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Virtual Professional Development

Reinforcing Scholar Habits During Instruction

The most effective classroom managers are able to reinforce expectations, build positive culture and correct misbehavior with little to no impact on instructional time. Through this professional development experience, learn how to infuse techniques throughout instruction to maximize learning time and watch videos of what it looks like in action!

Click [here](#) by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 12 to take part in this professional development opportunity.

Use Our Teaching Resources

As our students learn and grow, it's important for them to learn how to observe and analyze the world around them and to master quantitative skills. Use the resources below to boost the rigor in your math and science classrooms.

Math:

Assess your students' progress using this middle school math [rubric](#).

Develop your seventh-graders' number sense using this unit plan on [rational numbers](#).

Plan for your year of Algebra 1 using this [scope and sequence](#).

Support your high school students as they explore coordinate geometry using this [unit plan](#).

Science:

Explore phase change with your sixth-graders using this [unit plan](#).

Prepare for your year of eighth-grade science using this [scope and](#)



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Change to the REACH Out

The REACH Out has changed to a new quarterly schedule. Expect your next edition in January!

Leadership Corner



The first application deadline for our 2015-16 [school leadership](#) positions is one month away - [apply](#) today!

Application Deadlines:

First Deadline – November 3
Second Deadline – January 12
Third Deadline – March 23
Fourth Deadline – May 4

Featured Opportunity

Secondary Math and Science Teachers

Start Date: July 2015

Location: New York and Connecticut

We need great teachers to help our students observe, analyze and understand the world around them.

[sequence](#).

Evaluate your students' science investigation reports using this [rubric](#).

Strategize for your year of high school science using this [program overview](#).

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

What's Happening at AF



Over the summer we took some big steps and are thrilled to dive into a new school year! We've opened four new schools this fall, among tons of other fun and exciting things. Check out what's been happening in the articles below.

- [The Residency Program for School Leadership](#) recently held its first graduation ceremony, honoring this year's residents from New Haven Public Schools, Hartford Public Schools, Bridgeport Public Schools and Achievement First. Read more about a recent resident's experience [here](#).
- AF Endeavor Middle student Aaliyah and her [After-School All-Stars](#) camp teammates developed a mobile app for charitable giving. That app has been entered in a national competition. Read more about Aaliyah and her app in this [Education Week story](#).
- Over the summer, our high schoolers often live on college campuses to get the feel for college life. Sebastien lived in a dorm and took a class in business on an Ivy League campus—even though he hadn't yet started his junior year at AF Hartford High. Read more [here](#).
- Just for fun, watch Achievement First Co-CEO and Superintendent Doug McCurry take the [ALS Ice Bucket Challenge](#).

Our math and science teachers work hard to ensure that every student in our schools masters quantitative skills, solves problems creatively and thinks critically. Achievement First supports these initiatives with rigorous, content-specific professional development and data-based instruction.

Learn more about our available teacher and leader roles [here](#).

Network Support Featured Opportunity

Associate Director of Special Services Achievement (focus on Behavior Intervention)

Start Date: Immediate

Location: Brooklyn, NY; New Haven, CT; or Providence, RI

The associate director of special services achievement will collaborate with network leaders to integrate strong behavior support into core programming to consistently drive student achievement for all scholars. The associate director will develop and revise strong behavior intervention programs, design and facilitate network-wide training for school leaders, and cultivate excellence through collaboration across schools. Learn more about this opportunity [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,

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.

October 7 - Washington, DC

October 8 - Hamden, CT

October 9 - Providence, RI

October 11 - Colorado Springs, CO

October 25 - New Orleans, LA

November 6 - Cambridge, MA

Other Ways to Learn More



Follow us on Facebook [here](#).

Watch Achievement First videos [here](#).

Read the AF Chalkboard Blog [here](#).

To view previous newsletters, click [here](#).

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 more about diversity and inclusiveness at Achievement First [here](#).

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