

AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL

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2018-2019 PROFILE FOR COLLEGES

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Highlights of Recognitions

The students at American Heritage School are well prepared to be leaders of the 21st century who possess knowledge, integrity, and compassion. Each year, students attend prestigious competitions and earn exceptional awards. Here are some of their recent achievements.

- **#1 private school in the nation** and **#1 high school in Florida** for highest number of **nationally recognized scholars** for 9th consecutive year; 1 in 4 students in the Class of 2019 is a nationally recognized scholar
 - **70** National Merit Scholar Semifinalists (highest number in Florida)
 - **21** National Merit Commended Scholars
 - **31** National Hispanic Scholars
- **#1 high school in Florida** with **11 Presidential Scholar** Candidates
- **\$90 million** in college scholarships offered to the Class of 2018
- **93%** passing rate on all Advanced Placement exams (52% passing rate in Florida; 41% passing rate globally); AP average test score: 4
- **#1 private school in the U.S.** in national **Math** competition
- **#1 high school in Florida** at state **Science Fair** competition
- **Semifinalists** at the 2018 **Robotics World Championship**
- **Top 5** team in the **U.S.** in **Model U.N.**
- **#1 Mock Trial and Moot Court** teams in **Florida**
- **Top 1%** in the nation in **Speech & Debate** competition
- **All Florida** award for **WAHS Broadcast News** from the Florida Scholastic Press Association
- **1st place** for the *Patriot Post* newspaper, *Expressions literary art magazine*, and *Spotlight yearbook* from the National, American, and Florida Scholastic Press Associations
- **3 Critics' Choice Awards** at the District Thespian Festival
- **Superior ratings** for Chorus, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, and Orchestra
- **National Gold Medal in Photography** from the Scholastic Art & Writing Award
- **FHSAA State Championships:** Boys Golf; Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Basketball, Girls Tennis, Softball

Our School

American Heritage School is an independent, non-sectarian, co-educational day school for grades PK3 through 12 with approximately 2,800 students. The high school, grades 9-12, has a student population of 1,600 students. Our student to faculty ratio is 5:1. American Heritage School is a tuition-only school where, in an effort to make all families equal, we do not ask for or accept donations. We are 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.

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 prepared to be leaders of the 21st century, who possess knowledge, integrity, and compassion. We strive to offer a challenging college preparatory curriculum and aim to develop critical thinking skills, problem solving abilities, and lifelong learning. American Heritage offers financial aid, as well as 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. We offer over 85 student clubs and activities, 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.

Ethnic & International Diversity

Caucasian (non-Hispanic)	48%
Latin/Hispanic	23%
African American	10%
Native American	4%
Asian American	10%
Other	5%
Foreign Born	33%

Accreditations and Memberships

Association of Independent Schools of Florida (AISF)
 Middle States Association (MSA-CESS)
 National Council for Private Schools Association (NCPSA)
 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)
 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
WP	withdrawn with passing grade			
WF	withdrawn with failing grade			

We do not report class rank of our students.

Faculty

The students of American Heritage School are served by 512 instructors, counselors, and administrators, of whom 60% hold Masters or Doctoral degrees. In addition to having AP readers on our staff, our pre-professional courses are taught by prominent doctors, judges, attorneys, and engineers, who are currently practicing in their fields and dedicated to the students and their success. Faculty turnover is minimal. To foster educational best practices and a love of learning, all 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 believe a student should be well-rounded; 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. We are also proud to host, in our state of the art Fine Arts Building, the Junior and Senior Thespians District Festivals and the High School Choral State Festival.

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 Patriot 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 the season.

Curriculum & Course Offerings

In addition to the standard college preparatory curriculum, we offer **29 Advanced Placement** and **133 Honors** courses.

English Department

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

Honors: English I, II, III, IV, Newspaper, Yearbook, Literary Magazine, College Writing

College Preparatory: English I, II, III, IV, Journalism, Newspaper, Yearbook, Creative Writing, Literary Magazine, College Writing

Speech & Debate Honors Program: Introduction to Speech & Debate, Public Forum Speaking, Individual Events, Lincoln Douglas Debate, Congressional Debate

Mathematics Department

Advanced Placement: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics

Honors: Algebra I, II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Multivariable Calculus, Number Theory/Discrete Math
Competitive/Honors: Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Statistics

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

Science Department

Advanced Placement: Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1, Physics 2, Physics C: Mechanics, Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism, Environmental Science

Honors: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Research I, II, III, IV, Environmental Health, Marine Biology

College Preparatory: Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environment, Marine Biology

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

Pre-Engineering Honors Program: Introduction to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering, Digital Electronics, Engineering Design and Development, Engineering Internship

Biomedical Engineering Honors Program: Biomedical Engineering Internship and courses offered in the Pre-Medical and Pre-Engineering programs

Social Studies Department

Advanced Placement: Human Geography, World History, American History, European History, Art History, Comparative Government & Politics, American Government, Macroeconomics, Psychology

Honors: Human Geography, World Geography, World History, American History, American Government, Economics, Sociology, Psychology, World Religions

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

Pre-Law Honors Program: Business Law, Trial Advocacy, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Homicide, Family Law, Juvenile Law, Tort Law, Law Internship (Requirements: high grades in English, interview)

Foreign Language Department

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

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

College Preparatory: Spanish I, French I

Computer Department

Advanced Placement: Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles

Honors: Computer Science Essentials, Intro to Coding, Coding with Java, Multimedia Production, Production/Broadcasting, Sports Broadcasting & Production, Broadcast & Graphics Media, Web Page Design, Virtual Animation, Broadcast Journalism Internship

College Preparatory: Introduction to Coding, Productivity Suite, Introduction to Multimedia, Layout Design, e-Commerce, 2D Animation, Studio Production, Film Production

Fine Arts Department

Visual Art: Intro to Visual Concepts, Drawing I, Drawing II, Figure Drawing I, Figure Drawing II, Painting I, Painting II, Ceramics I, II, III, IV*, Sculpture I, Sculpture II, Studio Art, Studio Art 2D Design AP, Photography I, II, III, IV*, V*, Computer Graphics, Graphic Design, Architectural Design I, II, III, IV, V", VI*, Art Composition*, Art Portfolio*

Theatre: Intro to Drama, Acting I, II, III, IV*, V*, VI* VII*, Technical Theatre I, II, III, IV, Stagecraft for the Theatre, Stage Management, Stage Makeup I, II, III, Playwriting*, Publicity for Theatre, Scenic Art for Theatre, Scenic Design, Sound Design, Movement/Voice for Actors*, Film as Literature, Music Theatre Technique, Play Script Analysis*, Lighting Design

Music: Mixed Chorus*, Women's Chorus*, A Capella Chorus*, Guitar I, II, III, IV, V*, VI*, VII*, VIII*, Piano Keyboard*, Orchestra*, Music Technology I, Music Technology II, Music Theory*, Music Theory AP

Band: Band*, Percussion Ensemble*

Dance: Dance Techniques I, II, III, IV*, V*, VI*, Dance Company*

* Honors sections also available

Students must meet prerequisites to enroll in Honors and AP courses.

Graduation Requirements

American Heritage has 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 49 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
Math	4 credits (one year beyond Algebra II)
Science	3 credits including Biology, Chemistry, or Physics (4 recommended)
Social Studies	3 credits including World History, American History, Economics, American Government (4 recommended)
Foreign Language	2 credits (in grades 9-12) (3 recommended)
Fine Arts	0.5 credit
Physical Education	0.5 credit
Additional courses	7 credits of student's choice
TOTAL	24 credits

Nationally Recognized Scholars

Class of 2019 - Total students: 367

National Merit Scholar Semifinalists	70
National Merit Commended Scholars	21
National Hispanic Scholars	31
Presidential Scholar Candidates (Class of 2018)	11

AP Scholar Awards

	2018	2017
AP Scholars	76	62
AP Scholars with Honors	48	32
AP Scholars with Distinction	190	174
National AP Scholars	86	74

AP Test Scores

Average AP Exam score: 4

Passing Rate: 93% with scores of 3 or higher

American Heritage Passing Rate	93%
Florida Passing Rate	52%
Global Passing Rate	41%

ACT Score Distribution

Top 5%	36
Top 10%	36
Top 20%	35
Top 30%	35
Mean	32.5

SAT Score Distribution

RANKING	EBRW - Evidence Based Reading & Writing	M - Math
Top 5%	789	800
Top 10%	782	800
Top 20%	773	797
Top 30%	751	785
Median	680	700

SAT Subject Test Scores

SUBJECT	MEAN
Biology-Ecology	694
Biology-Molecular	747
Chemistry	740
English Literature	720
Math Level I	740
Math Level II	760
Spanish	724
U.S. History	600
World History	678

105,981.78

Hours of community service completed by the Class of 2018

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Pre-Professional Programs - Pre-Med, Pre-Law, Pre-Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Computer Science -taught daily by medical doctors, attorneys, judges, engineers, computer scientists.

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National Merit Semifinalists
#1 high school in Florida
#1 private school in the U.S.

College Acceptances

100% of American Heritage graduates were accepted to four-year colleges and attend a wide variety of selective colleges and universities. In the past three years, 65% of our students have matriculated to some of these out-of-state schools.

American University
Amherst College
Bates College
Boston College
Boston Conservatory at Berklee
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brown University
California Institute of Technology
Carnegie Mellon
Case Western Reserve
Colgate University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Duke University
Emory University
George Washington University
Georgetown University

Georgia Institute of Technology
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
Johns Hopkins University
Juilliard School
King's College (London)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Middlebury College
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Princeton University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rice University
Savannah College of Art & Design
Stanford University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University

Tufts University
Tulane University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Los Angeles
University of Chicago
University of Michigan
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Southern California
University of St. Andrews in Scotland
University of Texas at Austin
University of Virginia
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Williams College
Yale University