Achievement First Hartford High's **MISSION**

The mission of Achievement First Hartford High School is to provide a complete liberal arts education in a structured and supportive academic environment.

We believe that the Achievement First Hartford High School experience provides our scholars with the academic skills and character strength necessary to graduate from college and serve as the next generation of leaders in our communities.

For more information about Achievement First, please visit **www.achievementfirst.org**.



"The summer course I took at Cornell gave me a head start on discovering and learning more things about disease, the body, health and the mind. This helped me to determine if nursing would be the right path for me"

> Moya, class of 2017 Af hartford high

School LEADER

Emily Banks has served as the principal of Achievement First Hartford High School since 2013. Ms. Banks joined Achievement First in 2007 as a math teacher at Elm City College Prep Middle School and went on to become an academic dean and principal-in-residence at Achievement First Amistad High School in New Haven, Connecticut. Under Ms. Banks' leadership, AF Hartford High School students outperformed the state average on the SAT and earned the highest average SAT scores among low-income students in the state. On the 2015 Connecticut state SBAC exam, student achievement scores surpassed those of neighboring West Hartford. Ms. Banks graduated magna cum laude from Carleton College and received a master's in teaching from American University.

Applying for Admission to ACHIEVEMENT FIRST HARTFORD HIGH SCHOOL

All Achievement First and Jumoke Academy middle school students who complete the application process will be accepted into Achievement First Hartford High School. Application materials are due January 31, 2017. There are no entrance exams or application fees.

For more information or to obtain an application, please contact Recruitment Coordinator D'Andra Whyte, at 860-695-6844 or **DandraWhyte@achievementfirst.org**.



Achievement First Hartford High



The College-Prep EXPERIENCE



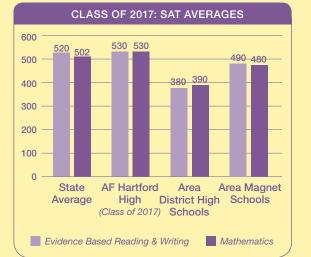
Achievement First Hartford High School's approach includes an extended school day and year, a rigorous, college-preparatory course of study, SAT preparation, intensive college counseling, explicit work in character development, education and athletics and elective programs in a structured and supportive academic environment. The programming at AF Hartford High School is centered on the tenets of a rigorous, liberal arts education. Our instructional framework includes learning through discussion, a heavy focus on writing and the development of key non-cognitive skills.

FOSTERING

Curiosity & Independence

Educating our students means encouraging them to realize their potential for discovery and independent thought. We judge our success by the authenticity of students' thinking and their ability to communicate their thoughts. To promote independent thought and communication, we have a number of structures that are central to the culture of our school:

- Seminar discussions in all disciplines
- Rigorous composition courses in grades 9-12
- Theater class in grade nine
- Weekly, student-led community meetings
- Quarterly declamations



Co-curricular Enrichment PROGRAMS FOR 2016-17

Achievement First Hartford High School appreciates the value of athletics, the arts and extracurricular interests. Our program is growing each year, and the following opportunities are offered in the 2016-17 school year:

 Basketball 	· Cheerleading
 Football 	 Step Team
 Track 	· Quiz Bowl
 Theater 	· Spoken Word
\cdot A cappella	Creative Writ
 Yearbook 	Honor Counc
• Yoga	· Cross Countr
· Life Hacks	· Girls Volleyba

- · Community Service Club Student Government
- Introduction to Programming
- · Strength and Conditioning
- ting Baseball (club sport)
- · Soccer (club sport)
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 - · CT Youth Forum

· Social Action Club



College Readiness

100%

One-hundred percent of applicants will be accepted into four-year colleges. This is the urgent mission of Achievement First Hartford High. Our academic curriculum is designed to push students to meet the rigor of college-level coursework head-on, and our character curriculum is designed to ensure that our students become empowered and thoughtful young adults who contribute to their communities. The additional supports provided include the following:

- College readiness courses
- Reading and math interventions in grades 9 and 10
- Advisory program
- Office hours
- Math and critical reading SAT preparation courses
- Individual and group counseling
- Summer enrichment programs
- College counseling
- Alumni support