

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 helps our scholars develop the academic and character skills 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

Benjamin Cruse is the principal of AF Hartford High School. Before taking on this role, he was the first principal of AF Hartford Summit Middle – the school that resulted from our two Hartford middle schools combining. Mr. Cruse also served as dean of students at AF Hartford Academy Middle for four years. During his tenure, Mr. Cruse led school culture work, coached and developed teachers, and served as the point person on all community-building school events and overall student/parent engagement. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science and history from the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Cruse is bilingual, speaking English and Spanish, and was born and raised in Hartford where he still lives with his wife and young children.

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, 2020. There are no entrance exams or application fees.

For more information or to obtain an application, please contact Recruitment Coordinator Troy Jackson, at 860-695-6844 or TroyJackson@achievementfirst.org.



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U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT GOLD MEDAL SCHOOL

#1 IN HARTFORD
#3 IN CONNECTICUT

“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

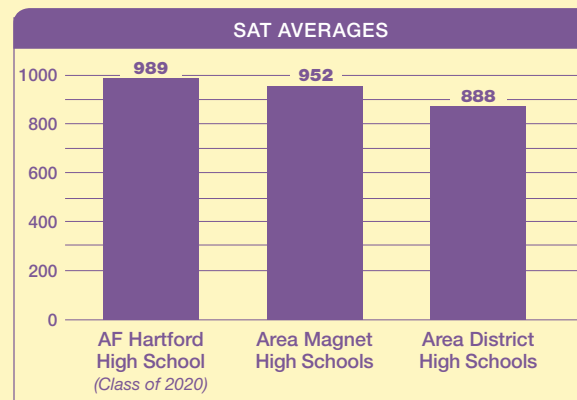
THE COLLEGE-PREP EXPERIENCE

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, and a commitment to helping our students develop strong character skills in a structured and supportive academic environment, as well as through athletics and elective programs. 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

We want all students to cultivate a passion for independent thought and discovery, as well as to gain the skills needed to communicate those ideas for maximum impact. That’s why our school offers several courses that center writing and public speaking, including:

- 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 values athletics, the arts, and extracurriculars. Our program is growing each year, and the following opportunities will be offered in the 2019-20 school year:

- Black Ambitious Women’s Club
- Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Dungeons & Dragons
- Fencing
- Football
- Girls’ Volleyball
- Journalism
- Kitchen Club
- Model United Nations
- Natural Hair Club
- Poetry Club
- Social Justice Club
- Track & Field

FOCUSED ATTENTION ON COLLEGE READINESS

Achievement First Hartford High exists to allow students to meet their full potential. Our curriculum is designed to push students to meet the rigors of college classes, and to develop the non-academic skills needed to realize their dreams, and to become leaders in our community. Our school provides services including:

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