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](#).

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**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.

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**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](#).

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**Network Support**

**Featured Opportunity**

Associate Director of ELA

*Start Date:* Immediate

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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

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