

# How Bridgeway Preparatory Academy made time for personalized learning

## The challenge: making time for personalized learning plans

Bridgeway Preparatory Academy strives to help students reach their full potential in and out of the classroom by focusing on academics, social-emotional learning, and well-being.

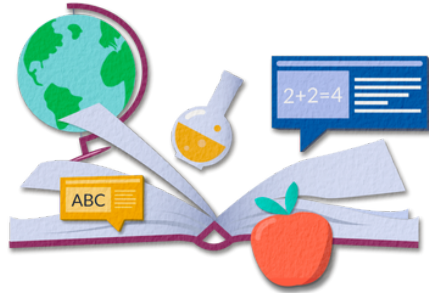
For Bridgeway Prep, it all starts with smart staffing. The school's 8:1 student-teacher ratio enables its educators to create personalized learning plans for every student.

Bridgeway Preparatory Academy welcomed its first class of students in August, 2018. As the year progressed, the school observed that it wanted to provide full-time teachers with more planning time while ensuring student learning continued even when teachers were absent.



- Tuition-free public charter school near Dallas, Texas
- Enriching students' lives through a whole-child approach
- Increased fill rate to 98% with Swing

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## Keeping student learning on track with Swing

Bridgeway Prep determined that its full-time educators and students would benefit from a quality resource for substitute teachers. Enter Swing Education, which connects a wide range of Texas schools with qualified substitute teachers.

“Having that additional support from Swing within the classroom allowed us to provide our students the support they needed,” says Dr. Brandy Dede, Bridgeway’s Assistant Superintendent.

“Swing Education staff really came in handy in particular on Fridays -- when Swing stepped in, our full-time teachers had four full hours every Friday so they could properly plan for each child.”

## The benefits of having the capacity to grow

In the 2019-2020 school year, Bridgeway Prep tripled its enrollment and hired a number of new teachers to support that expansion.

“We’re really excited about that growth -- there’s just so much in store for our families,” Dede says. “The positive feedback that we’ve received from our current families really makes me excited for the future.”

And Swing Education will be there every step of the way to support Bridgeway’s staff and students with quality substitute teacher coverage.

“We appreciate Swing being there when we had a critical need, and we’re looking forward to continuing the relationship,” Dede says.