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High School Writing Rubric

We are working to create an exemplary high school program, one that back-tracks from the rigors of AP and College Readiness standards and develops the character skills students will need for success in college. Our high schools have worked closely with top private high schools to create an incredible interactive high school writing rubric. Read more about the development of the rubric in this [article](#).

Our high school writing scores have skyrocketed while using this rubric. Achievement First Amistad High School had the second highest 10th-grade writing scores in the state of Connecticut, topping Greenwich, Wilton and Madison.

To learn more and access our interactive writing rubric, click [here](#).

Use Our Teaching Resources



At Achievement First, we believe that literacy is vital to our scholars' success. Here are some resources to help you improve your scholars' reading and writing skills.

Elementary School ELA

Assess your scholars' non-fiction research skills using this project [rubric](#).

Plan your lessons about story elements using this [unit overview](#).

Middle School ELA

100% College Acceptance!



Achievement First Amistad High School's class of 2012 is climbing the mountain to college: 100% of our seniors have been accepted to four-year colleges or universities! This is the third class of graduating seniors from Achievement First Amistad High, and all three classes have had 100% college acceptance. To learn more about our high school approach, click [here](#).

We are especially excited to announce that Anabelle Marty, a member of the class of 2012, is the first Amistad graduate to be accepted to Yale University. Read more about Anabelle's story in this [article](#).

Send Us Your Feedback



We want to make the REACH Out even better! Tell us what you'd like to see more of, less of, and everything in between by completing this five-minute [survey](#).

Thank you for your thoughtful feedback!

Prepare your research-based writing lessons using this [unit plan](#).

Plan your poetry analysis lessons with this [unit plan](#).

High School ELA

Discuss what great writing looks like using these [protocols](#).

Introduce your scholars to *The Great Gatsby* using this [lesson plan](#).

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

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

Elementary School Teaching Opportunities at Achievement First

May 8; 8:00-9:00 p.m. Eastern

RSVP [HERE](#)

Starting Your School Leadership Career with Achievement First

May 15; 8:00-9:00 p.m. Eastern

RSVP [HERE](#)

Secondary Teaching Opportunities at Achievement First

May 23; 8:00-9:00 p.m. Eastern

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Other Ways to Learn More

Featured Opportunity

2012-13 Elementary Classroom 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 these efforts with robust teacher professional development, including weekly coaching meetings, on-going planning sessions and unparalleled learning opportunities.

We are currently hiring:

- Founding elementary teachers
- Special education elementary teachers

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

Network Support

Featured Opportunity

Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives

Start Date: Immediately

Location: Brooklyn, NY or New Haven, CT

The senior director of strategic initiatives is responsible for goals around student achievement and effective instructional support. The senior director ensures effective communication and development throughout the Teaching and Learning team, plans and executes improvements in digital learning, and designs and supports the tools and processes necessary to launch and sustain our Teacher Career Pathway program. 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



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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 who joins the Achievement First team and family for the 2012-13 school year. [Apply online!](#)

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.

