



Use Our Teaching Resources



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.

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



Share the REACH Out



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Other Ways to Learn More

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First elementary schools. The director manages a small team of curriculum developers and teacher trainers, drives the vision behind an exemplary literacy program and pushes content-specific instructional practices through coaching and observations. 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](#).

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 & 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 2013-14 school year [here](#).

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