Achievement First Hartford High School'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 achievementfirst.org.



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. Ms. Banks graduated magna cum laude from Carleton College and received a master's degree in teaching from American University.

Applying for Admission to AF Hartford High School

Students from Jumoke and AF Hartford Summit Middle School who complete the application process will be accepted into Achievement First Hartford High School. Application materials are due January 31, 2019. 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.





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"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

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, 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
- Bi-weekly, student-led community meetings



CO-CURRICULAR ENRICHMENT

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 2018-19 school year:

Dungeons and

Listening Club

(Fall and Spring

Study Hall

Production)

Theater

Dance

Dragons

Football

AP Computer Science Girls' and Boys' Varsity Basketball Beast of Beauty (Fashion Club) Cheerleading Chess Choir

Track and Field **Ultimate Frisbee** Visual of Royalty

Girls' Varsity Volleyball (Mural Club)



FOCUSED ATTENTION ON College Readiness

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 make positive contributions to our 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