

## NETWORK OVERVIEW

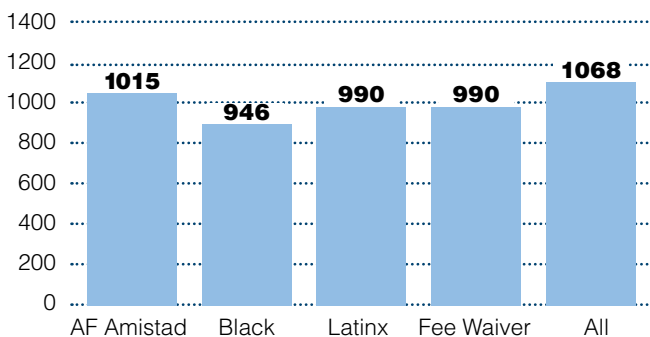
Achievement First is a network of 37 high-performing, public charter schools serving more than 14,000 students in New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. The mission of Achievement First is to deliver on the promise of equal educational opportunity for all children, regardless of race, economic status, or zip code. Achievement First operates two high schools—including Achievement First Amistad High—in Connecticut.



### STUDENT POPULATION

Class of 2020 Enrollment	<b>137</b>
Total Enrollment for 2019-2020	<b>520</b>
Graduation Rate	<b>98%</b>
Average Daily Attendance	<b>95%</b>
Latinx	<b>32%</b>
Black	<b>65%</b>
Male	<b>45%</b>
Female	<b>55%</b>

### AF AMISTAD HIGH SAT SCORES VS. NATIONAL AVERAGES

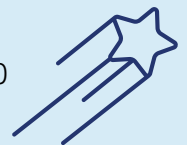


## SCHOOL OVERVIEW

The mission of Achievement First Amistad High School, a college-preparatory public charter school in New Haven, Connecticut, is to provide students from historically-underserved communities with a top-quality education to prepare them for the rigor of college work and help them flourish on college campuses. AF Amistad High's approach includes a rigorous, college-preparatory course of study, tutoring, intensive college counseling, and robust athletic and elective programs.

- AF Amistad High serves predominantly Black and Latinx students from Bridgeport and New Haven. Our communities face a pronounced racial achievement gap, a factor that contributes to Connecticut's troubling status as the state with the largest achievement gap in the nation. Approximately 85% of AF Amistad High students will be the first in their families to attend a four-year college or university.
- Because of their longer academic day and year, students at AF Amistad High receive nearly 400 hours of additional classroom time compared to their peers in traditional New Haven district schools.
- AF Amistad High's rigorous curriculum emphasizes core academic subjects: literature, composition, history, math, and science. Students are required to take four full years of coursework in each of these subjects.
- Over 90% of students take at least one Advanced Placement course, and approximately half of the school's students take two or more AP courses.

**93%** OF THE AF AMISTAD HIGH CLASS OF 2020 IS ENROLLED IN **AP COURSES**



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**THE CLASS OF 2020 IS AF AMISTAD HIGH'S ELEVENTH GRADUATING CLASS**

## GRADING POLICY & PHILOSOPHY

■ AF Amistad High uses a 100-point grading scale, with 70 as the minimum grade to pass a course and 50 as the lowest published grade. Weighted Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated as the arithmetic average (total quality points divided by credits) of all weighted courses taken.

■ The faculty strives to protect against grade inflation; consequently, “A”s and “B”s are hard-earned. While AF Amistad High students may have overall lower GPAs than their peers in traditional district schools, this is not a reflection of their academic tenacity or ultimate mastery. Rather, it is a reflection of the high expectations to which students are held.

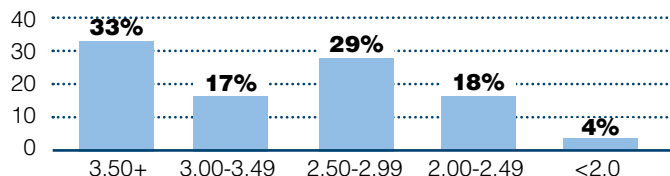
### JUNIOR YEAR GRADE DISTRIBUTION

	90-100	80-89	70-79	Below 70
Seminar	<b>32%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>2%</b>
History	<b>13%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>5%</b>
Literature	<b>23%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>2%</b>
Science	<b>17%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>6%</b>
Mathematics	<b>20%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>3%</b>

### GRADING SCALE

Course Grade	Standard Course Weighting	AP/ College Course Weighting
A+ (97-100)	4.33	5.33
A (93-96)	4.0	5.0
A- (90-92)	3.66	4.66
B+ (87-89)	3.33	4.33
B (83-86)	3.0	4.0
B- (80-82)	2.66	3.66
C+ (77-79)	2.33	3.33
C (73-76)	2.0	3.0
C- (70-72)	1.66	2.66
F (0-69)	0	0

### CLASS OF 2020 CUMULATIVE GPA DISTRIBUTION



\*As a result of our evolving course of study, Composition and Seminar have been used interchangeably on transcripts.

### COURSE OF STUDY

SUBJECT	FRESHMEN	SOPHOMORES	JUNIORS	SENIORS
<b>Literature</b>	Literature I	World Literature	AP English Language or American Literature	AP Literature
<b>Seminar</b>	Composition I	Pre-AP Seminar Composition II	AP Seminar	AP Research
<b>Math</b>	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II w/Pre-Calculus or Algebra II	AP Statistics, AP Calculus, or College Algebra
<b>History</b>	World History I or Pre-AP World History	World History II or AP World History	US History or AP US History	AP Government & Politics, or Government & Politics
<b>Science</b>	Physics	Chemistry	Pre-AP Biology	AP Biology and/or Great Diseases and/or AP Physics
<b>World Language</b>	n/a	n/a	Spanish I or Latin I	Spanish II or Latin II
<b>Foundations of Leadership</b>	Foundations of Leadership I	Foundations of Leadership II	Foundations of Leadership III and SAT Prep	Foundations of Leadership IV
<b>Electives</b>	Physical Education, Art, or Music			

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: CONNECTICUT VS. AF AMISTAD HIGH HIGH SCHOOL

Subject	World								Total Credits	Comm. Service	Summer Programs
	English	Math	History	Science	Language	PE	Arts	Electives			
State of CT Requirements	4	3	3	2	0	1	0	7	20	0 hours	0
AF Amistad High HS Requirements	8	4	4	4	2	1	2	2	27	40 hours	3

**94%** OF THE AF AMISTAD HIGH **CLASS OF 2018** AND  
**97%** OF THE AF AMISTAD HIGH **CLASS OF 2019** ARE  
 ENROLLED IN TWO AND  
 FOUR YEAR **COLLEGES**



## COLLEGE MATRICULATION & PERSISTENCE

Achievement First seeks to disrupt the “norm,” in a country where enduring inequities mean just 9% of students from low-income families earn a college degree by age 24. Our graduates’ projected college completion rate is 55%—six times the national average—and we’re working hard to ensure that rate grows until it equals, then surpasses, the graduation rate for our country’s most affluent students.

AF Amistad High supports graduates beyond high school by:

- Matching all students with a college success counselor who provides individualized outreach and support.
- Building cohorts of AF graduates at schools with high expected college completion rates for students of color.

**85%** OF AF AMISTAD HIGH STUDENTS  
 WILL BE THE FIRST IN THEIR  
 FAMILIES TO ATTEND **COLLEGE.**



## BEYOND ACADEMICS

All students take elective courses that are embedded in the school day. In addition, 75% of AF Amistad High students participate in at least one extracurricular activity.

During their high school careers, members of the Class of 2020 will participate in at least three summer programs, allowing them to augment their rigorous academic experience with exploratory learning experiences beyond the classroom. Thirty five percent of students participated in a pre-college summer program and 63% of students participated in a summer internship.

AF STUDENTS ARE ACCEPTED TO AN  
 AVERAGE OF **5 COLLEGES** EACH.



## SELECTED COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES (CLASSES OF 2014-2019)

Albertus Magnus College	University of Michigan
Allegheny College	Middlebury College
Amherst College	Morehouse College
Babson College	Morgan State University
Barnard College	Mount Holyoke College
Bates College*	Muhlenberg College
Bennett College*	New England College
Bentley University	University of New Haven
Bethune-Cookman University	North Carolina A&T State University
Boston College*	Northeastern University
Boston University	Northwestern University
Bowdoin College	University of Pennsylvania*
Brandeis University	University of Pittsburgh
Brown University*	Pitzer College
Bryn Mawr College	Pomona College
Bucknell University	Princeton University*
University of California, Los Angeles	Providence College*
Carleton College	Purchase College State
Carnegie Mellon University	University of New York
Central Connecticut State University*	Purdue University
University of Chicago	Queens College of the CUNY
Clark Atlanta University	Quinnipiac University
Columbia University	Regis College
Connecticut College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
University of Connecticut*	University of Richmond
Cornell University	Rice University
Dartmouth College	Rochester Institute of Technology
Delaware State University	University of Rochester*
Denison University	Sacred Heart University
Dickinson College	Skidmore College
Duke University	Smith College*
Eastern Connecticut State University*	Southern Connecticut State University*
Emory University	Spelman College
Fairfield University	Springfield College
Ferris State University	Stanford University
University of Florida	Stonehill College
Franklin & Marshall College*	Susquehanna University*
Gateway Community College	Swarthmore College
Georgetown University	Syracuse University
Hamilton College (NY)	Temple University
Hampton University	Trinity College
University of Hartford	Tufts University
Harvard University	Tuskegee University
Haverford College	Union College*
College of the Holy Cross*	Ursinus College
Housatonic Community College	Vassar College*
Howard University	University of Vermont
Ithaca College	Villanova University
Johns Hopkins University	Wellesley College
Johnson C. Smith University	Wesleyan University*
Juniata College	Western Connecticut State University*
Kenyon College	Western New England University
Lafayette College*	Wheaton College (MA)
Lehigh University	Williams College
Marist College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Yale University*

*Schools marked with an asterisk denote institutions from which Achievement First Amistad High alumni have graduated.*