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Use Our Teaching Resources



At Achievement First, our scholars start climbing the mountain to college as soon as they enter school. Check out these elementary school resources to challenge your youngest students.

Introduce your kindergarten students to poetry with this [nursery rhyme unit plan](#).

Help your 1st grade students explore the roots of mathematics with this [counting lesson](#).

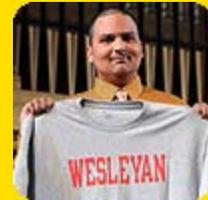
Evaluate your 4th grade students on their critical reading skills using this [biography unit assessment](#).

Support your 4th grade students with their geometry skills using this [area lesson](#).

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

School Leader Immersion

Teach in Connecticut



Achievement First was founded in Connecticut, home to the largest achievement gap in the country. Our scholars in Bridgeport, New Haven and Hartford are significantly outperforming their district peers, thanks to our teachers and team members who work hard to close the gap for all of our scholars. Read about our scholars achieving great things at Elm City College Prep Elementary in this [article](#).

You can learn more about teaching and living in Connecticut [here](#).

Featured Opportunity

2013-14 Elementary School Teachers

Start Date: July 2013

Location: Connecticut, New York and Rhode Island

We are looking for dedicated elementary school teachers to support our scholars as they begin their school careers. Our elementary teachers work hard to ensure that all of our scholars are on the road to college from the first day they enter the classroom. 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



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.

The final SLI date for the 2012-13 academic year will be:

February 28 - March 2, 2013 in Brooklyn

Application deadline: January 18, 2013

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

Residency for School Leadership

The Residency Program for School Leadership is a groundbreaking collaboration between traditional public school districts and Achievement 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. Residents receive full salary with benefits during the program, followed by a leadership role in Hartford, New Haven or Bridgeport's highest-need schools to drive breakthrough student achievement.

For more information or to apply to join the 2013-2014 cohort, please email [Samantha Miller](#) and visit our website [here](#). The application is available online. *Application deadline: January 11, 2013.*

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](#).

Application deadline: April 30, 2013

opportunities at Achievement First and apply [here](#).

Network Support Featured Opportunity

Associate Director of Governance

Start Date: Immediately

Location: New Haven, CT

The associate director of governance will serve as a key leader on Achievement First's external relations team. The associate director manages relationships with four boards and the Connecticut Department of Education, as well as with our authorizing and oversight agencies, and works with schools to ensure they meet all accountability requirements. 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 for our communities.

Diversity and Inclusiveness

At Achievement First, we believe that closing the achievement gap is an

Apply online [here](#).

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

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!

- January 16** - Webinar: Operations Opportunities
- January 18** - School Tour: New York
- January 26** - Professional Development: The Together Teacher
- January 30** - Virtual Resume and Career Coaching
- February 8** - School Tour: New York
- February 12** - School Tour: Connecticut
- February 12** - Virtual Lesson Plan Coaching
- February 27** - Webinar: Operations Opportunities

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

Meet Achievement First on the Road



Throughout the year, our team visits cities across the country in search of teachers and school leaders who are passionate about creating high-quality experiences for urban students. Below are cities we'll be visiting this month; please [email](#) us to learn more.

- *January 12 - Dallas, TX*
- *January 12 - Milwaukee, WI*
- *January 26 - Denver, CO*
- *January 31 - Chicago, IL*

Other Ways to Learn More

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

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](#).



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