divorciados Soltero/a Viudo/a

Ingresos económicos de la familia:

Menos que \$10,000 \$10,001 a \$20,000 \$20,001 a \$30,000

\$30,001 a \$50,000 \$50,001 a \$70,000 Más que \$70,001

Nombre de la madre: _____

Dirección: _____

Tel. de la casa: _____ Celular: _____

Tel. del trabajo: _____ Lugar de empleo: _____

Email: _____

Antecedentes étnicos: Hispano/Latino Indígena Caucásico
 Multirracial Otro: _____

Grado de educación:
 Secundaria o menos Comenzó la universidad/
Recibió diplomado Licenciatura Maestría +

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En caso de emergencia avisar a:

Nombre: _____
Dirección: _____ _____
Tel. de la casa: _____ Celular: _____
Tel. del trabajo: _____ Lugar de empleo: _____
Relación al estudiante: _____

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Otra información:

¿Cuáles idiomas se hablan en casa? _____
Enumera los hermanos del estudiante y <i>sus edades</i> . _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

Preguntas de respuesta larga:

¿Por qué quiere que su hijo/a sea alumno/a de Breakthrough?

En el programa Breakthrough Santa Fe, requerimos que los estudiantes trabajen arduamente durante los programas del verano y del año escolar. Se le pedirá a su hijo/a que tome responsabilidad para el éxito de su desarrollo académico. Como padre/tutor ¿cómo trabajará con el programa de Breakthrough para ayudar a que su hijo/a alcance toda su potencial?

Debido a que no habrá servicio de transporte durante el año escolar, ¿qué medidas tomará para asegurarse de que su hijo/a asista a las actividades que el programa Breakthrough señala?

**Fill out this page and the top of the next page. Then
*give this packet to your teacher!***

Transcript Release Form:

To: _____
(Name of your child's school principal)

School: _____

My child, _____, is applying to Breakthrough Santa Fe program. Breakthrough is a tuition-free academic program, which is held for rising 7th and 8th grade students at Santa Fe Preparatory School. The program seeks highly motivated students who receive good grades in behavior and have regular classroom attendance. **Students participate in two six-week summer sessions**, one after 6th grade and one after 7^h grade. Students must participate in the school year program, which includes tutoring, educational counseling and enrichment activities during 7th – 12th grade. Breakthrough is committed to a diverse student body representing the variety of ethnic, economic, and geographic backgrounds in our diverse Santa Fe community.

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

The following information has been requested for the Breakthrough Application:

1. Transcript and most current report card. (Please, send us photocopies with the student's name clearly visible).
2. The most recent standardized test scores.
Please send information by **Thursday, March 8rd, 2012** to:

**Breakthrough Santa Fe
1101 Camino de la Cruz Blanca
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If you have questions please contact:

Talia Winokur, Director
(505) 795-7517

**School Section
Teacher Recommendation**

**Breakthrough Santa Fe
Due Date: March 8, 2012**

<p>Student's Name: _____</p> <p>Student's Address: _____ _____</p> <p>School: _____</p>

The above student is applying to Breakthrough Santa Fe, a tuition-free, academic program, which is held for rising 7th and 8th grade students at Santa Fe Preparatory School. The program seeks highly motivated students who demonstrate good behavior and have regular classroom attendance. Students participate in two six-week summer sessions, one after 6th grade and one after 7th grade. Students must participate in the school-year program, which includes tutoring, educational counseling, and enrichment activities. Breakthrough is committed to a diverse student body representing the variety of ethnic, economic, and geographic backgrounds in our Santa Fe community.

We would appreciate your candid responses, which will be kept confidential. If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact **Talia Winokur, Director, Breakthrough Santa Fe at 982-1829 ext. 1211**. You can mail your reference forms for all of your students in one envelope instead of sending them in individually if you prefer. Please complete this form, sign over the seal of the envelope, and mail it to: **Breakthrough Santa Fe**

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<p>Your Name (Teacher): _____</p> <p>Grade(s) you teach: _____</p>

Short Answer Questions:

<p>Describe this student's academic performance and potential.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

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Breakthrough Santa Fe

What makes this student distinct from all other students in the class?

How motivated is this student? Does he/she turn in homework in on time?

Please describe parental involvement with this student's education:

Does this student receive free or reduced lunch? Yes No

Is this student in special ed. or gifted classes? Yes No
(if so, please indicate which)

Teacher Recommendation

Due Date: March 8, 2012

Academic Qualities: Please **circle** the number that best suits the student in relation to other students.

Key: 1- Below Average 2- Satisfactory 3- Average 4- Outstanding

Attitude toward homework:	1	2	3	4
Writing skills:	1	2	3	4
Reading skills:	1	2	3	4
Math skills:	1	2	3	4

Personal Qualities: Please **circle** the number that best suits the student in relation to other students.

Ability to be a group leader:	1	2	3	4
Ability to do independent work:	1	2	3	4
Reaction to criticism:	1	2	3	4
Behavior:	1	2	3	4

How often does this student work beyond your expectations? Explain.

Please add comments or anecdotes that will help us better understand this student.

Teacher's signature: _____ **Phone #:** _____