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 AF Hartford High—in Connecticut.

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

The mission of Achievement First Hartford High School, a college-preparatory public charter school in Hartford, 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 Hartford High’s approach includes a rigorous, college-preparatory course of study, tutoring, intensive college counseling, and robust athletic and elective programs.

- AF Hartford High serves predominantly Black and Latinx students from Hartford. 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 Hartford 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 Hartford High receive nearly 400 hours of additional classroom time compared to their peers in traditional Hartford district schools.

- AF Hartford 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.

THE CLASS OF 2020 IS AF HARTFORD HIGH’S FIFTH GRADUATING CLASS

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AF HARTFORD HIGH IS RANKED THE #3 HIGH SCHOOL IN CONNECTICUT BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT.
GRADING POLICY & PHILOSOPHY

- AF Hartford 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 Hartford 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.

GRADING SCALE

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<th>Course Grade</th>
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<td>A+ (97-100)</td>
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JUNIOR YEAR GRADE DISTRIBUTION

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CLASS OF 2020 CUMULATIVE GPA DISTRIBUTION

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

COURSE OF STUDY

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<td>Pre-AP World History</td>
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<td>AP U.S. History or U.S. History</td>
<td>AP U.S. Government and Politics or Government</td>
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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: CONNECTICUT VS. AF HARTFORD HIGH SCHOOL

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

89% OF THE AF HARTFORD HIGH CLASS OF 2018 AND 91% OF THE AF HARTFORD HIGH CLASS OF 2019 ARE ENROLLED IN TWO AND FOUR YEAR COLLEGES

COLLEGE MATRICULATION & PERSISTENCE

BEYOND ACADEMICS

All students take elective courses that are embedded in the school day. In addition, 75% of AF Hartford 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 enrichment programs, allowing them to augment their rigorous academic experience with exploratory learning experiences beyond the classroom. 35% 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 ACHIEVEMENT FIRST COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

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

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