

Position: Advocacy Program Lead
Reporting to: John Armbrust, CEO & Founder

Start Date: ASAP

Austin Achieve Public Schools is an open-enrollment public charter school with the mission to prepare the youth of East Austin to attend and excel at the nation's top colleges and universities. We are looking for a passionate Advocacy Program Lead to join our team and help lead efforts to educate and engage internal and external constituencies, ensure a positive organizational reputation with local and statewide leaders and decision-makers, and advocate for public policies that support our mission.

We are looking for someone who is passionate about our mission and demonstrates an eagerness to learn and a desire to affect outcomes for Austin youth. The ideal candidate for this position will have proven leadership and relationship-building skills, with strengths in strategic communication, problem-solving, and project management.

This role will require evening and occasional weekend work to participate in meetings and local community events

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Develop and execute a comprehensive strategy for family engagement in support of the organization's vision for local, state and national impact.
- Conduct elected official engagement efforts and help coordinate parent outreach to build an active culture of advocacy at our schools.
- Assist with the planning, logistics, outreach, and staffing for advocacy events of all sizes, including government hearings, trips, rallies, press conferences, community meetings, and school tours.
- Collaborate and assist with the preparation and distribution of communications, publications, and marketing materials.
- Maintain department calendar with details of school events, project deadlines, recurring reports, important visitors, conferences, etc.
- Work closely with partner advocacy organizations and Austin Achieve staff to advocate for pro-charter school policies in support of the organization's mission and vision.
- Attend and report on various school events, community hearings, local conferences.

Desired Skills & Qualifications:

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- Ability to work with diverse stakeholder groups, including elected officials, community members, faculty & staff, and Austin Achieve scholars and families
- Exceptional written, oral and presentation skills that can be utilized in communicating with internal and external audiences
- Strategic problem-solver able to think logically through each step of a project
- Strong organization and interpersonal skills
- Passionate about education reform and the belief that every child can be successful
- Knowledge of Texas and national legislation impacting charter school students, leaders, and families
- Possess advanced Microsoft and G-Suite skills, proficiency with Mac/Apple products preferred

Required Experience:

- Bachelor's degree
- A minimum of two years of experience in outreach, government relations, public policy, community organizing, or a related field.
- Spanish fluency – reading, writing and speaking **(REQUIRED)**

Please visit austinachieve.org/careers to submit your application, including a letter of intent and resume.

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