

**Achieve, Inc.**

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**Mission Statement:** Created by the nation’s governors and business leaders in 1996, Achieve, Inc., is a bipartisan, non-profit organization that helps states raise academic standards, improve assessments and strengthen accountability to prepare all young people for postsecondary education, work and citizenship.

**History & General Information:** Achieve's board of directors is made up of six governors and six CEOs. Its American Diploma Project (ADP) Network includes 22 states that are working to better align K-12 education with postsecondary education and work.

SOURCE: [www.achieve.org](http://www.achieve.org)

**BASIC FACTS**

**Location** Washington, DC

**President/Director** Michael Cohen

**Number of Staff** 24

**Membership** N/A

**FISCAL DATA**

Achieve, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) Private Operating Foundation. For the tax year ending June 30, 2005, the organization received contributions, gifts and grants totaling more than \$4.5 million and had total revenue of more than \$4.5 million. It receives major funding from foundations and businesses including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, The Boeing Company, Carnegie Corp. of New York, The GE Foundation, IBM Corp., Intel Foundation, Nationwide, The Prudential Foundation, State Farm Insurance Companies, Washington Mutual Foundation, and The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

**Major Initiatives**

**Contact Information**

Achieve’s initiatives include the development of benchmarks for academic standards and assessments, most recently in the area of college and workforce readiness. Achieve is a partner (with The Education Trust and the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation) in the American Diploma Project (ADP). Through the ADP Network, Achieve works with a group of 26 states to help align curriculum, standards, assessments and accountability at the K-12 level with the demands for college and workforce preparation. Achieve also engages the public as a supporter of high-profile convenings and co-sponsored the 2005 National Education Summit on High Schools.

Recent Achieve publications include:

- *The Expectations Gap: An Annual 50-State Progress Report on the Alignment of High School Policies with the Demands of College and Work* (2006)
- *Rising to the Challenge: Are High School Graduates Prepared for College and Work* (2005)
- *Ready or Not: Creating a High School Diploma that Counts* (2004)

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**Notes**

Information gathered from Achieve's website [www.achieve.org](http://www.achieve.org). Additional data collected from GuideStar at [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org).