Whether you're relaxing on the beach or staying cool in the AC, it's the perfect time to consider the joyful environment you want to create for your students in the fall. Use the resources below to help turn the rays of sunshine you're enjoying this summer into a positive classroom environment this fall.

Watch this video of co-CEO Doug McCurry leading a session about infusing joy in the classroom.

Praise and reward your students for their accomplishments with these systems for recognition while utilizing our elementary and secondary REACH rubrics.

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

The Common Core at AF

At Achievement First, we have fully embraced the Common Core State Standards. The Common Core State Standards do what forward-thinking educators have done for years: increase rigor, focus on critical thinking, align the K to 12 curriculum to college-ready standards and dive into fewer standards

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Featured Opportunity

2013-14 Dean of School Culture
Start Date: June 2013
Location: Brooklyn, NY

The deans of school culture at our schools exemplify our REACH values and guide their students to promote these values as well. The dean has a vision of excellence and leads the school in building and maintaining a positive, high-standards, achievement-oriented school culture where students flourish. In addition to serving on the school’s leadership team, the dean coaches a portfolio of teachers, takes leadership of a particular subject or grade level, teaches one to two sections of students and facilitates high-impact professional development for staff.

Learn more about leadership opportunities at Achievement First and apply here.

Network Support Featured Opportunity

Director of ELA Achievement, Grades K-4
Start Date: Immediate
Location: Brooklyn, NY or New Haven, CT

The director of ELA achievement is responsible for ensuring quality reading and writing instruction and achievement in all Achievement
in more depth.

Read more about AF and the Common Core in this opinion piece by our co-CEO, Doug McCurry.

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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.

**July 18** – Detroit, MI

**July 24** – Chicago, IL

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**Share the REACH Out**

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