



Virtual Professional Development



Maximizing Guided Reading Interventions II

Recently, we shared a [professional development session](#) focused on planning great guided reading interventions. Now see one in action! Watch a small-group guided reading intervention and hear feedback, reflection, and next steps from a coaching meeting with a school leader. Watch, download and join the conversation at [#guidedreading](#) and [#readingintervention](#).

Click [here](#) by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 13 to take part in this professional development opportunity.

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](#).

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Leadership Corner

Learn more about what inspires our leaders at AF: [watch](#) Jabari Sims, principal of AF Apollo Elementary, share his own journey into leadership.

Join our "Team and Family" to inspire others!

Featured Opportunity

Secondary Science Teachers

Start Date: July 2014

Location: Connecticut and New York

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

Network Support Featured Opportunity

Regional Superintendent

Start Date: Immediate

Location: Brooklyn, NY

The regional superintendent will

Teach your middle schoolers 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](#).

Spotlight on Hartford

Next school year, Achievement First will open a brand new middle school in the city of Hartford, CT. Benjamin Cruse, the school's founding principal, recently stopped by HOT 93.7 in Hartford to talk about his new school. Click [here](#) to listen to Ben's interview.



For more information on AF Summit Middle, click [here](#).

Calling All 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 25 academies, and over 60 percent of our school leaders are TFA alumni.

We are offering a \$1,000 bonus for any Sue Lehmann Regional Finalist who joins the Achievement First "Team & Family" as a teacher or school leader for the 2014-15 school year. [Apply online!](#)

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.

April 3 - New Haven, CT - Yale SOM Leadership Conference

April 8 - Philadelphia, PA

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 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

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