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Use Our Teaching Resources



At Achievement First, we know that a great academic year starts with rigorous instruction. Here are reading and writing resources to help you start the year strong.

Elementary School

Set clear expectations for independent reading with this [rubric](#).

Help your students to become star spellers with these [activities](#).

Middle School

Teach your students about nonfiction text with this [unit](#).

Discover the elements of writing instruction at Achievement First with this "vision of excellence" [document](#).

High School

Plan units about universal themes in literature with this [scope and sequence](#).

Prepare your students to be college-ready writers with this writing [rubric](#).

To download more Achievement First resources in all subjects and grade levels, visit our newly updated [resources page](#).

AF in the News



Achievement First is adding new grades and opening new schools! Check out this [article](#) in the Connecticut Post, which describes the growth of Achievement First in Bridgeport and the positive impact our schools have had on student achievement.

Featured Opportunity

2012-2013 High School Teacher

Start Date: July 2012

Achievement First teachers are platinum! Our teachers work hard to ensure that every student is prepared for a rigorous college experience. Achievement First supports these efforts with robust teacher professional development, including weekly coaching meetings, on-going planning sessions, and unparalleled learning opportunities.

Achievement First's high schools in Connecticut and New York are expanding in 2012, and we are looking for great teachers to join our team. Learn more about our network of schools [here](#) or [apply online](#) today.

Network Support Featured Opportunity

**Associate Director of ELA
Achievement, Elementary**

Start Date: Immediate

Visit an Achievement First School



High School Open House, New York

September 29; 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. EST

Brooklyn, NY

Visit the Achievement First high school in Brooklyn to observe teachers and scholars in a school known for college-preparatory instruction. Appropriate for teachers and school leaders in any grade level, participants will watch teachers deliver rigorous lessons while infusing joy into their classrooms. *Space is limited.* RSVP [HERE](#) with your grade level and content area.

Visit Achievement First on the Road



Throughout the year, our team visits cities across the country in search of the best teachers and school leaders. Below are cities we'll be visiting this month; please [email](#) us to learn more.

- September 24 - Tulsa, OK
- September 24-25 - Teach For America Texas School Leadership Summit, Houston, TX

Other Ways to Learn More



Check out our calendar of upcoming events [here](#)

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Achievement First's associate director of ELA achievement is an integral part of the elementary ELA team that works with principals, academic deans, and teachers to drive exceptional student achievement. As part of this work, the associate director will undertake an ambitious curriculum development project to ensure that Achievement First ELA curriculum is aligned to the Common Core State Standards. To learn more about this opportunity and how to apply, click [here](#).

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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