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Use Our Teaching Resources



Every great year starts with determining your students' current abilities. Use these resources below to assess your students' literacy skills and maximize your instructional time.

Evaluate your elementary students' expository writing skills with this [rubric](#).

Plan how to teach and assess your 5th grade students during the [first ELA unit](#) of the year.

Gauge your 6th grade students' writing ability with this [traits rubric](#).

Assess your high school students' writing skills using our [interactive rubric](#).

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

Tools to Support Your Development



Become a Together Teacher



Maia Heyck-Merlin, Senior Advisor at Achievement First, helps teachers build habits, customize tools, and create space to become a Together Teacher. To learn more about Maia's new book and download time-saving resources that will help you keep yourself together throughout the year, click [here](#).

Maia will also be hosting a Together Teacher professional development session on Saturday, October 13th. To learn more and RSVP, click [here](#).

New Achievement First Website



Achievement First is proud to unveil our new website! Visit the site to watch videos of our scholars and teachers in action, read the latest AF news, download great resources, or apply to join our team.

Check out our new look [here](#).

Featured Opportunity

2012-13 Elementary Teachers
Start Date: Immediately

Here at Achievement First, we believe that teachers are platinum. We support their growth and development with a variety of professional development tools and sessions. Check out the examples below.

Watch Doug McCurry present a session on [Great Aims](#) at New Staff Training.

Reflect on your instructional abilities with Achievement First's [Essentials Rubric](#).

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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 our communities.

Watch as Achievement First students, parents and staff share what the AF mission means to them in this [video](#).

Upcoming Events



We host events throughout the year to help you get to know us better and see our scholars in action. Check out these events that we'll be hosting over the next few months.

September 21 - School Tour: New York

October 13 - Professional Development: The Together Teacher

October 19 - School Tour: New York

October 25 - School Tour: Connecticut

November 9 - Early Elementary School Open House

November 14 - Virtual Professional Development: Elementary Joy Factor

November 15 - School Tour: New York

Location: Connecticut

We are looking for talented elementary school teachers to build a strong foundation for our scholars. 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

**Regional Associate Director of
Special Services Achievement**

Start Date: Immediately

Location: New Haven, CT

The regional associate director of special services achievement works to coordinate all the special services for the Achievement First academies in Connecticut. The regional associate director assists in the recruitment of special service providers, supports the training of special service coordinators and learning specialists, and provides ongoing evaluation and feedback to learning specialists and special education teachers. 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

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

Other Ways to Learn More



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succeed in a competitive world and to serve as the next generation of leaders in our communities.

Diversity and Inclusion

Achievement First believes 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 inclusion are critical to our mission.

Learn more about diversity and inclusion at Achievement First [here](#).

