We know that great teachers want to continue to learn and grow, and at Achievement First they are consistently supported, challenged and inspired to take their craft to the next level.

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— JABARI

“Sue graduated from Dalhousie University with a B.A. in English and taught third grade with Teach For America in Toronto. Ten years later, she became a program director for Teach For America in New York City, where she joined Achievement First as a director of early childhood at Achievement First Brooklyn Newkirk Elementary School in Brooklyn, NY. She then joined the leadership team at Achievement First Newkirk Elementary School and in 2010 became the founding principal at Achievement First Apollo Elementary School.”

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“I came to Achievement First because I wanted a school that was consistent in high expectations for student achievement across all student outcomes and in which those expectations were commonly faced among teachers, school leaders and parents.”

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Teachers Positions

We have teaching positions open for all grades (K-12) and subject levels, including math, physical education, art, dance and foreign language.

Leadership Positions

Teacher Coach
Grade Level Chair
Academic Dean
Chair of Student Cultures
Principal-in-Residency
Principal

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For more information, please contact our recruitment team at recruitment@achievementfirst.org
Your teammates on your grade-level team are always there for you, on a good day or a bad day. It is really a team and family.

-SUE

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-NILDA

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Leadership Fellows Program

-One of the best parts of the Leadership Fellows Program was the opportunity to pick the brains of Achievement First school leaders about the experiences and challenges of opening schools. The Leadership Fellows Program gave me a toolkit of skills and, as a result, I have felt supported in the leadership role I’ve taken on across the network.

-JABARI

Friday Learning and Development

- Friday Learning and Development is a time for the whole school to step back and reflect. I really value having the time built into the schedule each week. It lets me know that Achievement First recognizes the importance of constant learning and reflection for teachers as key levers to student achievement.

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Grade-Level Teams

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Network-Wide Professional Development

-On Network-Wide Professional Development Days, all teachers and leaders in the network collaborate together for a week to make connections with other teachers and experts.

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School Leadership

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