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## High School Profiles



### Achievement First Amistad High School

Achievement First Amistad High School in New Haven is our flagship high school. One-hundred percent of its three graduating classes have been accepted to four-year colleges and universities. To learn more about Achievement First Amistad High School, click [here](#).

### Achievement First Brooklyn High School

Achievement First Brooklyn High School will graduate its first ever seniors this coming spring! We are excited to see which universities they choose to attend. For more information about Achievement First Brooklyn High School, click [here](#).

### Achievement First Hartford High School

Achievement First Hartford High School is in its founding year. The ninth grade class includes scholars from Achievement First Hartford Academy and Jumoke Academy, which represents our first partnership with another charter. To learn more about Achievement First Hartford High School, click [here](#).

### NEW! Achievement First University Prep High School

Achievement First will be opening our fourth high school in the fall of 2013. The school will be located in Brooklyn, NY, and will serve scholars from several Brooklyn neighborhoods. We are currently looking for great teachers to found our new team!

## Use Our Teaching Resources

## Achievement First High Schools



One-hundred percent of our high school graduates have been accepted to college. Watch our scholars discuss what Achievement First means to them in this [video](#).

Read about our high school programs, access resources to challenge and engage your students, and learn more about how we support our high school teachers on the Achievement First [high school website](#).

## The Chalkboard



At Achievement First, closing the achievement gap is fun, inspiring and meaningful for all involved. The Chalkboard is a place to see and hear our culture in action as we create an environment where teachers are platinum and scholars know it is cool to be smart as they climb the mountain to college.

Read one of our latest posts [here](#).

## Featured Opportunity

2013-14 High School Teachers



At Achievement First, we prepare all of our scholars for a successful college experience. Check out the high school resources below to push the rigor with your students and get them ready for college.

Improve your students' writing skills with this [interactive writing rubric](#).

Push the rigor in your history classroom using this [instructional toolkit](#).

Prepare your students for college using these college readiness [seminar resources](#).

Plan for your year of Regents physics using these [units and aims](#).

Challenge your students as they explore systems of equations using this [unit plan](#).

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

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## School Leader Immersion



Achievement First's School Leader Immersion (SLI) is an exclusive opportunity for aspiring school leaders to develop the skills and mindset necessary to lead at a high-performing public charter school.

Below are the dates for the 2012-13 SLI events and their application deadlines:

- **SLI #1 in Brooklyn: January 24 - January 26, 2013**  
*Application deadline: December 14, 2012*
- **SLI #2 in Brooklyn: February 28 - March 2, 2013**  
*Application deadline: January 18, 2013*

To learn more or apply, [email](#) CJ Crowder, Achievement First's Director, Diversity and Leadership Initiatives.

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## Residency for School Leadership

The Residency Program for School Leadership is a groundbreaking collaboration between traditional public school districts and Achievement

**Start Date:** July 2013

**Location:** Connecticut and New York

We are looking for talented high school teachers to support our scholars on their final climb up the mountain to college. Our high school teachers work hard to ensure that all of our scholars are college ready and hold each scholar to the highest standards for both academics and character. Achievement First supports this work with robust teacher professional development, including weekly coaching meetings, on-going planning sessions and unparalleled learning opportunities.

Learn more about teaching opportunities at Achievement First and apply [here](#).

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## Network Support Featured Opportunity

**Associate Art Director**

**Start Date:** Immediately

**Location:** Brooklyn, NY or New Haven, CT

The associate art director is responsible for creating, delivering and ensuring a consistent identity and tone throughout Achievement First's visual communications. The associate art director develops internal and external print and visual projects, acts as a liaison with various vendors, and manages the public website's content and features. Learn more about this opportunity and apply [here](#).

*We are always looking for talented individuals to join our Network Support team. View current Achievement First Network Support opportunities [here](#).*

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## 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

First to recruit, develop and support the next generation of school leaders for Hartford, New Haven and Bridgeport public schools. This year-long school leader training and residency program is a unique opportunity for talented leaders to learn and leverage the best practices from both the charter and traditional district school contexts. The program follows a medical school rotation model and includes experiential residencies, seminar-style learning and intense individualized coaching. Residents receive full salary with benefits during the program, followed by a leadership role in Hartford's, New Haven's or Bridgeport's highest-need schools to drive breakthrough student achievement.

**Are you an aspiring school leader interested in closing the achievement gap in district schools?**

For more information or to apply to join the 2013-2014 cohort, please email [Samantha Miller](mailto:Samantha.Miller@achievementfirst.org) and visit our website [here](http://www.achievementfirst.org). The application deadline is January 11, 2013.

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## Summer Teaching Residency

The Achievement First Teaching Residency provides rising second-year educators with the opportunity to teach at a high-performing urban charter school for the summer. Residents will receive instructional resources to advance student achievement and one-on-one feedback from outstanding instructors. Read our Summer Teaching Residency job description [here](http://www.achievementfirst.org).

**Application Deadline: April 1**

Apply online [here](http://www.achievementfirst.org).

We are currently accepting applications on a rolling basis. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply early.

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## Upcoming Events



We host special events throughout the year to help you get to know us more and see our schools, systems and scholars in action. Check out what's coming up over the next few months!

- December 7** - School Tour: New York
- December 18** - School Tour: New York
- January 18** - School Tour: New York
- January 26** - Professional Development: The Together Teacher
- February 8** - School Tour: New York
- February 12** - School Tour: Connecticut
- February 12** - Virtual Lesson Plan Coaching

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## Diversity and Inclusiveness

At Achievement First, we believe that closing the achievement gap is an economic and moral imperative. It is the civil rights issue of our time. We believe that all children, regardless of race or economic status, can succeed if they have access to a great education. Our mission is to provide all of our scholars 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 for our communities. In carrying out our mission, Achievement First must ensure that our staff is composed of individuals who, through their talent, commitment and understanding of both scholar needs and effective teaching, can ensure all of our scholars succeed in accomplishing these big dreams. Diversity and inclusiveness are critical to our mission.

Read why Achievement First has named diversity and inclusiveness one of our top five priorities for the 2012-13 school year [here](http://www.achievementfirst.org).





View more events and register on our online [calendar](#).

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## Meet 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.

- *December 1 - Houston, TX*
  - *December 8 - Detroit, MI*
  - *December 13 - Providence, RI*
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## Other Ways to Learn More



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

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Watch Achievement First videos [here](#).

Read our blog, The Chalkboard, [here](#).

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