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## Use Our Teaching Resources



There's so much planning that goes into a successful start to the academic year, and we know that you are already preparing for September. Here are some resources to help you:

Ensure your classroom is well-equipped with this simple [checklist](#).

Teach your expectations and routines with this [lesson template](#).

Motivate and encourage your students with our [Scholar Dollar System](#).

If you'd like to learn more about creating strong routines and systems from day one, see Achievement First teachers in action at an upcoming Open House. See below for more details and to RSVP!

## Visit an Achievement First School



First Day of School Open House, New York

## AF in the News



One hundred percent of Amistad-Elm City High's Class of 2011 has been accepted to college, and now they have graduated from high school! Check out this [video](#) capturing the emotion and excitement on this memorable day.

Achievement First believes that collaboration between schools and districts is key to ensuring that students succeed at high levels. In this recent editorial, former Hartford Superintendent Dr. Steven Adamowski describes Achievement First's contribution to closing the achievement gap for Hartford students. Read more [here](#).

## Featured Opportunity

**'11-'12 Elementary Teacher**  
**Start Date:** Immediate

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 in classrooms, so we invest heavily in our educators. Each teacher is paired with a 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.

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

August 16; 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Brooklyn, NY

Watch as we set high expectations from day one. At Achievement First, we believe that in addition to strong instruction, the right mix of discipline and joy set the foundation for a successful year. At this open house, you will watch as we prepare our scholars to be successful by explicitly teaching them school-wide norms and procedures. Appropriate for teachers and school leaders in any grade level, participants will leave with a clear vision of how to start the year off strong and with strategies to implement in their classrooms immediately. *Space is limited.*

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

### First Day of School Open House, Connecticut

August 22; 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Hartford, CT

Our Connecticut middle schools are shattering the notion that demographics determine destiny. We're opening the doors of our newest Connecticut middle school, Achievement First Hartford Academy Middle School, so you can observe teachers and scholars in action. This open house will provide you with an excellent opportunity to observe clear expectation setting as we build a joyful, academically rigorous school culture. Visitors will leave with strategies to use in their classrooms immediately. *Space is limited.*

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

## Other Ways to Learn More



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## Network Support Featured Opportunity

### Director, Analysis and Reporting

Start Date: Immediate

Achievement First's Director of Analysis & Reporting role will be dedicated to managing the organization's analytical portfolio; as part of this work, the Director of A&R will oversee the in-depth analysis of our student and teacher performance data and the development of reports, tools, and communications to assist school and network leaders in data-driven decision making. The director will also help assist in the implementation of key data-intensive initiatives such as the Teacher Career Pathway – a program Achievement First is implementing to identify, develop, and recognize excellent teaching.

*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.

