

## NETWORK OVERVIEW

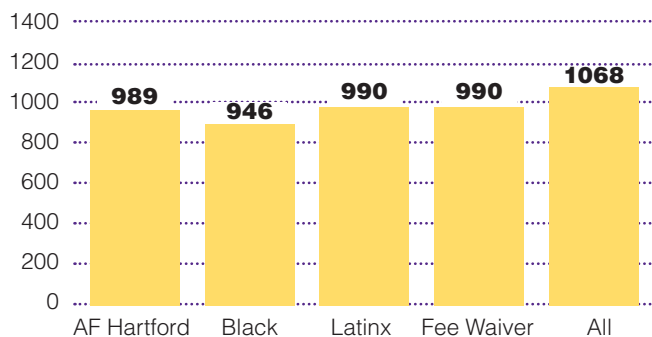
Achievement First is a network of 37 high-performing, public charter schools serving more than 14,000 students in New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. The mission of Achievement First is to deliver on the promise of equal educational opportunity for all children, regardless of race, economic status,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



### STUDENT POPULATION

Class of 2020 Enrollment	<b>39</b>
Total Enrollment for 2019-2020	<b>196</b>
Graduation Rate	<b>96%</b>
Average Daily Attendance	<b>95%</b>
Latinx	<b>18%</b>
Black	<b>81%</b>
Male	<b>47%</b>
Female	<b>53%</b>

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



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



## 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.

**100%** OF THE CLASS OF 2019 IS ENROLLED IN **AP CLASSES**



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**THE CLASS OF 2020 IS AF HARTFORD HIGH'S FIFTH GRADUATING CLASS**

## 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.

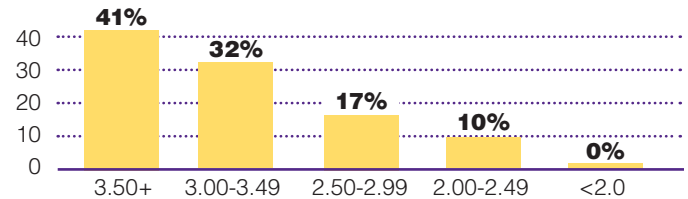
### GRADING SCALE

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

### JUNIOR YEAR GRADE DISTRIBUTION

	90-100	80-89	70-79	Below 70
Seminar*	43%	35%	20%	3%
History	19%	43%	36%	2%
Literature	17%	44%	37%	2%
Science	10%	45%	40%	5%
Mathematics	34%	49%	17%	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 Literature & Composition	AP English Language or English Literature
<b>Seminar</b>	Composition I	Pre-AP Seminar	AP Seminar	AP Research
<b>Math</b>	Algebra I or Foundations of Algebra	Geometry	Algebra II w/Pre-Calculus or Algebra II	AP Calculus or AP Statistics or Intro to College Mathematics
<b>Science</b>	Physics	Chemistry	Biology	AP Biology or Biology II
<b>Social Studies</b>	Pre-AP World History	AP World History or World History II	AP U.S. History or U.S. History	AP U.S. Government and Politics or Government
<b>World Language</b>	n/a	n/a	Latin I	Latin II
<b>Electives</b>	Foundations of Leadership I, Theater	Foundations of Leadership II, Physical Education	Foundations of Leadership III and SAT Prep	Foundations of Leadership IV (includes College Transitions)

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: CONNECTICUT VS. AF HARTFORD 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 Hartford High HS Requirements	8	4	4	4	2	1	2	2	27	40 hours	3

**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

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.



**85%** OF AF HARTFORD 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 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	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 University of New York
Carnegie Mellon University	Purdue University
Central Connecticut State University*	Queens College of the CUNY
University of Chicago	Quinnipiac College
Clark Atlanta University	Regis College
Columbia University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Connecticut College	University of Richmond
University of Connecticut*	Rice University
Cornell University	Rochester Institute of Technology
Dartmouth College	University of Rochester*
Delaware State University	Sacred Heart University
Denison University	Skidmore College
Dickinson College	Smith College*
Duke University	Southern Connecticut State University*
Eastern Connecticut State University*	Spelman College
Emory University	Springfield College
Fairfield University	Stanford University
Ferris State University	Stonehill College
University of Florida	Susquehanna University*
Franklin & Marshall College*	Swarthmore College
Gateway Community College	Syracuse University
Georgetown University	Temple University
Hamilton College (NY)	Trinity College
Hampton University	Tufts University
University of Hartford	Tuskegee University
Harvard University	Union College*
Haverford College	Ursinus College
College of the Holy Cross*	Vassar College*
Housatonic Community College	University of Vermont
Howard University	Villanova University
Ithaca College	Wellesley College
Johns Hopkins University	Wesleyan University*
Johnson C. Smith University	Western Connecticut State University*
Juniata College	Western New England University
Kenyon College	Wheaton College (MA)
Lafayette College*	Williams College
Lehigh University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Marist College	Yale University*
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	

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