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Virtual Professional Development



Student Engagement

Don't let your students become desk potatoes this winter! Learn 14 different strategies to keep your kids engaged and excited to come to school. Watch, download and join the conversation at [#studentengagement](#).

Click [here](#) by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 16 to take part in this professional development opportunity.

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](#).



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Leadership Corner

Our next [School Leader Immersion Program](#) will be held on March 6-8, and we would love to give you an inside look at our Brooklyn schools! The program is designed exclusively for current and aspiring school leaders who are looking to develop the skills and mindsets necessary to lead at a high-performing charter school.

All current and rising school leaders are welcome to apply. Email [Taylor Rifkin](#), director of school leader recruitment, for more information.

Featured Opportunity

Special Education Teachers

Start Date: July 2014

Location: Connecticut, New York and Rhode Island

Our teachers work hard to meet the needs of every student in our schools. Achievement First supports these efforts with weekly teacher professional development and coaching meetings, collaborative planning sessions, and unparalleled learning opportunities.

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

Develop your fourth graders' character analysis skills using this differentiated [lesson plan](#).

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](#).

Advice from Distinguished Teachers



Last year, we were so excited to announce our first group of distinguished teachers on our [Teacher Career Pathway](#). These talented individuals have worked hard over the years to grow and develop in their practice. Read the advice a few of these teachers have

received along the way, as well as some of the best advice they have to give, [here](#).

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.

February 19 - Atlanta, GA

February 19 - Storrs, CT

February 25 - Cambridge, MA

February 26 - New Haven, CT - Albertus Magnus Career Fair

February 27 - Los Angeles, CA

March 1 - New York, NY - Metro NY Charter School Career Fair

March 5 - New York, NY - Teachers College K-12 Career Fair (Closed Event)

Other Ways to Learn More

Network Support Featured Opportunity

Regional Superintendent

Start Date: Immediate

Location: Brooklyn, NY

The regional superintendent will coach, support and develop school leaders to meet their ambitious school performance goals. The regional superintendent will drive strong talent practices at schools, train and supervise principals and deans to help develop leadership power skills, and provide organizational development support to both network and school staff. 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, 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



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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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