As the end of the school year approaches, Achievement First teachers will continue to take advantage of every available minute in June, even after state tests are finished. Below are some of the resources we use to maintain a strong culture and rigor until the last day of school.

- Re-set expectations using the [Independent Reading Expectations Rubric](fileadmin/af/home/Newsletter_Images/Recruit_Newsletter/AF_Independent_Reading.Expectations.pdf)
- Continue to incorporate Joy Factor using these [Elementary Cheers and Chants](#)

For more great classroom and professional development resources, check out our Teacher Resources page [here](#).

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**Start Date:**

July 2011

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### Featured Opportunity

**'11-'12 Elementary Teacher**

Achievement First elementary teachers play an integral part in helping our scholars begin their journey to college and beyond. Achieving these goals primarily depends on placing great teachers into classrooms, thus we invest heavily in our educators. Each teacher is paired with a one-on-one coach and the school week is structured so that teachers devote half of every Friday to professional development with their grade-level and/or subject teams. We invest in each of our teachers with the understanding that they have the power to accomplish our mission of providing all students with the academic and character skills necessary to succeed in a competitive world.

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Achievement First special education teachers develop, advocate for, and implement academically oriented programs for scholars with special needs. They 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.

Here is what one teacher says about working with scholars with special needs:

"There is never a dull moment, and learning and development is a constant day-to-day activity. With the program we have in place and the amount of love we provide for our students, many who receive special services often move to a less restrictive environment than that which they came into. Ultimately, we want all of our students to learn and work in the environment that is most appropriate for their learning styles. It is amazing when we are able to modify our instruction, plans and schedules to meet their individualized needs and provide that environment!" - Vanessa Linton, learning specialist, Achievement First Brownsville Elementary School

Contact us here if you are interested in learning more about joining the Achievement First team and family at any one of our 20 schools in New York and Connecticut.

Join a Virtual Information Session

Join us for a Virtual Information Session hosted by an Achievement First talent recruiter and a current teacher, school leader or network support member. 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

Network Support
Featured Opportunity
Senior Associate, Talent

Start Date: Immediate

The Senior Associate, Talent will play a key role in the design, execution and training required for the success of the AF Teacher Career Pathway, which identifies and rewards excellent teachers. The ideal candidate will have strong results as a classroom teacher and exceptional written and verbal communication skills. He or she will also have data analysis experience and be a proven project manager. This role is a great opportunity for someone looking to have a lasting impact on the way in which teachers are recognized and rewarded.

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

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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