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Breakthrough Schools Chicago
Partner Schools June 2015

Chicago Academy
CICS West Belden
Disney II
Intrinsic
Belmont Cragin
Lorca
UCSN Santiago
Acceleration Academy
Moving Everest
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CICS Irving Park
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UC Donoghue
Chavez
KIPP One
Lindblom
Great Lakes Academy
Gillespie
Poe
Brook HS
CICS Prairie

2015 Winners
2014 Winners
Overview:

**Breakthrough Schools Chicago** is a multi-year initiative to help educators create a cadre of sustainable, next-generation public schools using personalized learning fueled by technology. They are changing how classrooms look, teachers teach, and students engage in education by doing things such as:

- Enabling educators to engage in more 1:1 mentoring, small group instruction, and other activities that boost their effectiveness and satisfaction.
- Providing students access to differentiated content through multi-age classrooms, dynamic grouping, and competency-based approaches.
- Creating flexible classrooms with co-teaching and adaptive technologies students leverage.
- Building personalized learning paths that include academic and non-academic outcomes that allow students, teachers, and families to map out a future for success.

Schools are located throughout the city and are a mix of traditional, magnet, selective enrollment, alternative and charter elementary and high schools. The program supports a diverse group of innovative principals and teachers in schools on track to reach more than 13,000 students.

2015 Breakthrough Schools:

1. Acceleration Academy Alternative High School
2. Belmont-Cragin Elementary School
3. Chicago International Charter School (CICS) – Irving Park
4. Chicago International Charter School (CICS) – Prairie Elementary School
5. Disney II Magnet School
6. Brooks College Prep Academy High School
7. Gillespie Elementary School
8. Intrinsic Charter High School
9. Joseph Lovett Elementary School
10. Lindblom Math and Science Academy
11. Lorca Elementary School
12. Moving Everest Charter Elementary
13. Patrick Henry Elementary School
14. Poe Classical Elementary School
15. University of Chicago Donoghue Charter School
16. UCSN Santiago Elementary School

2014 Breakthrough Schools:

1. Cesar E. Chavez Multicultural Academic Center
2. Chicago Academy High School
3. Chicago International Charter School (CICS) – West Belden
4. Great Lakes Academy Charter School
5. John C. Haines Elementary School
6. KIPP One
7. Wildwood World Magnet School

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Facts about School Selection:

Schools must apply via a written application.

Applications are reviewed by a panel of expert advisors who consider:
- Vision for personalized learning
- School culture
- School leadership
- Trajectory of student achievement

All schools in CPS were invited to apply.

In 2015, more than 50 school teams expressed interest in the program.

Facts about the 2015 Program:

Schools each receive an initial $30,000 Planning Grant.

School teams participate in a 10-month program to help them design and plan their school model:
- Coaching from national thought leaders
- Peer-to-peer mentoring
- Site visits to next-gen schools
- Workshops on scheduling, staffing, financial sustainability, competency-based progression, personalized learning paths, etc.
- Ongoing membership in a local-national group pushing the forefront of education

Schools are then eligible for up to $280,000 each in Launch Grants:
- Up to six schools will be awarded these grants and continued support beginning spring 2016 to implement their plans.

Facts about the Funding and Funders:

LEAP Innovations is committing $4 million in philanthropic support and professional development for educators to create sustainable, personalized learning schools. Breakthrough Schools Chicago is part of the Next Generation Learning Challenges, which provides national funding. LEAP secured additional funding from The Chicago Public Education Fund, Northern Trust, the Joyce Foundation and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. LEAP Innovations was launched in spring 2014. It bridges the gap between education and innovation for teachers and students in pre-K through college. The nonprofit helps educators reimagine school to personalize instruction based on each student’s skills, interests and goals, and helps bring technology into classrooms. Headquartered at 1871, Chicago’s incubator for digital startups, LEAP also helps companies address unmet needs in education. LEAP’s mission is to exponentially advance teaching and learning in and out of the classroom so all students have equal opportunity to reach their potential.

Next Generation Learning Challenges (NGLC) accelerates educational innovation through applied technology to dramatically improve college readiness and completion. NGLC is managed by EDUCAUSE, a nonprofit association whose mission is to advance higher education through the use of information technology. Since 2011, NGLC has provided more than $65 million in investment capital to foster the development of transformational K-12 and postsecondary models aimed at improving the quality and depth of learning outcomes in the U.S., particularly for low-income students. Funding for NGLC has been provided by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation, the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

The Chicago Public Education Fund (The Fund) is the lead local funder for Breakthrough Schools Chicago. A nonprofit organization working to increase the number of great public schools in Chicago, The Fund provides grants and runs programs that support talented principals and enable effective educator teams to reinvent classroom learning. The Fund serves as a catalyst for accelerating positive learning and life outcomes for all students and is a longstanding leader in identifying and scaling what works in Chicago’s public schools. Visit www.thefundchicago.org or www.Facebook.com/TheFundChicago.