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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*
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**

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