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Joyful Rigor at Achievement First



At Elm City College Prep Elementary, our classes strive to push our students academically, while also being full of energy and fun. We want all of our students to love coming to school!

See joyful rigor in action during a science lesson about the human body, watch literacy instruction, and hear from our teachers, leaders and students in this [NBC Connecticut "Making the Grade" report](#).

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Leadership Corner

Watch one of our academic deans, Erika Parker, explain how we continue building the skills of our school leaders.

Remember, our final leadership application deadline is May 9th. Apply as soon as possible!

Featured Opportunity

Middle School Classroom Teachers

Start Date: July 2014

Location: New York and Connecticut

Our middle school teachers work hard to meet the needs of all students and prepare them for their high school experience. Achievement First supports these initiatives with ongoing professional development, including weekly coaching meetings, on-going planning sessions and unparalleled learning opportunities.

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

Virtual Professional Development

Achievement First Information Session

We know that closing the achievement gap is a team sport. At Achievement First, you can expect to be part of a community of hard working, smart and driven individuals who are all working together as a team to fulfill our mission. Join us for an information session on Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern to ask questions and learn more about becoming part of the Achievement First "Team & Family".



Click [here](#) to register for the information session as soon as possible.

Use Our Teaching Resources

Network Support Featured Opportunity

Associate Director of College Readiness

Start Date: May 1, 2014 (preferred, though a later date may be



As our middle schoolers set their sights on high school, we challenge them with an intellectually engaging and character-building curriculum. Use the resources below to set your middle schoolers up for success in high school.

Support and evaluate your fifth graders as they explore the properties of light using this [unit guide and assessments](#).

Challenge your sixth graders to find the area of trapezoids using this [lesson plan](#).

Develop your sixth graders' informational writing skills using this [unit overview](#).

Plan how to challenge your seventh graders as they learn about westward expansion using this [unit overview](#).

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

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!](#)

Other Ways to Learn More

possible)

Location: Brooklyn, NY, New Haven, CT or Hartford, CT

The associate director is a member of the Network Support Team College, which works to support college access and success initiatives at all Achievement First high schools. The associate director will research and design the college readiness seminar curricula for grades nine through 12, facilitate professional development for all college readiness teachers to support the implementation of the curricula, and conduct observations and coaching sessions to improve content-specific instructional practices. 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,



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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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