

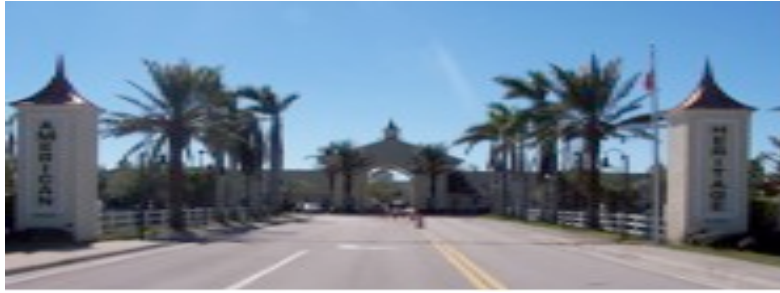
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AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL – BOCA/DELRAY SCHOOL PROFILE 2010-2011

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 506. The school began as All-Star Academy in 1993 and merged with American Heritage School of Plantation in 1999.

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 twenty-four 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 track, a multipurpose field and a gymnasium. The average class size is 17.

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 (2006-2010)
- Top ranking awards in prestigious scholarships
 - National Merit Scholar (2006, 2010); National Hispanic Scholar (2008, 2010); National Merit and National Achievement Scholars (2009)
 - Coca Cola Scholars Program (2007)
 - Robert C Byrd. Honors Scholarship Program (2006-2008)
- CollegeBoard-ranked Advanced Placement Scholars
- Debate Team – #1 private school in South Florida, consistently sending students to State Championships and Debate Nationals each year
- Boys' Varsity Tennis – *State Champions* (1998-2000, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010); *District Champions* (1998-2000, 2002-2010)
- Girls' Varsity Tennis – *State Champions* (1999, 2002-2005, 2007, 2009, 2010); *District Champions* (1998-2010)
- Varsity Football – *State Champions* (2007, 2009); *Regional Champions* (2001, 2002, 2007, 2009); *District Champions* (2002, 2003, 2006-2009)
- Boys' Varsity Basketball – *Regional Champions* (2003-2004); *District Champions* (2002-2004);
- Girls' Varsity Basketball – *Regional Champions* (2008); *District Champions* (2010)
- Boys' Varsity Baseball – *Regional Champions* (2006); *District Champions* (1998, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2010)
- Girls' Varsity Softball – *District Champions* (2001, 2003, 2009, 2010); *Regional Champions* (2010)
- Boys' and Girls' Track and Field – *District Champions* (2002)
- Boys' Varsity Soccer – *State Champions* (2006, 2009); *Regional Champions* (2004-2010); *District Champions* (2002, 2004-2010)
- Girls' Varsity Soccer – *State Champions* (2004, 2006, 2010); *Regional Champions* (2004-2009); *District Champions* (2004-2010)
- 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, 2010)
- Regional Gold and Silver Key Awards – *National Scholastic Art Competition* (2007-2009)
- National Gold Key – *National Scholastic Art Competition* (2008, 2009)
- American Visions Award – *National Scholastic Art Competition* (2008, 2009)
- Computer Graphics Awards – 4 Gold Key Regional, Honorable Mention National (2007-2009); 4 Regional Finalists, 2 Honorable Mentions (2009); 2 Gold Nationals (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.

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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 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. Professionals including practicing Doctors and Attorneys also are part of our faculty. 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

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- NACAC - National Association for College Admissions Counseling
- SACAC - Southern Association for College Admission Counseling
- FSCA - Florida School Counseling Association
- SFCC - South Florida Counselor Consortium

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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, Yearbook, Creative Writing, College Writing, Literature and Media

Honors: English I, II, III, IV

Advanced Placement: English Language and Composition; English Literature and Composition

Debate:

Honors: Debate I, II, III

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

College Preparatory: Geometry, Algebra II, Analysis of Functions, Statistics

Honors: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Statistics, Pre-Calculus

Advanced Placement: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics

FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

College Preparatory: Spanish I, Spanish II; French I, French II,

Honors: Spanish III, Spanish IV; French III, French IV; Mandarin Chinese I, Mandarin Chinese II, Mandarin Chinese III

Advanced Placement: Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, French Language

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

College Preparatory: World Geography, World History, American History, American Government, Economics, Psychology, Abnormal Psychology

Honors: World Regional Geography, World History, American History, American Government, Abnormal Psychology

Advanced Placement: Human Geography, World History, American History, American Government, Psychology

Pre-Law Program:

Requirements: high grades in English and approval through an interview)

Honors: Business Law, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedures, Moot Court Mock Trial, Law Internship

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

College Preparatory: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Marine Science, Environmental Science

Honors: Biology, Chemistry, Physics

Advanced Placement: Biology, Chemistry, Physics B, Environmental Science

Pre-Medical Program:

Requirements: Honors Science, Reading Comprehension over ninetieth percentile, plus interview)

Honors: Medical Terminology, Genetics, Anatomy and Physiology, Pathology, Sports Medicine, Microbiology, Organic Chemistry, and Medical Internship

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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 I and II, Studio Art, Fashion Design, Jewelry Making, Honors Art Portfolio

Theater: Acting I, II, III, and IV, Musical Theater, Stage Craft, Senior Showcase

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

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

Dance: Dance (Honors available)

COMPUTER DEPARTMENT

College Preparatory: I – Life/Adobe Creative Suite, E-Commerce, Production Broad casting, Intro to Pro-Logic - ALICE, Film, Computer Office 2008, Layout Design

Honors: Web Page Design

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.

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

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.

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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. AP Chemistry requires an additional lab period. All students are required to complete 30 hours of community service each year. Six credits are required to enter grade 10; 12 credits to enter grade 11; eighteen credits to enter grade 12.

SUBJECT	CREDITS (Carnegie Units)
English	4
Math	4
Science	3 (including Biology and Chemistry; 4 recommended)
Social Studies	4 (including World or Human Geography, World History, Am. History, Am. Govt./Econ)
Foreign Language	2 (2 consecutive years of the same foreign language)
Fine Arts	1/2 credit (1 semester)
Physical Education	1/2 credit (1 semester)
Electives	6
TOTAL	24 CREDITS

There are currently 46 Honors level classes and 17 AP level classes offered.

GRADING SCALE

GRADE					GRADE				
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 colleges that have accepted our recent graduates (in addition to Florida public and private colleges):

Abilene Christian University
American University
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Bates College
Bentley College
Berklee College of Music
Bethune-Cookman College
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brigham Young University
Brown University
California Baptist University
California State University
Case Western Reserve University
Charleston Southern University
Citadel, The
Colgate 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
Curry College
Dartmouth College
Darton College
Davidson College
DePauw University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duke University
Earlham College
Eckerd College
Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
Erskine College
Everglades University
Fashion Inst. of Design & Merch.
Fitchburg State College
Florida College of Natural Health
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin Pierce University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Hamilton College
Harvard University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Howard University
Indiana University-Bloomington
Ithaca College
Johns Hopkins University
Kentucky State University
Kettering University
Lafayette College
Lees-McRae College
Louisiana State University
Loyola University-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 England 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
Oxford College of Emory University
Pace University
Penn State University-University Park
Pennsylvania State University
Philadelphia University
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Randolph-Macon College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College
Ringling School of Art and Design
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Rutgers University
Saint Leo University
Salem International University
Salve Regina University
Santa Fe College
Savannah College of Art & Design
School of The Art Institute of Chicago
Sewanee: The University of The South
Simmons College
Smith College
Southern Methodist University
Southwestern University
St. John's 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 California-Santa Barbara
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 North Carolina-Charlotte
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of S. Carolina-Columbia
University of San Diego
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Texas @ Austin
University of The Arts
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin
University of Wisconsin @ Madison
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