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Thanks for continuing to read about what's happening at Achievement First. If you have further questions about your Gmail settings, check out the Google Support page [here](#).

Brooklyn Bridge March

The Achievement First community will soon participate in an historic event in support of our schools, students, and families—and, even more importantly—in support of preserving a parent’s right to choose an excellent education for his or her child. On the morning of Tuesday, October 8th, Achievement First will take part in a march across the Brooklyn Bridge alongside parents, students and staff members from public charter schools across New York City. We anticipate between 10,000 and 20,000 people marching together in an inspirational show of strength, support, and unity.

Virtual Professional Development

Classroom Routines and Expectations

Great teachers know the importance of creating a detailed, written, comprehensive plan for their classroom routines and expectations. Watch Achievement First's co-CEO and Superintendent, Doug McCurry, lead a session that will help you turn wasted minutes into purposeful and focused learning time. Then download resources to learn how to plan, in detail, the "what" and "why" for an expectation or routine you can use in your practice today! Watch, download and join the conversation at #classroomroutines.

Sign up [here](#) to take part in this professional development opportunity.

Follow Us Online

Leadership Corner

Check out these best practices for coaching conversations with teachers. If you're looking to grow as a leader, consider joining our team! The first school leader application deadline is November 12th.

Amistad Academy Graduate Comes Home to Teach

At Achievement First, we're proud to welcome our alumni back to our classrooms. Check out this [video](#) from NBC Connecticut to learn more about Alexandria Blackwood, an Amistad Academy alumna and AF Hartford Academy Elementary second-grade teacher, as she explains how Achievement First inspired her to serve as a leader in our communities.

Featured Opportunity
“From the Desk Of ...” provides inside perspectives from some of the most high-performing leaders in ed reform. This month features Darryl Williams. Darryl is a native New Yorker who fell in love with education through Brighter Choices Charter Schools in Albany, NY. After serving in many instructional roles at Brighter Choices, Darryl joined our team as a regional superintendent this fall. If he’s not in schools, you’ll probably find him cheering at his kids’ soccer games or practicing Tae Kwon Do with his whole family.

Learn more about what motivates Darryl here.

Use Our Teaching Resources

Quantitative, logical, critical thinking is essential to our students success in the world. Use the resources below to push your students' mathematical skills forward.

Support your elementary students as they learn to compare and order numbers using this lesson plan.

Push your middle school students’ understanding of congruence and similarity using this lesson plan on reflection.

Challenge your high school students as they begin to explore algebra, using this unit plan on function modeling.

To download more Achievement First resources in all subjects and grade levels, visit our resources page.

Use Our Interactive Rubrics

Setting ambitious goals for your students and striving to meet them...
requires accurate and ongoing assessment of their skills. Use the two interactive writing rubrics below to evaluate your middle school and high school students’ writing and push the needle on student achievement.

**Middle School Rubric**

**High School Rubric**

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**Meet us 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 soon; please email us to learn more.

**October 5** - Watertown, MA
**October 5** - New Haven, CT - TFA All-Corps Event
**October 15** - New Haven, CT - Yale Education Industry Fair
**October 18** - New York, NY - Special Education Collaborative
**October 24** - Providence, RI - TFA All-Corps Event
**November 2** - Durham, NC
**November 9** - Nashville, TN
**November 16** - Colorado Springs, CO

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**Other Ways to Learn More**

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