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Use Our Teaching Resources



Achievement First fully understands the importance of ensuring our scholars' success in all facets of their education, including state and national tests. Here are a few of the resources that our teachers use to help prepare our scholars for great results on these tests.

Elementary

- [Reading Comprehension Question Type Posters](#)

Secondary

- [Sample Seventh Grade Math Workbook](#)
- [SAT Diagnostic](#)

Achievement First is committed to constant growth and reflection for our teachers—and we want to share that learning with the broader education reform community. We have created an exciting new section of our website to share hundreds of proven classroom and professional development resources found in our 19 public charter schools. From elementary school lesson plans to high school math guides, these tools can help take your craft to the next level. The website goes live on February 11: www.AchievementFirst.org/instructional-resources.

Visit an Achievement First School

Read About Education Reform



Achievement First's Brownsville Elementary is featured in the newly published book "A Chance to Make History" by Wendy Kopp, founder of Teacher For America. In it, she shares what she has learned in her 20 years at the center of a growing movement to end education inequality in America. Find out more about what she has to say [here](#).

The \$500 million dollar question: Can charter management organizations, such as Achievement First, deliver quality education at scale? Read what the experts have to say [here](#).

Featured Opportunity



'11-'12 Dean of Students & Culture Positions

The Deans of Students & Culture lead AF's school-wide efforts to build and maintain a strong, positive, achievement-oriented school culture where students grow in a warm and supportive environment. They create behavior systems for the school and model how to establish strong, mutually respectful relationships with students and families.



The Lottery Movie Screening and Discussion

February 22; 5:30-7:30 p.m.

New Haven, CT

Join other educators and ed reformers from across the state for a viewing and discussion of *The Lottery*, a film that follows four families from Harlem and the Bronx who have entered their children in a charter school lottery. *Space is limited.*

RSVP [Here](#)

Connecticut Special Education Open House

March 1; 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

New Haven, CT

Spend the day at Elm City College Prep Elementary School to observe laser-focused intervention groups, watch great examples of "Response to Intervention" and meet other special services educators. We'll provide special education tips and resources that you can use in your classroom the next day.

Space is limited.

RSVP [Here](#) with your grade level and content area.

Join a Virtual Information Session



Can't make it to one of our in-person events? Join us for a Virtual Information Session hosted by an Achievement First talent recruiter and a current teacher or school leader. We will discuss:

- Achievement First's history, mission and core values
- Training and professional development opportunities
- Various opportunities to join our team for the 2011-12 school year
- Application process and qualities of a successful candidate

Founding Teacher Opportunities with Achievement First

February 15, 2011; 8:00-9:00 p.m. EST

[RSVP Here](#)

Learn more about our network of schools [here](#) or [apply online](#) today.

Start Date:

July 2011

Network Support Featured Opportunity



Director of Impact Strategy

The Director of Impact Strategy will build upon and institutionalize cutting-edge data practices and facilitate the use of data to drive instructional gains in classrooms. We seek candidates who have experience in advising organizational leaders on how to interpret, analyze and act on essential data to improve student outcomes.

Learn more about the role [here](#) and learn how to apply.

Start Date:

Immediate

We are always looking for talented individuals to join our Network Support team. View current Achievement First Network Support opportunities [here](#).

Cheer of the Month



Add some more joy to your teacher toolkit! View a cheer/chant video where Keri Taylor at AF Bushwick Middle teaches her seventh graders how to remember to add and multiply integers and determine absolute value. Click [here](#) to view a copy of the lyrics to Keri's math rules chant.

Starting Your School Leadership Career with Achievement First

February 22, 2011; 8:00-9:00 p.m. EST

[RSVP Here](#)

Apply to Work in a School



Join Achievement First as a High School Teacher

There is a lot at stake for our high school scholars -- for many of them, they will be the first in their families to graduate from college. The dedication and encouragement of our strong high school teachers help our scholars on this final leg of their journey to college success.

Contact us [here](#) if you are interested in learning more about joining the Achievement First team and family.

Calling All Rising Second-Year Teachers: Become a Summer Teaching Resident

The Achievement First Summer Teaching Residency provides rising second-year educators with the opportunity to teach at a high-performing urban charter school in Connecticut or New York for the summer.

"My summer teaching residency experience was JUST what I needed after my first year of teaching. It was both energizing and inspiring. Working with third graders at Amistad Academy Elementary School reminded me that all of our students are capable of achieving great heights . . . that diligent planning and collaboration can drastically improve instruction . . . and that a learning community that values excellence, inquiry and rigor truly does have the potential to change students' lives. This year, I constantly draw upon the lessons and approaches that I learned at AF. I'm very grateful for the opportunity." - Brian Radley, 2010 Summer Teaching Resident

Read our Summer Teaching Residency job description [here](#).

The deadline to apply is **April 8. Apply today.**

For questions about the Connecticut program, e-mail us [here](#).

For questions about the New York program, e-mail us [here](#).

Visit Achievement First on the Road

Our Mission

The mission of Achievement First is to deliver on the promise of equal educational opportunity for all of America's children. We believe that all children, regardless of race or economic status, can succeed if they have access to a great education.

Achievement First schools 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 in our communities.





Our team has been flying around the country in search of the best teachers. Below are the cities we'll be visiting this month; please [e-mail](#) us to learn more.

February Events:

- *February 11-14 - Washington, D.C.*
- *February 17 - Boston, MA*
- *February 24 - Fairfield, CT*

Achievement First will be in full force at the Teach For America 20th Anniversary Summit. We'd love to meet you! E-mail recruitment@achievementfirst.org to set up an appointment or visit our booth or information suite in room 148.

We'll be holding two sessions in room 148:

- Learn More About Achievement First from 1:10-1:40 p.m.
- Meet the Leaders from 1:50-2:20 p.m.

See you there!

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