

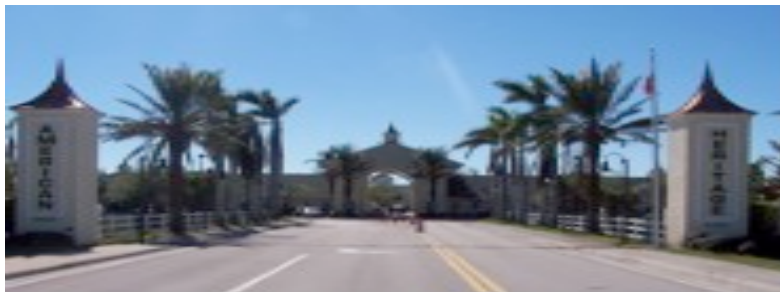
American Heritage School

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AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL – BOCA/DELRAY SCHOOL PROFILE 2009-2010

THE SCHOOL

American Heritage School of Boca/Delray is an independent non-sectarian and co-educational college preparatory day school for grades Pre-K3 through 12 with approximately 1,000 students. The Upper School, grades 9-12, has a student population of 433.

The school serves the rapidly growing areas of South and Central Palm Beach Counties, as well as North Broward County, and is located on a beautifully landscaped parcel of land (40 acres) located between Military Trail and Jog Road on Linton Boulevard in Delray Beach, Florida. The campus includes eighteen buildings which house classrooms and other instructional programs, a media center, fine arts complex, an administrative building, an aquatics center, six tennis courts, a baseball field, a softball field, a multipurpose field and a gymnasium. The average class size is 16.

THE PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT

American Heritage School of Boca/Delray gives its students a strong, traditionally defined education in a well-rounded environment. Each student is afforded the opportunity to develop an inquisitive intellect, a healthy body, solid moral character and a sense of social responsibility. American Heritage believes that our students should develop other aspects of themselves in addition to academics. To this end, there are various clubs and organizations, as well as a fine arts program, which provide non-academic, yet important avenues of development for our students. Upper School students are required to volunteer a minimum number of service hours each year in order to develop an awareness of community needs and to develop a sense of social obligation. Additionally, it is the school's policy that all athletic teams have a no-cut policy to ensure that each and every child has the opportunity to participate in the sport of his/her choice.

Our mission at American Heritage School is to graduate students who are prepared in mind, body and spirit to meet the requirements of the colleges of their choice. To this end, we strive to offer a challenging college preparatory curriculum, opportunities for leadership and superior programs in the arts and athletics. We are committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for learning so that children of average to gifted intelligence may achieve their full potential and be intelligent, creative and contributing members of society.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF SCHOOL RECOGNITIONS

- The *Stamper* yearbook – 1st place award from the American Scholastic Press Association (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009)
- Top ranking awards in prestigious scholarships
 - National Merit Scholar (2006); National Hispanic Scholar (2008); National Merit and National Achievement Scholars (2009)
 - Coca Cola Scholars Program (2007)
 - Robert C Byrd. Honors Scholarship Program (2006, 2007, 2008)
- CollegeBoard-ranked Advanced Placement Scholars
- Harvard Book Prize Award (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009)
- Debate Team – placed #1 private school in South Florida
- Boys' Varsity Tennis – *State Champions* (2007, 2009); *District Champions* (1998-2000, 2002-2009)
- Girls' Varsity Tennis – *State Champions* (1999, 2002-2004, 2007, 2009); *District Champions* (1998-2009)
- Varsity Football – *District Champions* (2002-2004, 2006, 2007); *Regional Champions* (2001-2003, 2006, 2007); *State Champions* (2007)
- Boys' Varsity Basketball – *State Champions* (2003, 2004); *District Champions* (2002-2006); *Regional Champions* (2003-2005)
- Girls' Varsity Basketball – *Regional Champions* (2008)
- Boys' Varsity Baseball – *State Champions* (2007 Finalist); *District Champions* (1998, 2001, 2004-2005, 2007-2008); *Regional Champions* (2006-2007)
- Girls' Varsity Softball – *District Champions* (2001, 2003, 2009)
- Boys' Varsity Soccer – *State Champions* (2006, 2009); *District Champions* (2004-2009); and *Regional Champions* (2004-2009);
- Girls' Varsity Soccer – *State Champions* (2004, 2006); *District Champions* (2002, 2004-2009); and *Regional Champions* (2004-2009);
- Our Band and Orchestra students regularly participate and excel at the *All-District* and *All-State* levels, at the Kravis Center's *Spotlight for Young Musicians*, and the *Music USA Festival Competition* at Universal Studios in Orlando
- Florida Bandmasters Association and Florida Orchestra Association District Solo and Ensemble Festivals –nineteen *Superior* ratings (2008); Solo & Ensemble – 1 *Superior with Medal*, Trumpet – *Excellent*, Trombone - *Excellent*
- Band State-level – *Superior* rating
- Orchestra State-level – *Superior* rating
- Elementary and Middle School Strings, High School Jazz Band – 1st places, *Superior* and *Excellent* ratings (Music USA Festival Competition)
- Four *Outstanding Musician* trophies (solos) and *Instrumental Grand Champion Award* (Music USA Festival Competition)
- FVA Solo & Ensemble District – *Superior* (2008, 2009); State – *Excellent* (2008, 2009)
- Choral State-level – *Superior* rating
- High School Choir performance at Carnegie Hall (2006-2007)
- Thespian District-level competition – 5 *Superior* and 5 *Excellent* ratings (2008); 9 *Superior*, 8 *Excellent* and 2 *Good* ratings (2009)
- Thespian State-level competition – 2 *Superior* and four *Excellent* ratings (2008); 5 *Excellent* (2009)
- Sister Cities International Art Competition – 3 Honorable Mentions, Middle School (2009)
- Regional Gold and Silver Key Awards – *National Scholastic Art Competition* (2007)
- National Gold Key – *National Scholastic Art Competition* (2008, 2009)
- American Visions Award – *National Scholastic Art Competition* (2008)
- Computer Graphics Awards – 4 Gold Key Regional, Honorable Mention National (2007-2009); 4 Regional Finalists, 2 Honorable Mentions (2009)

THE STUDENTS

Students accepted to American Heritage School must score satisfactorily on admissions tests to demonstrate an average to outstanding mastery of skills for their grade level. Although most students are drawn from Palm Beach County, the school has an international flavor, with students representing twenty-eight countries from around the world. There is an open admissions policy of non-discrimination on the basis of race, creed or ethnic origin. Our students represent a variety of cultures. The athletes in our school are highly ranked and often compete on a world-class level. They contribute greatly to our athletic and academic program. One hundred percent of graduating seniors go on to four-year colleges and universities, with many being accepted to prestigious and academically competitive institutions.

THE FACULTY

There are approximately 65 teachers and administrators within the Upper School and 55% hold a Masters or Doctoral Degree. Many of the faculty members have over 20 years of teaching experience and have distinguished themselves both academically and professionally in their field of expertise. Teachers of AP

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courses keep up-to-date by attending workshops in their field. The low student-teacher ratio maximizes the opportunity for teachers to share their broad knowledge of the subjects they teach.

Teachers are encouraged and supported in the pursuit of their professional development and there is frequent communication between faculty and administration to ensure optimum efficiency and results in the classroom. Our faculty is considered to be professional, competent and caring by our students and their parents. Our faculty includes professionals including a practicing neurologist and attorney. This brings resources and points of view uncommon to many high schools. Faculty turnover is minimal.

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIP

- AISF - Association of Independent Schools of Florida
- SACS - Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, including the Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation
- FKC - Florida Kindergarten Council

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

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CURRICULUM AND COURSE OFFERINGS

A structured academic program reflecting a traditional philosophy of education emphasizes the acquisition of basic skills, study skills and critical thinking development. The college preparatory program is supplemented with a broad range of electives that provide an ever-expanding frame of reference and base of knowledge for the students.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

College Preparatory – English I, II, III, IV, (Honors also available); Yearbook, Creative Writing
Advanced Placement: English Language and Composition; English Literature and Composition

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

College Preparatory: Algebra I, Geometry, (Honors also available), Algebra II, (Honors also available), Statistics Honors, Analysis of Functions, Pre-Calculus Honors, Business Math
Advanced Placement: Calculus AB; Statistics

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FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

College Preparatory: Spanish I, Spanish II, Spanish III Honors, Spanish IV Honors; French I, French II, French III Honors, French IV Honors

Advanced Placement: Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, French Language

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

College Preparatory: World Geography; World History; American History; American Government; Economics (Honors for all history classes also available), Psychology

Advanced Placement: World History; American History; American Government; Psychology

Pre-Law Program: (Requirements: high grades in English and approval through an interview) Debate; Business Law, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedures; Law Internship
All Pre-Law courses are Honors level.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

College Preparatory: Biology (Honors available); Chemistry (Honors available); Physics (Honors available); Marine Biology Honors; Environmental Science

Advanced Placement: Biology, Chemistry

Pre-Medical Program: (Requirements: Honors Science, Reading Comp. over 90%ile, and interview) Medical Terminology; Genetics; Anatomy and Physiology; Pathology; Sports Medicine; Microbiology; Organic Chemistry; and Medical Internship Honors
All Pre-Medical courses are Honors level.

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

Visual Arts: Visual Concepts; Drawing and Painting I, II, and III; Ceramics I, II, III, and IV; Graphic Design; Computer Graphics; Photography

Theater: Acting I, II, III, and IV

Music: Mixed Chorus; Piano; Orchestra I, II, III, and IV

Band: Beginning Band; Advanced Band; Jazz Band; Guitar

Dance: Jazz Dance

COMPUTER DEPARTMENT

Computer Applications I and II; Intro to the Internet; Web Page Design; Intro to Programming

Advanced Placement: Computer Science A

ATHLETICS

American Heritage offers a comprehensive, competitive sports program for boys and girls. A “no-cut” policy allows every student who wants to participate an opportunity to play on the Stallion team of his/her choice. Ten boys varsity sports and thirteen girls varsity sports are offered. Our coaches provide a high quality level of instruction in all sports. Sportsmanship, teamwork, recognition of effort, thorough training and preparation are goals we work toward every day. Awards evenings are held for athletes and parents at the conclusion of each season.

ANNUAL SCHOOL AWARDS

The *Outstanding Student Award* is given to one student per grade level who has an exemplary academic record plus significant participation in school activities. Academic Excellence Awards are given in each academic discipline by course section. The Harvard Alumni Association recognizes exceptional juniors – and Barry University, recognizing exceptional seniors – who demonstrate exemplary academic and personal qualities.

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Our Fine Arts Department is a state, regional, and district champion department. We welcome students of multiple levels, from the most gifted artist to the beginner. Through our low student-teacher ratio, each student will develop at his/her level. We offer a complete fine arts curriculum in all disciplines.

We, as a teaching body, give all students numerous opportunities to display their talent, both on campus and throughout the state. We insist that the student be a well-rounded talent by teaching not only performance techniques, but also by employing a complete historical foundation to all disciplines of study.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The academic year consists of fall and spring semesters. Each semester is eighteen weeks. Credits are granted on a semester basis. Classes are fifty minutes in length and meet five times per week. All students are required to complete 30 hours of community service each year.

SUBJECT	CREDITS (Carnegie Units)
English	4
Math	4
Science	3 (including Biology)
Social Studies	3 (including World History, Am. History, Am. Govt./Econ)
Foreign Language	2 (2 years of the same foreign language)
Fine Arts	1/2 credit (1 semester)
Physical Education	1/2 credit (1 semester)
Electives	7 (including World Geography as a mandatory elective)
TOTAL	24 CREDITS

GRADING SCALE

GRADE	COLLEGE PREP	HONORS	AP	GRADE	COLLEGE PREP	HONORS	AP		
A+	96.5-100	4.67	5.67	6.67	D+	66.5-69.49	1.67	2.67	3.67
A	92.5-96.49	4.33	5.33	6.33	D	62.5-66.49	1.33	2.33	3.33
A-	89.5-92.49	4.0	5.0	6.0	D-	59.5-62.49	1.0	2.0	3.0
B+	86.5-89.49	3.67	4.67	5.67	F+	49.5-59.49	0	0	0
B	82.5-86.49	3.33	4.33	5.33	F	29.5-49.49	0	0	0
B-	79.5-82.49	3.0	4.0	5.0	F-	0-29.49	0	0	0
C+	76.5-79.49	2.67	3.67	4.67					
C	72.5-76.49	2.33	3.33	4.33					
C-	69.5-72.49	2.0	3.0	4.0					

College Prep = 4.0 Scale Honors = 5.0 Scale AP/Dual Enrollment = 6.0 Scale

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COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Some of the schools that have accepted our recent graduates (in addition to Florida public and private schools):

American University
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Barton College
Bates College
Bentley College
Berklee College of Music
Bethune-Cookman College
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brigham Young University
Brown University
California Baptist University
California State University
Campbell University
Case Western Reserve University
Charleston Southern University
Citadel, The
Clemson University
College of Charleston
College of New Jersey
College of South Carolina, The
College of William and Mary
Columbia University
Coppin State University
Cornell University
Covenant College
Curry College
Dartmouth College
Darton College
DePauw University
Drexel University
Duke University
Earlham College
East Carolina University
Eastern Illinois University
Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
Erskine College
Fairfield University
Fashion Inst. of Design & Merch.
Florida State University
Fordham University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Goucher College
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hamilton College
Harvard University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Indiana University
Indiana University-Bloomington
Ithaca College
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University
Kentucky State University
Kettering University
Lafayette College
Lambuth University
Lees-McRae College
Louisiana State University
Loyola Univ.-New Orleans
Lynn University
Mars Hill College
Marymount Manhattan College
Maryville College
McDaniel College
McGill University
Mercer University-Macon
Merrimack College
Michigan State University
Missouri Valley College
Monmouth University
Moorehouse College
Mount Ida College
Muskingum College
New York University
Newbury College
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Norwich University
Nova Southeastern University
Oglethorpe University
Ohio Northern University
Ohio State University
Old Dominion University
Pace University
Penn State University-University Park
Pennsylvania State University
Philadelphia University
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Randolph-Macon College
Rensselaer Polytec. Inst. & State Univ.
Rhodes College
Ringling School of Art and Design
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Rutgers University
Saint Leo University
Savannah College of Art & Design
School of The Art Institute of Chicago
Southern Methodist University
Southwestern University
St. Leo University
St. Louis University
Stamford University
Stetson University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas Christian University
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College-Schenectady
United States Naval Academy
University of Alabama-Huntsville
University of Bridgeport
University of Central Florida
University of Charleston
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado-Boulder
University of Colorado-Col. Springs
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Holy Cross
University of Indianapolis
University of Maryland-College Park
University of Massachusetts
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Massachusetts-Boston
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Missouri
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of N. Carolina-Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of San Diego
University of South Alabama
University of S. Carolina-Columbia
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of The Arts
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin
Villanova University
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
Washington College
Washington University
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
West Point U.S. Military Academy
West Virginia Wesleyan College
Wisconsin Lutheran College
Yale University