

AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL

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School Profile 2016-2017

Highlights of Recognitions

The students at American Heritage School are uniquely prepared to be leaders of the 21st Century who embody knowledge, integrity, and compassion. Each year students attend prestigious competitions and earn exceptional awards. Here are some of the recent achievements of our students:

- **#1 private high school** in Palm Beach County for highest number of **National Merit Scholars**
 - 7 National Merit Scholar Semifinalists
 - 7 National Merit Commended Scholars
 - 5 National Hispanic Scholars(National Merit Scholars are the top 1% of students throughout the United States.)
- **\$16.2 million** in college scholarships awarded to the Class of 2016
- **87%** passing rate on all Advanced Placement exams (52% passing rate in the state of Florida; 60% passing rate globally); AP average test score: 4
- **#1 school** in Palm Beach County for U.S. Presidential Scholar Semi-Finalists: 1 AHS senior selected to be a 2016 U.S. Presidential Scholar from the state of Florida
- **#1 high school** in Palm Beach County in math competition; **#2 private school** in the U.S. in national math competition
- **#1 private school** in Palm Beach County at the Science Fair and National History Day
- Qualifiers for the Robotics World Championship for 2 consecutive years
- **#1 Mock Trial team** in Palm Beach County and Top 2 Moot Court teams in Florida
- 20 trophies earned by French language students at the Congres de la Culture Francaise
- 1st Class distinction for *The Stallion Sentinel* newspaper from National Scholastic Press Assn
- Silver Distinction for *Perspectives* literary magazine from Florida Scholastic Press Assn
- 6 National Awards for *909 Live* Broadcast News Channel at the Student Television Network national competition
- State Critics' Choice and 7 Regional Critics' Choice awards in one-act plays and set design
- **#1 in the U.S.** at National Dance Competition for five consecutive years
- 27 Superior ratings in vocal, band, orchestra, guitar and ensemble competitions
- 1 National Gold Key, 6 National Silver Keys, 13 Gold Keys, 14 Silver Keys from Scholastic Art award winners
- 3 State Finals; 6 Regional and 5 District Championships in athletics

Our School

American Heritage School is an independent, non-sectarian, co-educational day school for Grades PK3 through 12 with approximately 1,400 students. The high school, Grades 9-12, has a student population of 725 students. Our student to faculty ratio is 8:1. American Heritage School is a tuition-only school where, in an effort to make all families equal, we do not ask for nor accept donations. We are completely managed by veteran educators, and we have no governing board. It is paramount that all our staff have a vested interest in American Heritage, therefore, faculty and staff children receive full tuition to our school.

A College Prep Experience

Our school resembles a small college in size and design with facilities and labs similar to those on a college campus. American Heritage School gives its students a rigorous, traditional education in a forward-thinking, technologically advanced, well-rounded environment. Our elite students, 100% of whom are accepted into 4-year universities, are uniquely prepared to be leaders of the 21st century, who embody knowledge, integrity, and compassion. To this end, we strive to offer a challenging college preparatory curriculum serving students of bright average to gifted intelligence and aim to develop critical thinking skills, problem solving abilities, and lifelong learning. American Heritage offers financial aid and academic and fine arts scholarships.

School Community

We believe that in addition to academics, arts and athletics, students should develop a strong sense of social responsibility. In order to provide students with that opportunity, we offer over 60 student clubs and organizations created and headed by students and each supervised by a faculty adviser. We celebrate diversity and welcome students of all religions, nationalities, ethnicities, and races. Our focus is to create a community of scholars who respect individual and group differences and who seek to become responsible citizens.

Accreditations and Memberships

Association of Independent Schools of Florida (AISF)
Middle States Association (MSA-CESS)
Accreditation International (Ai)
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/AdvancED (SACS)
National Association of College Admissions Counseling (NACAC)
Southern Association of College Admissions Counseling (SACAC)
Florida School Counseling Association (FCSA)
South Florida Counselor Consortium (SFCC)
College Board

Weighting of Classes

Grade	College Prep	Honors	AP	
A+	97-100	4.67	5.67	6.67
A	93-96	4.33	5.33	6.33
A-	90-92	4	5	6
B+	87-89	3.67	4.67	5.67
B	83-86	3.33	4.33	5.33
B-	80-82	3	4	5
C+	77-79	2.67	3.67	4.67
C	73-76	2.33	3.33	4.33
C-	70-72	2	3	4
D+	67-69	1.67	2.67	3.67
D	63-66	1.33	2.33	3.33
D-	60-62	1	2	3
F	0-59	0	0	0
Scales: College Prep = 4.0				
Honors = 5.0				
AP/Dual Enrollment = 6.0				

Faculty

The students of American Heritage School are served by 70 instructors, counselors, and administrators, of which 55% hold Masters or Doctoral degrees. In addition to having AP readers on our staff, our pre-professional courses are taught by prominent doctors, judges, and attorneys, who are currently practicing in their fields and are dedicated to the students and their success. This brings resources and points of view uncommon to many high schools. Faculty turnover is minimal. To foster educational best practices and a love of learning, all of our teachers participate in professional development throughout the year. Parents and students respect our dedicated, professional, competent and caring faculty.

Fine Arts

Our Fine Arts Department is recognized internationally. We welcome students with all abilities in the arts, and our low student to teacher ratio gives each student the chance to develop skills at his/her own pace. We feel that a student should be well-rounded, so we teach performance techniques and hands-on application, combined with theory in all disciplines of study. We give all students various opportunities to display their talents both on campus and throughout the region, country, and world.

Athletics

American Heritage offers a complete competitive sports program for boys and girls, with teams in all major sports. We have a "no cut" policy that allows every student who wants to participate an opportunity to play on the Stallion team of his or her choice. Our coaches provide a high-quality level of instruction enabling students to further develop their skills and build good character, leadership, and respect for others. Awards evenings are held for athletes and parents at the conclusion of each sports season.

CURRICULUM & COURSE OFFERINGS

In addition to the standard college preparatory curriculum, we offer 22 Advanced Placement and 95 Honors courses.

English Department

Advanced Placement: English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition

Honors: English I-IV, Debate I-IV, Communications Internship

College Preparatory: English I-IV, Poetry Reading & Writing, Writing Seminar, Journalism, Newspaper, Yearbook, Literary Magazine

Mathematics Department

Advanced Placement: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics

Honors: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Algebra II

Competition, Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus Competition, Calculus

College Preparatory: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Algebra Topics Advanced, College Algebra with Trig, Analysis of Functions, Statistics, Pre-Calculus, Calculus

Science Department

Advanced Placement: Biology, Chemistry, Physics I, Environmental Science, Physics C

Honors: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Marine Science, Environmental Health

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

Pre-Medical Honors Program: Medical Terminology, Embryology, Physical Exam, Anatomy & Physiology, Pathology, Forensic Science, Organic Chemistry, Medical Internship (Requirements: advanced math & science, high reading comprehension, interview)

Foreign Language Department

Advanced Placement: Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, French Language, Mandarin Chinese

Honors: Spanish II-IV, French II-IV, Mandarin Chinese I-IV

College Preparatory: Spanish I-IV, French I

Social Studies Department

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

Honors: World Regional Geography, World History, American History, American Government, Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Business/Entrepreneurship, Business Ethics, Finance & Investment

College Preparatory: World Geography, World History, American History, American Government, Economics, Sociology, Psychology, e-Commerce, Leadership

Pre-Law Honors Program: Business Law, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedures, Constitutional Law, Juvenile Law, Corporate Law, Current Legal Matters, Homicide Law, Evidence, Trial Advocacy, Mock Trial, Moot Court, Law Internship (Requirements: high grades in English and interview)

Fine Arts Department

Visual Art: Art Portfolio*, Ceramics* I, II, III, Computer Graphics, Drawing, Fashion Design I, II, III, IV, Painting I, II, III, IV, Photography I & II, Photography III*, Photography Portfolio*, Studio Art*, Visual Concepts

Theater: Musical Theater, Acting I, II, III, IV, Play Prep and Production, Sound and Lighting, Senior Showcase", Showcase*, Stage Craft I, II, III, IV, Great Performances on Film

Music: Chorus*, Show Chorus, Music Theory

Band: Band*, Guitar I, II, III*, IV*, Orchestra*, Piano I, II, III

Dance: Dance I*, II*, III*, IV*, Dance Competition, Dance Conditioning

** Honors course is also available*

Computer Department

Advanced Placement: Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles

Honors: Computer Science, Intro to Computer Coding, Computer Programming III, Alice Programming 3 in Java, Web Page Design, Production/Broadcasting, Studio Production, Film Production, Broadcast & Graphics Media

College Preparatory: Introduction to Computer Programming, e-Commerce, Productivity Suite, Introduction to Multimedia, Film Production

Graduation Requirements

There are two (2) semesters per year and credits are granted at the end of each semester. In addition, all students are required to complete 120 hours of community service. All classes are 50 minutes long and meet five (5) times each week. To graduate, a student must have earned a total of 24 credits (Carnegie units). The graduation requirements are as follows:

English	4 credits (one per year to include World, American, British)
Math	4 credits
Science	3 credits including Biology, Chemistry or Physics (4 recommended)
Social Studies	3 credits including World History, American History, Economics, American Government
Foreign Language	2 credits (two consecutive years of the same foreign language)
Fine Arts	0.5 credit (one semester of drama, art or music)
Physical Education	0.5 credit (one semester)
Electives	7 credits (four electives should be in the first five subject areas listed above)
TOTAL	24 credits

Nationally Recognized Scholars
Class of 2017 - Total students: 162

National Merit Scholar Semifinalists	7
National Merit Commended Scholars	7
National Hispanic Scholars	5
U.S. Presidential Scholar	1

SAT Score Distribution

RANKING	EBRW - Evidence Based Reading & Writing	M - Math
Top 5%	733	782
Top 10%	721	772
Top 20%	701	745
Median	620	630

AP Scholar Awards

AP Scholars	30
AP Scholars with Honor	20
AP Scholars with Distinction	49
National AP Scholars	13

AP Test Scores

Average AP Exam score: 4
 Passing Rate: 87% with scores of 3 or higher

American Heritage Passing Rate	87%
Florida Passing Rate	54%
Global Passing Rate	60%

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College Acceptances

100% of American Heritage graduates were accepted to four-year colleges and attend a wide variety of selective colleges and universities. In recent years, here are some of the out-of-state schools that have accepted our graduates.

American University
 Boston College
 Boston Conservatory at Berklee
 Boston University
 Bowdoin College
 Brandeis University
 Brown University
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Colgate University
 Columbia University
 College of William & Mary
 Cornell University
 Dartmouth College
 Duke University
 Emory University
 George Washington University
 Georgetown University
 Georgia Institute of Technology

Harvard University
 Johns Hopkins University
 New York University
 Northeastern University
 Northwestern University
 Princeton University
 Purdue University
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Rice University
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Rutgers University
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago
 Sewanee: The University of the South
 Stanford University
 Syracuse University
 Tufts University
 Tulane University
 U.S. Military Academy - West Point

U.S. Naval Academy
 University of California, Berkeley
 University of California, Los Angeles
 University of Chicago
 University of Michigan
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Pennsylvania
 University of Southern California
 University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
 University of Texas at Austin
 University of Virginia
 Vanderbilt University
 Vassar College
 Villanova University
 Wake Forest University
 Washington University
 Yale University