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Let's Get It Started!



You've probably been super busy the last couple of weeks gearing up for another stellar year! We've been doing the same. Our new teachers recently completed their training and are ready to hit the ground running. Here's a little of what they had to say in their sessions:

"Today was awesome! It was great to be in a room full of game changers!"

"My presenter was awesome today! Her energy never died; she had my focus literally from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm!"

"Today was the first day of the rest of my life, and I already feel like I'm in the right place."

Virtual Professional Development

Educating our future leaders is incredibly hard work, and we know your time is precious. That's why we are offering you unfettered access to all of our virtual professional developments to engage in at your own pace. Simply click to start learning!

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- Explore** instructional resources
- Engage** with our materials: read more about AF and our approach to special education, STEM and elementary education
- Interview** with us: find details of our process from start to finish
- Decide** if you want to be part of our "Team & Family"

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Featured Teaching Opportunity

Elementary Teachers (K-4)

Start Date: Immediately

Location: Brooklyn

Elementary School Teachers are the first to unlock the potential of young scholars, creating life-long

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AF Teacher Awarded Prestigious Fishman Prize



Fifth-grade teacher Stephanie Sun is one of four teachers nationwide awarded the 2015 Fishman Prize for Superlative Classroom Practice! This prestigious honor recognizes the nation's most effective teachers working in high-poverty public schools. The New York Daily News story begins, "It is impossible for Stephanie Sun to contain her enthusiasm for teaching. She gushes

about her fifth grade students at Achievement First Brownsville Middle School in Brooklyn, who delve into such complex topics as ancient Polynesian navigation and climate change in her English class. 'When kids are engaged and happy and feel confident and feel support — they can accomplish any task you put in front of them,' said Sun.

Read more about this extraordinary teacher [here](#).

Use Our Teaching Resources

Over the course of the year, we aim to share relevant resources with you. For the start of the new school year, we have chosen some foundational work that sets the stage for greatness to come! If you have suggestions for resources to share or specific requests, please email [Nakia Hall](#).

Elementary Resource

Take your Elementary ELA to the next level. Use this [rubric](#) to guide your plans.

Middle School Resource

Use our math [Fundamentals of Instruction](#) for refining lesson design and execution in your classroom.

High School Resource

Click [here](#) to see what an air tight science program looks like an AF.

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

lovers of learning. Pick up the key and [apply](#) to be an Elementary School Teacher today!

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

Leadership Corner



Coach and develop teachers in NY, CT, or RI! Join the leadership team at [our AF schools](#) as an [Academic Dean](#) or [Dean of School Culture](#) by [applying](#) today!

Network Support Featured Opportunity

Be on the forefront of technology and infrastructure in our schools and [apply](#) to be an Information Technology Associate today!

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 opportunity gap is an economic and moral imperative. In carrying out our mission, Achievement First must ensure that our team is composed of individuals

AF Amistad High School Celebrates Dedication

What happens when a group of incredibly dedicated and extremely talented teachers team up with smart and hard-working students with limitless potential? You create AF Amistad High School, an urban school where students from low-income communities regularly outperform their peers at schools in affluent towns and cities. You achieve 100% college acceptance rates for graduating seniors for six consecutive years. You are recognized as the #2 high school in the state of Connecticut on U.S. News & World Report's list of best high schools. We are incredibly proud of the entire AF Amistad High "Team & Family," and we know there is still so much work to be done in closing the achievement gap and preparing our scholars to make their mark on the world. We were thrilled to take another step forward as we moved into a new high school building with state-of-the-art facilities, and to attend its dedication earlier this summer.

Click [here](#) for US News Report

Click [here](#) for the New Haven Register's slideshow of the dedication

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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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