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## Use Our Teaching Resources

As our students develop their critical thinking skills, it's important for them to learn how to observe and analyze the world around them, especially in science classes. Use the resources below to boost the rigor in your classroom and help your students think like scientists.



Develop your elementary students' understanding of the sense of touch using this [lesson plan](#).

Teach your middle schoolers about how things float using this density [lesson plan](#).

Plan your year of high school chemistry using this [scope and sequence](#).

Discover evolution with your high school biology students using this [unit plan](#).

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

## Congratulations, Distinguished Teachers!

Several years ago, teachers and leaders at Achievement First decided to demonstrate how much we value great teaching and, specifically, great teachers. We knew then that excellent teaching is what makes the gap-closing, opportunity-creating difference for our students. Since then, we have developed and implemented our [Teacher Career Pathway](#).

Now, for the first time, we are celebrating our first cohort of 51 distinguished teachers! Distinguished teachers will receive increased growth opportunities—including a self-directed professional development budget, the opportunity to participate in a distinguished teacher cohort and differentiated learning experiences—as well as increased compensation and network-wide recognition.

### Follow Us Online



### Meet AF Hartford



Achievement First Hartford Academy's elementary, middle and high schools are proud to be located in the exciting city of Hartford. Connecticut's capital city offers incredible entertainment, delicious restaurants and tons of great outdoor activities. Learn more about life in Hartford [here](#).

### Featured Opportunity

#### 2013-14 Secondary Science Teachers

**Start Date:** July 2013

**Location:** New York and Connecticut

We need great teachers to help our students observe, analyze and understand the world around them. Our science teachers work hard to ensure that every student in our schools masters a rigorous science curriculum. Achievement First supports these initiatives with ongoing professional development and data-based instruction.

Learn more about teaching

We congratulate these impressive individuals and thank them for their contributions to our shared mission!

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## Summer Teaching Residency



The Achievement First Summer Teaching Residency provides rising second-year educators with the opportunity to teach at a high-performing public 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](#).

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## Upcoming Events



We host special events throughout the year to help you get to know us and see our schools, systems and students in action. Check out what's coming up over the next few months!

**April 9** – Webinar: Operations Opportunities

**April 10** – School Tour: Bridgeport

**April 11** – Virtual Resume and Career Coaching

**May 17** – School Tour: NY

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

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## Meet Us on the Road

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

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### Network Support Featured Opportunity

**Vice President of Teaching and Learning**

**Start Date:** May 2013

**Location:** Brooklyn, NY or New Haven, CT

The vice president of teaching and learning will ensure that every Achievement First student has access to a college preparatory curriculum. The vice president leads Team Teaching and Learning to guarantee that our curriculum is aligned from kindergarten through twelfth grade, and that each teacher has the tools, resources and professional development to lead our students to mastery. 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](#).

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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 schools, and 62 percent of our school leaders are TFA alumni.

We are offering a \$1,000 bonus to 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!](#)

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### Our Mission

The mission of Achievement First is to deliver on the promise of equal



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.

**April 5** – New Haven, CT – Yale SOM Ed Leadership Conference

**April 6** – Cambridge, MA

**April 6** – Fairfield, CT

**April 11** – New York, NY – NYC Charter Center Job Fair

**April 17** – Boston, MA

**May 31** – Chicago, IL

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## 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](#).

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.

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## Diversity & Inclusiveness

At Achievement First, we believe that closing the achievement gap is an economic and moral imperative. It is the civil rights issue of our time. In carrying out our mission, Achievement First must ensure that our team is composed of individuals who, through their talent, commitment and understanding of both student needs and effective teaching, can ensure all of our students 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](#).