Achievement First University Prep High School Mission

We live in an increasingly competitive world. By the end of high school, today's children must have the solid academic skills and personal grit necessary to succeed in college and to develop successful careers. Our children need more than writing and math skills. They also need confidence, strong presence and a vision of themselves as leaders. High school is the summit of your child's basic education—the final stage in developing these critical skills. We are committed to supporting our scholars as they approach the summit. By the time our scholars graduate, they will have the academic and personal skills they need to truly succeed in college and in their professional lives.

Achievement First University Prep High School will provide all of our students with the academic and character skills they need to graduate from top colleges, to succeed in a competitive world and to serve as the next generation of leaders for our communities.

School Leader

Claire Shin graduated from Williams College with a B.A. in economics and history. She also earned a master's degree in teaching from Pace University. In her career, Ms. Shin has been a management consultant with Monitor Company, taught various subjects and grade levels, managed a teacher coaching and preparation team with Teach For America, was the founding principal at both AF Hartford Academy Elementary and AF Hartford High, and was a founding teacher at AF Bushwick Elementary. She loves to cook, travel, read and explore any new adventure. Ms. Shin is incredibly excited to have the tremendous opportunity to lead AF University Prep High School and always looks forward to what the school will accomplish together during the year.

Applying for Admission to Achievement First University Prep High School

Prospective students must apply for admission. Application materials are available on achievementfirst.org/enrollBK. Admissions preference is reserved for current Achievement First Bushwick Middle School and Achievement First East New York Middle School students, but all students must apply. For more information, please contact Kim Wong, Director of Admissions, at kimwong@achievementfirst.org.
Achievement First is committed to ensuring that all of our students have the skills to graduate from high school, excel in college and pursue their boldest ambitions. Toward these critical ends, Achievement First high schools offer a rigorous, prep school academic approach in a public charter school setting. The school’s rigorous course of study will develop essential academic skills, including the ability to:

- Read carefully
- Think analytically
- Communicate effectively

The school’s high-expectations culture will foster personal integrity by teaching self-discipline, reflection, persistence and integrity, and by expecting the very best from each student. The school’s supportive environment will:

- Provide a personalized advisory
- Help students develop close relationships
- Positively reinforce student achievement and hard work

Our students will take advantage of myriad opportunities and responsibilities on a daily basis that prepare them for the challenges they’ll face in college and in their professional careers.

- Key Cognitive Strategies
- College Knowledge
- Self-Management
- Key Content Knowledge

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**The Pursuit of College-Ready Academic Excellence**

Every student at Achievement First University Prep High School will be on the path to college. The four-year program is designed to provide the academic foundation and habits of mind required for students in their pursuit of admission into and success at a top college or university, including:

- College-like seminar courses
- Shared inquiry
- Frequent writing
- AP courses for college credit

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**Strong School Culture & Relationships That Matter**

Achievement First University Prep High School stands apart from top prep schools and specialized high schools in New York because of our supportive and relationship-driven culture. Our small-school environment ensures that we are able to tailor support and opportunities to the needs of each of our students. Students receive regular, individualized, one-on-one academic advising from our top faculty in selecting their choice of courses, summer program opportunities and target colleges.

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Co-Curricular Programs For Well-Rounded Students

Achievement First University Prep High School students appreciate that there is more to life than academics, and the school will help students pursue their co-curricular interests through an expanding athletic and arts program. Possible co-curricular programs offered include the following activities:

- Art
- Basketball
- Dance
- News Program
- Robotics Club
- Soccer
- Student Government
- Track and Field
- Vocal Ensemble

In the tradition of Achievement First, our high school will provide a life-changing education, preparing students for the opportunities and responsibilities they’ll face in college and beyond.