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Use Our Teaching Resources



Check out our new, **FREE** teacher resources website!

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 you take your craft to the next level.

Check it out [HERE!](#)

<http://www.AchievementFirst.org/instructional-resources>

Join a Virtual Information Session



Can't make it to one of our in-person events? Join us for a Virtual

Read About Education Reform



Click [here](#) to read The New Teacher Project's (TNP) article about the common ground in successful teacher evaluation programs -- and see the AF mention on page six.

Achievement First recently unveiled the Teacher Career Pathways, a trailblazing new initiative to recognize and develop great teachers as they progress through five career stages. Read more about it [here](#).

School Spotlight

We are so excited to spotlight Achievement First Hartford Academy Middle student Brianna Howell, who was recently awarded the Sir Isaac Newton Award for her achievements in science. Read more about her great accomplishment [here](#).

Featured Opportunity



'11-'12 Special Education Teacher (NY & CT)

Achievement First special education teachers develop, advocate for and

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

Starting Your School Leadership Career with Achievement First

March 16, 2011; 8:00-9:00 p.m. EDT

RSVP [Here](#)

Teaching Opportunities with Achievement First

March 22, 2011; 8:00-9:00 p.m. EDT

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Network Support Opportunities with Achievement First

March 23, 2011; 7:30-8:30 p.m. EDT

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English Language Arts Professional Development

Join us for this special webinar to learn about the practical tools Achievement First ELA and reading teachers use in their own classrooms!

March 30, 2011; 8:00-9:00 p.m. EST

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Apply to Work in a School



Join Achievement First as a Founding School Teacher

The world of a founding school teacher is one of many challenges and great reward. To close the achievement gap, one scholar at a time, Achievement First is looking for teachers with the gumption, vision and dedication to launch new scholars on the journey to college and beyond.

Contact us [here](#) if you are interested in learning more about joining the

implement academically oriented programs for scholars with special needs. AF Special Education teachers collaborate with parents, educators, scholars, school districts and other agencies to ensure that all exceptional children have available to them a free, appropriate and academically driven educational experience.

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

Start Date:

July 2011

Teach For America Alumni Opportunity



Calling ALL TFA Sue Lehmann Regional Finalists

Teach For America corps members and alumni play an integral part in Achievement First's growing network of high-performing, college-preparatory public charter schools in NY and CT. More than 300 TFA corps members and alumni are currently teaching in our 19 academies and over 50% of our school leaders are TFA alumni. We are offering a \$1000 bonus for any Sue Lehmann Regional Finalist that joins the Achievement First team and family for the 2011-12 school year. [Apply online!](#)

Network Support Featured Opportunity



Director of School Operations (NY & CT)

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](#). This opportunity is for middle (5-8) and high school teachers only.

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 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.

March Events:

- March 3 - UPenn Education Career Fair, Philadelphia PA
- March 4 - HGSE Alumni of Color Reception, Boston MA
- March 5 - Teachers College Career Fair, New York NY
- March 8 - K-12 Connect Career Fair, New York NY
- March 9 - Bank Street Career Fair, New York NY
- March 25 - Yale School of Management Education Conference, New Haven CT
- March 26 - Fairfield County Educator Career Fair, Fairfield County CT

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The Director of School Operations designs and maintains smooth and efficient school-based systems and is responsible for all non-instructional services required to run the school. For example, s/he manages the day-to-day school financial operations, prepares the school campus for its launch year and each subsequent year, and administers critical data systems

Learn more about the role and how to apply [Here](#) (CT) or [Here](#) (NY).

Start Date:

Ongoing

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



This month features Allison Barkley's third grade Elm City College Prep Elementary scholars. Watch them get excited to show what they know during Minute Math.

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.

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