

NETWORK OVERVIEW

Achievement First is a network of 37 high-performing, public charter schools serving more than 14,000 students in New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. The mission of Achievement First is to deliver on the promise of equal educational opportunity for all children, regardless of race, economic status, or zip code. Achievement First operates two high schools—including Achievement First Amistad High—in Connecticut.

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

The mission of Achievement First Amistad High School, a college-preparatory public charter school in New Haven, Connecticut, is to provide students from historically-underserved communities with a top-quality education to prepare them for the rigor of college work and help them flourish on college campuses. AF Amistad High's approach includes a rigorous, college-preparatory course of study, tutoring, intensive college counseling, and robust athletic and elective programs.



STUDENT POPULATION

Class of 2021 Enrollment	154
Total Enrollment for 2019-2021	766
Graduation Rate	100%
Average Daily Attendance	95%
Latinx	32%
Black	66%
Male	45%
Female	55%
Special Ed	10%

- AF Amistad High serves predominantly Black and Latinx students from Bridgeport and New Haven. Our communities face a pronounced racial achievement gap, a factor that contributes to Connecticut's troubling status as the state with the largest achievement gap in the nation. Approximately 85% of AF Amistad High students will be the first in their families to attend a four-year college or university.
- Because of their longer academic day and year, students at AF Amistad High receive nearly 400 hours of additional classroom time compared to their peers in traditional New Haven district schools.
- AF Amistad High's rigorous curriculum emphasizes core academic subjects: literature, composition, history, math, and science. Students are required to take four full years of coursework in each of these subjects.
- Over 90% of students take at least one Advanced Placement course, and approximately half of the school's students take two or more AP courses.

94% OF THE AF AMISTAD HIGH **CLASS OF 2019**
AND **97%** OF THE AF AMISTAD HIGH **CLASS OF 2020** ARE
ENROLLED IN TWO AND FOUR YEAR **COLLEGES**



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THE CLASS OF 2021 IS AF AMISTAD HIGH'S TWELFTH GRADUATING CLASS

GRADING POLICY & PHILOSOPHY

- AF Amistad High uses a 100-point grading scale, with 70 as the minimum grade to pass a course and 50 as the lowest published grade. Weighted Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated as the arithmetic average (total quality points divided by credits) of all weighted courses taken.
- The faculty strives to protect against grade inflation; consequently, “A”s and “B”s are hard-earned. While AF Amistad High students may have overall lower GPAs than their peers in traditional district schools, this is not a reflection of their academic tenacity or ultimate mastery. Rather, it is a reflection of the high expectations to which students are held.

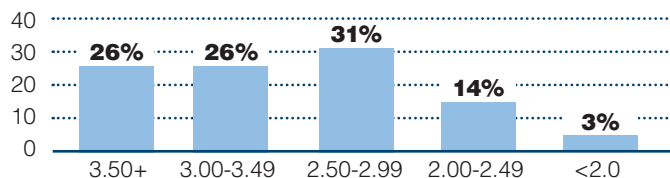
JUNIOR YEAR GRADE DISTRIBUTION

	90-100	80-89	70-79	Below 70
Seminar	28%	33%	38%	2%
History	18%	41%	40%	1%
Literature	0%	33%	67%	0%
Science	27%	38%	32%	3%
Mathematics	19%	33%	45%	3%

GRADING SCALE

Course Grade	Standard Course Weighting	AP/ College Course Weighting
A+ (97-100)	4.33	5.33
A (93-96)	4.0	5.0
A- (90-92)	3.66	4.66
B+ (87-89)	3.33	4.33
B (83-86)	3.0	4.0
B- (80-82)	2.66	3.66
C+ (77-79)	2.33	3.33
C (73-76)	2.0	3.0
C- (70-72)	1.66	2.66
F (0-69)	0	0

CLASS OF 2021 CUMULATIVE GPA DISTRIBUTION



*As a result of our evolving course of study, Composition and Seminar have been used interchangeably on transcripts.

COURSE OF STUDY

SUBJECT	FRESHMEN	SOPHOMORES	JUNIORS	SENIORS
Literature	Literature I	World Literature	AP English Language	AP English Literature
Seminar	Composition I	Pre-AP Seminar Composition II	AP Seminar	AP Research, College Seminar
Math	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II w/Pre-Calculus or Algebra II	AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, College Algebra
History	World History I	AP World History	AP US History	AP Government and Politics, Government and Politics, African American History, Latin American History
Science	Physics	Chemistry	AP Biology, Biology	AP Biology, AP Computer Science
World Language	French I	French I	French I, Spanish I, or Latin I	Spanish II or Latin II
Foundations of Leadership			Foundations of Leadership III and SAT Prep	Foundations of Leadership IV
Electives	Physical Education, Art, Music, Financial Literacy, Spoken Word			

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: CONNECTICUT VS. AF AMISTAD HIGH HIGH SCHOOL

Subject	World								Total Credits	Comm. Service*	Summer Programs
	English	Math	History	Science	Language	PE	Arts	Electives			
State of CT Requirements	4	3	3	2	0	1	0	7	20	0 hours	0
AF Amistad High HS Requirements	8	4	4	4	2	1	2	2	27	40 hours	3

*Due to COVID-19 and in order to ensure the safety of our students, the Class of 2021 will not be held to meeting this requirement.

SELECTED COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES (CLASSES OF 2014-2019)

Albertus Magnus College
 Albright College
 Allegheny College
 Amherst College
 Babson College
 Barnard College
 Bates College
 Bay Path University
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Bowdoin College
 Bowie State University
 Brandeis University
 Brown University
 Bryn Mawr College
 Bucknell University
 Bunker Hill Community College
 Capital Community College
 Central Connecticut State University
 Clark University
 Colby College
 College of the Holy Cross
 Connecticut College
 Cornell University
 Dartmouth College
 Davidson College
 Delaware State University
 Eastern Connecticut State University
 Fairfield University
 Fitchburg State University

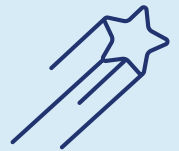
Franklin and Marshall College
 Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering
 Gateway Community College
 Hamilton College
 Hampton University
 Harvard University
 Haverford College
 Housatonic Community College
 Howard University
 Inter American University of Puerto Rico-Metro
 Ithaca College
 Johnson C. Smith University
 Kenyon College
 Lafayette College
 Louisiana State University and Agricultural &
 Mechanical College
 Lycoming College
 Morgan State University
 Mount Holyoke College
 Naugatuck Valley Community College
 Norfolk State University
 North Carolina A&T State University
 Norwalk Community College
 Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus
 Pomona College
 Post University
 Providence College
 Quinnipiac University
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Rochester Institute of Technology

Roger Williams University
 Sacred Heart University
 Skidmore College
 Smith College
 Southern Connecticut State University
 Spelman College
 St. John's University-New York
 Stanford University
 Susquehanna University
 Syracuse University
 Trinity College
 Tufts University
 Union College
 United States Naval Academy
 University of Bridgeport
 University of Connecticut
 University of Connecticut at Waterbury
 University of Connecticut-Stamford
 University of Hartford
 University of Massachusetts-Boston
 University of Pennsylvania
 University of Richmond
 University of Rochester
 Vassar College
 Villanova University
 Virginia State University
 Wellesley College
 Wesleyan University
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 Yale University

85% OF AF AMISTAD HIGH STUDENTS WILL BE THE FIRST IN THEIR FAMILIES TO ATTEND **COLLEGE.**



93% OF THE AF AMISTAD HIGH CLASS OF 2021 IS ENROLLED IN **AP COURSES**



BEYOND ACADEMICS

All students take elective courses that are embedded in the school day. In addition, 75% of AF Amistad High students participate in at least one extracurricular activity.

NOTE: Due to COVID, students were only required to complete 2 summer programs for the Class of 2021.

AF STUDENTS ARE ACCEPTED TO AN AVERAGE OF **5 COLLEGES** EACH.



COLLEGE MATRICULATION & PERSISTENCE

Achievement First seeks to disrupt the “norm,” in a country where enduring inequities mean just 9% of students from low-income families earn a college degree by age 24. Our graduates’ projected college completion rate is 55%—six times the national average—and we’re working hard to ensure that rate grows until it equals, then surpasses, the graduation rate for our country’s most affluent students.

AF Amistad High supports graduates beyond high school by:

- Matching all students with a college success counselor who provides individualized outreach and support.
- Building cohorts of AF graduates at schools with high expected college completion rates for students of color.