

# BREAKTHROUGH VILLAGE PREP CLIFFS



 Listen to their Implementation Story

## COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

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| Mission  | Our mission is to seek to provide a high quality, academically rigorous education for the college bound scholar. We empower our scholars to think critically, assume social responsibility, and serve as advocates for themselves and the community. We achieve these goals within a highly focused, structured and safe environment. We, as a community of educators, families and scholars work relentlessly to ensure that every child is prepared to succeed in a competitive world. |
| Location | Cleveland, OH  |
| Grades   | K-4  |
| Size     | ~400 Students  |
| Website  | <a href="https://breakthroughschools.org/village-prep-cliffs/">https://breakthroughschools.org/village-prep-cliffs/</a>  |

## TIMELINE

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| SY 2019-20                     | Finding the right model      | Village Prep Cliffs had an SEL curriculum, but Principal Foerg wanted something more comprehensive. When she learned about Compass, she was intrigued with their approach to comprehensive human development and the opportunity for adults to engage in the model. |
| September-<br>November<br>2020 | Preparing for Implementation | Village Prep Cliffs joined the Compass Camp cohort in 2020. While cohort members typically go to Nashville, TN to train with Valor Collegiate, due to the pandemic, training was conducted over zoom.   |
| October<br>2020                | Staff Training               | Village Prep Cliffs staff engaged in a 2-day training on both how to participate in a circle and how to facilitate it for students.   |
| January<br>2021                | Staff Circle Roll-out        | Village Prep Cliffs began doing Staff Circles. The focus was on building comfort with vulnerability and giving adult opportunities to engage as participants before   |

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|                |                          | asking them to lead a Circle.   |
| September 2021 | Student Circle Roll-out  | Village Prep Cliffs rolled out Circles with all students grades K-4. While this was a big lift, they wanted all adults to be involved from the beginning.   |
| SY 2021-22     | Ongoing Support          | During this time, support from the Valor Compass team continued through observation and feedback. Twice during the year (November and March) the Village Prep Cliffs team went to TN to meet with the cohort. |
| SY 2022-23     | Improving Implementation | Building on the momentum of the previous year, Village Prep Cliffs continued Circles, honing their skills.  |
| May 2023       | Compass Certification    | Village Prep Cliffs become a credentialed "Powered by Compass" school, a sign of successful implementation of the model.  |