



JOHN ARMBRUST

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BIOGRAPHY

A native Austinite, John Armbrust is the founder and CEO of Austin Achieve Public Schools. First finding his passion for education through Teach For America (Metro Atlanta '04), John has served in a variety of capacities at traditional ISD and public charter schools across the country.

After time out West, where he administered a \$60 million grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to design and implement teacher effectiveness and performance evaluation programs, he returned to his hometown on a mission to give back to his community. Fueled by the jarring educational inequities in Northeast Austin, John set out to open a high-quality neighborhood school to ensure that all scholars had access to a college-ready education—regardless of zip code. Beginning with 104 6th-grade scholars in a local church in 2012, Austin Achieve has grown to serve more than 2,300 Pre-K through 12th-grade scholars across two state-of-the-art campuses and will grow to serve more than 7,000 students by 2029.

John is a champion for education and uses his deep understanding of the system to support other schools and organizations to advocate for reform. He presently serves on the board for CharterFolk and the Texas Public Charter School Association and previously served as President for Teach For America Austin Alumni. He is also the founder of Crossbow Educational Consulting, which supports districts and states to implement data-driven-based teacher evaluation processes.

Outside of school, John is an avid traveler and queso connoisseur. To balance out his love of Tex Mex, he is a competitive marathon runner and triathlete, completing a marathon distance event, or longer including a handful of Ironman races, nearly 70 times across more than 40 states and five continents. Combining his passion for fitness and community service, he currently serves as the Vice President for the Austin Runners Club and previously served on the board for the Austin chapter of Back On My Feet.



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