

# BREAKTHROUGH MONTESSORI

SETTING THE STANDARD FOR HIGH-IMPACT, PUBLIC MONTESSORI SCHOOLS.




## KEY FEATURES:

- ✓ New school
- ✓ Intensive teacher training residency
- ✓ Technology-based daily student assessments

## AT A GLANCE:

**Start date:** Fall 2016  
**Grades served:** Pre-K-12  
**Operator:** Breakthrough Montessori Charter Board  
**Operator type:** New CMO  
**Students at start:** 75  
**Students at capacity:** 300

## KEY DESIGN PRINCIPLES of Breakthrough Schools:

-  Student-centered
-  Self pacing and mastery-based credit
-  Student ownership

Breakthrough Montessori, an Avanti Montessori Charter School, will be the standard-setting school for a national network of high-impact, fully implemented, public Montessori schools. The school will embody a new and distinctive framework for education—one that begins early, supports active, student-centered learning, addresses all dimensions of human development, and engages the family as well as the student.

The Breakthrough Montessori team will develop a cloud-based assessment platform through which teachers can review student progress and personalize instruction for each student's pace and learning style. The model will also make a significant investment in early childhood education, capitalizing on the formative period of brain development from birth to age six.

Breakthrough Montessori will join the National Center for Montessori in the Public Sector as a D.C. host site for the Montessori Teacher Residency, a program that focuses on job-embedded learning, along with ongoing mentoring and coaching for future teachers. Through this program, Breakthrough Montessori aims to standardize teacher training and increase the number of high-performing, high-impact Montessori schools in Washington, D.C.

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***Breakthrough Montessori will focus on three key elements of high-impact Montessori schools: development, prevention, and community. This design will harness the power of the full developmental continuum, from birth through high school. Our school will also invest in the core technology of ambitious teaching through a two-year teacher residency.***

**Keith Whitescarver, Founder, Breakthrough Montessori**

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