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Year of Professional Development

Achievement First teachers and school leaders constantly cite our support systems, resources and professional development as critical elements in building their careers. Join us as we celebrate professional development at Achievement First and share with you our commitment to constant growth and reflection.

Register today to receive access to workshops and development opportunities, as well as videos and other helpful resources. Just click [here](#).

Use Our Teaching Resources



All of our students are aiming for college, and it's our job to get them there. Use the resources below to help every student in your classroom reach his or her goals.

Guide your students as they write about reading using these [templates](#).

Help your class identify a text's problem and solution, first by speaking and then by writing, using this [guide](#).

Reach all of your students during reading block using these differentiation and modification [techniques](#).

Help your second graders identify key pieces of an informational text using this differentiated [lesson plan](#).

Develop your fourth graders' character analysis skills using this differentiated [lesson plan](#).

Achievement First Rhode Island



We're opening up our first school in Providence, Rhode Island with kindergarten and first grade in fall 2013, and we are incredibly excited to work with new students in the Ocean State. Read more about Achievement First Providence Mayoral Academy Elementary [here](#).

Achievement First Hartford High



Achievement First Hartford High opened this past fall and our students are working their way toward college with the support of great teachers and a strong community. Hear more from Achievement First Hartford High's staff and students in this [video](#) from NBC Connecticut.

Special Education at Achievement First

Encourage your students to track their own IEP goals using this student-specific [writing paper](#).

Support your middle school students with their re-writing skills using this scaffolding [activity](#).

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

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 students in action. Check out what's coming up over the next few months!

February 8 - School Tour: New York

February 12 - School Tour: Connecticut

February 26 - Virtual Session: Differentiation Done Well



Achievement First is dedicated to meeting the needs of our scholars with a full-inclusion model. To learn more about special education at Achievement First, check out our [Special Education at Achievement First FAQ](#) or attend our upcoming virtual professional development on differentiation. To register for the session, click [here](#).

Featured Opportunity

2013-14 Special Education Teachers

Start Date: July 2013

Location: Connecticut, New York and Rhode Island

Achievement First teachers are platinum. Our teachers work hard to meet the needs of every student in our schools. 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

Director of Leadership Development

Start Date: Immediately

Location: Brooklyn, NY

The director of leadership development will lead our efforts to develop, engage and retain outstanding school leaders across the network. The director designs and manages Network-wide supports for cohorts of deans, manages the Achievement First Leadership Fellows program, and coaches individual deans as needed. Learn more about this opportunity and apply [here](#).

We are always looking for talented

February 27 - Webinar: Operations Opportunities

March 15 - School Tour: New York

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.

- *February 2* - Baltimore, MD
- *February 19* - Durham, NC
- *February 28* - Cambridge, MA

Other Ways to Learn More

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

Follow us on Facebook [here](#).

Watch Achievement First videos [here](#).

Read our blog, The Chalkboard, [here](#).

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individuals to join our Network Support team. View current Achievement First Network Support opportunities [here](#).

Calling Sue Lehmann Regional Finalists

Teach For America corps members and alumni play an integral part in Achievement First's growing network of high-performing, college-preparatory public charter schools in New York, Connecticut and Rhode Island. More than 400 TFA corps members and alumni are currently teaching at our 22 academies, and 62% of our school leaders are TFA alumni.

We are offering a \$1,000 bonus for any Sue Lehmann Regional Finalist who joins the Achievement First Team & Family as a teacher or school leader for the 2013-14 school year. [Apply online!](#)

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

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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](#).

