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A Closer Look at Connecticut



Achievement First was founded in Connecticut, home to the largest achievement gap in the country. However, our scholars in Bridgeport, New Haven and Hartford are now significantly outperforming their district peers. Our Connecticut teachers and staff work hard to ensure that we close the gap for all of our scholars.

Outside of the classroom, Connecticut offers many exciting opportunities. Residents enjoy easy access to New York and Boston, as well as charming New England towns, beautiful beaches, and outdoor activities like hiking and boating.

Use Our Teaching Resources



We work hard at Achievement First to meet the needs of our students. Check out the resources below for ways to reach the learners in your classroom.

Ensure that all students are focused on the lesson with these [student engagement strategies](#).

Mission Statement



Our work at Achievement First is driven by the mission that all of our scholars will have access to a great education. We prepare our scholars to succeed in college and become leaders in their communities.

Watch our mission statement come to life in this [video](#).

Special Education at Achievement First FAQ



Achievement First is dedicated to meeting the needs of our scholars with a full-inclusion model. To learn more about special education at Achievement First, check out our [Special Education at Achievement First FAQ](#) or attend our upcoming special education opportunities [webinar](#).

Featured Opportunity

2012-13 Special Education Teachers

Start Date: July 2012

Location: Brooklyn, Bridgeport, Hartford and New Haven

Achievement First teachers are platinum. Our teachers work hard to meet the needs of every scholar in our schools. Achievement First supports

Target each skill level in your classroom with these [resources to reach all writers](#).

Brainstorm how to help your students focus on their assignments using this [strategy checklist](#).

Analyze your students' needs and outline your plan for their growth using this [IEP writing guide](#).

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

School Leader Immersion

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

- **New England SLI in New Haven - April 27, 2012**
Apply by March 19, 2012
- **East Coast SLI in Brooklyn - May 4, 2012**
Apply by April 16, 2012

To learn more or apply, [email](#) CJ Crowder, Director of School Leader Recruitment.

Join a Virtual Information Session



If you can't make it to one of our in-person events, join us for a Virtual Information Session hosted by an Achievement First talent recruiter. We will discuss:

- Achievement First's history, mission and core values
- Training and professional development opportunities
- Opportunities to join our team for the 2012-13 school year
- Application process and qualities of a successful candidate

Starting Your School Leadership Career with Achievement First

March 13; 8:00-9:00 p.m. Eastern

RSVP [HERE](#)

Special Education Opportunities at Achievement First

March 14; 8:00-9:00 p.m. Eastern

RSVP [HERE](#)

Teaching Opportunities at Achievement First

March 19; 8:00-9:00 p.m. Eastern

these efforts with robust teacher professional development, including weekly coaching meetings, on-going planning sessions and unparalleled learning opportunities.

We are currently hiring:

- Founding SPED teachers
- Elementary SPED teachers
- Middle school SPED teachers
- High school SPED teachers

Learn more and apply [here](#).

Network Support Featured Opportunity

Associate Director of Human Capital

Start Date: Immediately

Location: Brooklyn or New Haven

The associate director of human capital plays a crucial role in helping develop and retain staff. The associate director implements and coordinates human capital systems, develops and executes organizational surveys, and communicates and analyzes the annual talent planning process. 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](#).

Calling Sue Lehmann Regional Finalists

Teach For America corps members and alumni play an integral part in Achievement First's growing network of high-performing, college-preparatory public charter schools in NY and CT. More than 300 TFA corps members and alumni are currently teaching in our 20 academies, and 45% of our school leaders are TFA alumni.

We are offering a \$1000 bonus for any Sue Lehmann Regional Finalist that joins the Achievement First team and family for the 2012-13 school year. [Apply online!](#)

Our Mission

The mission of Achievement First is to

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Meet Achievement First on the Road



Throughout the year, our recruitment 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.

- *March 3 - Atlanta, GA*
- *March 10 - San Francisco, CA*
- *March 31 - Fairfield, CT*

Other Ways to Learn More



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

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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.

