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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.
To view previous newsletters, click here.
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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.