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## Use Our Teaching Resources



Set your scholars up for success by starting the year strong. Use the resources below to plan for the new school year.

Plan rigorous units throughout the year with this [unit plan template](#).

Develop a stellar lesson each day using this [lesson plan template](#).

Prepare for a joyful, systematic classroom with this [class culture plan](#).

Ensure that your room is ready to go for the first day of school with this [classroom checklist](#).

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

## Become a Together Teacher

Maia Heyck-Merlin, Achievement First's former Chief Talent Officer, helps teachers build habits, customize tools and create space to become a Together Teacher. In her new book, Maia shows teachers how to be effective and "have a life" by exploring the key habits of Together Teachers—how they plan ahead, organize work and their classrooms, and spend their limited free time. The end goal is always strong outcomes for their students.

Each teacher's system may be a little bit different, but *The Together Teacher* includes concrete steps that every teacher can implement!

To learn more about Maia's new book and download time-saving

## AF Pays Tribute to Caine's Arcade



Inspired by Caine's Arcade, scholars at Achievement First Bushwick Middle School built their own cardboard arcade!

Check out the scholars' tribute [here](#).

## Featured Opportunity

**2012-13 Elementary Teachers**

**Start Date:** August 2012

**Location:** New York and Connecticut

We are looking for talented elementary school teachers to build our scholars' a strong foundation. Our elementary teachers work hard to make sure our scholars start their climb up the mountain to college on the best foot possible. Achievement First supports these efforts 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](#).

## Network Support Featured Opportunity

**Associate Director of ELA  
Achievement, Middle and High  
School**

**Start Date:** Immediately

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

resources, click [here](#).

## Meet AF' 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.

- *August 4 - Detroit, MI*

## Other Ways to Learn More



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The associate director of ELA achievement works with principals, academic deans and teachers to craft and drive the vision behind an exemplary literacy program. The associate director develops and manages core literacy program systems, coordinates and implements professional development to support the ELA program, and deeply analyzes student achievement data to better develop materials and trainings. 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](#).*

## 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.

