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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 Palm Beach County for highest number of National Merit Scholars; 1 in 5 students in the Class of 2021 is a nationally recognized scholar**
 - » **23 National Merit Semifinalists**
 - » **21 National Commended Scholars**
- 89% earned a 3 or higher on all Advanced Placement exams (58% in Florida; 64% globally); AP average test score: 4
- #1 high school in Palm Beach County in Math competition; #2 private school in the U.S. in national Math competition
- #1 high school in Palm Beach County at Science Fair competition
- Qualifiers for FIRST Robotics World competition for 5 consecutive years
- #1 Mock Trial and Moot Court teams in Palm Beach County
- Top 1% in the nation in Speech & Debate competition
- 4 pre-professional programs: Pre-Med, Pre-Law, Pre-Engineering, Biomedical Engineering
- 70,689.75 hours of community service completed by the Class of 2020
- 5 national winners at FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) competition: Personal Finance, Sports & Entertainment Management, Introduction to Financial Math
- Top 4 Daily Live Show in the U.S. produced by 909Live student broadcast
- 5 Critics Choice Awards for one-act play, including top honors in scene design and play writing
- Superior ratings for orchestra, guitar, band, and thespians; FAU Honor Choir
- 16 Gold Keys and American Vision award from Scholastic Art and Writing competition; 2 published national Silver Medalists for photography
- 1st Place at Tremaine Dance competition in New York City; Qualifiers for National Dance Championship 8 consecutive years

COVID STATEMENT

In the 2019-2020 school year, American Heritage ceased in-person instruction on 3/13/20 and transitioned to a distance learning plan on 3/30/20 which included a combination of posted assignments, videos, and live digital classes (using Google Meet).

Students attended live 45-minute virtual classes every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Academic support, enrichment activities and student collaboration took place virtually on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Heritage uses a quarter grading system to calculate semester grades. Students were able to complete Q1-Q3 prior to transitioning to distance learning. **Semester 2 was calculated by averaging Q3 and Q4. No Semester 2 exam was given, and Semester 2 has been factored into the overall GPA.**

For the 2020-2021 academic year, the school plans continue to have in-person instruction five days a week with a concurrent distance learning option. Distance learning students will be attending in-person class via a web platform and are expected to be active participants.



ACCREDITATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of Independent Schools of Florida (AISF)
- Middle States Association (MSA-CESS)
- National Council for Private Schools Association (NCPSA)
- Broward County Non-Public School Association (BCNPSA)
- 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

OUR SCHOOL

American Heritage School is an independent, non-sectarian, co-educational day school for grades PK3 through 12 with approximately 1,700 students. The high school, grades 9-12, has a student population of 990 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 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.

Faculty

The students of American Heritage School are served by 276 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, 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 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 students various opportunities to display their talents on campus, and throughout the region, country, and world.

Athletics

American Heritage offers a 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 highquality 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 sports season.

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	4.00	5.00	6.00
B+ 87-89	3.67	4.67	5.67
B 83-86	3.33	4.33	5.33
B- 80-82	3.00	4.00	5.00
C+ 77-79	2.67	3.67	4.67
C 73-76	2.33	3.33	4.33
C- 70-72	2.00	3.00	4.00
D+ 67-69	1.67	2.67	3.67
D 63-66	1.33	2.33	3.33
D- 60-62	1.00	2.00	3.00
F 0-59	0	0	0

• P = Passing • SS = Summer School • I = Incomplete
 • WP = Withdraw Pass • Tr. = Transfer Grade
 • WF = Withdraw Fail • L = Loss of Credit

**We do no report class rank of our students.*

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



CURRICULUM & COURSE OFFERINGS

In addition to the standard college preparatory curriculum, we offer 24 Advanced Placement and 115 Honors courses. Students must meet prerequisites to enroll in AP courses and Honors.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

- **Advanced Placement:** English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition
- **Honors:** English I-IV, Shakespeare, Debate I-IV, Journalism Internship
- **College Preparatory:** English I-IV, Poetry Reading & Writing, Writing Seminar, Journalism, Newspaper, Yearbook, Literary Magazine

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

- **Advanced Placement:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics I, Physics C: Mechanics, Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism, Environmental Science
- **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)
- **Pre-Engineering Honors Program:** Introduction to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

- **Advanced Placement:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics
- **High Honors:** Multivariable Calculus and Differential Equations
- **Honors:** Algebra I, Algebra 1 Competition, Geometry, Algebra II, Algebra II Competition, Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus Competition, Calculus, Number Theory and Discrete Mathematics
- **College Preparatory:** Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Algebra Topics Advanced, College Algebra with Trig, Analysis of Functions, Statistics, Pre-Calculus, Calculus

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

- **Advanced Placement:** Human Geography, World History, American History, American Government, Comparative Government & Politics, Macroeconomics, Psychology
- **Honors:** World Regional Geography, World History, American History, American Government, Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Applied 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)

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

COMPUTER DEPARTMENT

- **Advanced Placement:** Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles
- **Honors:** Computer Science, Intro to Computer Coding, Computer Coding Using Java, Web Page Design, Production/Broadcasting, Studio Production, Film Production, Broadcast & Graphics Media, Sports Broadcasting
- **College Preparatory:** Introduction to Computer Programming, Productivity Suite, Introduction to Multimedia, Film Production

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*, Drafting/Architecture I-IV, Visual Concepts
- **Theater:** Musical Theater, Acting I, II, III, IV, Play Prep and Production, Sound and Lighting, Senior Showcase", Showcase*, Movement and Voice Honors
- **Music:** Chorus*, Show Chorus, Music Theory
- **Band:** Band*, Guitar I, II, III*, IV*, Orchestra*, Piano I-IV
- **Dance:** Dance I*, II*, III*, IV*, Dance Competition, Dance Conditioning

**Honors sections also available*



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

100% of American Heritage graduates were accepted to four-year colleges and attend a wide variety of colleges and universities.
60% of our students attend out-of-state institutions.

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| American University | New York University |
| Amherst College | Northeastern University |
| Auburn University | Northwestern University |
| Babson College | Nova Southeastern University |
| Belmont University | Pennsylvania State University, Main Campus |
| Boston College | Princeton University |
| Boston Conservatory at Berklee | Purdue University, Main Campus |
| Boston University | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute |
| Bowdoin College | Rhode Island School of Design |
| Brandeis University | Rice University |
| Brown University | Ringling School of Art & Design |
| California Institute of Technology | Rollins College |
| Carnegie Mellon | Savannah College of Art & Design |
| Case Western Reserve | Stanford University |
| Clemson University | Stetson University |
| Colgate University | Swarthmore College |
| Columbia University | Syracuse University |
| Cornell University | Tufts University |
| Dartmouth College | Tulane University |
| Drexel University | University of Alabama |
| Duke University | University of California, Berkeley |
| Elon University | University of California, Irvine |
| Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University | University of California, Los Angeles |
| Emory University | University of California, Santa Barbara |
| Florida Agriculture & Mechanical University | University of Central Florida |
| Florida Atlantic University | University of Chicago |
| Florida Gulf Coast University | University of Connecticut |
| Florida International University | University of Florida |
| Florida Polytechnic University | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign |
| Florida Southern College | University of Maryland |
| Florida State University | University of Miami |
| George Mason University | University of Michigan |
| George Washington University | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill |
| Georgetown University | University of Notre Dame |
| Georgia Institute of Technology | University of Oxford in England |
| Harvard University | University of Pennsylvania |
| Harvey Mudd College | University of South Florida |
| High Point University | University of Southern California |
| Howard University | University of St. Andrews in Scotland |
| Indiana University Bloomington | University of Tampa |
| Ithaca College | University of Texas at Austin |
| Jacksonville University | University of Virginia |
| Johns Hopkins University | Vanderbilt University |
| The Juilliard School | Vassar College |
| King's College in London | Wake Forest |
| Lynn University | Washington University in St. Louis |
| Marist College | Wellesley College |
| Massachusetts Institute of Technology | Williams College |
| Miami University in Oxford | Yale University |
| Middlebury College | |

SCHOOL ACCOLADES

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED SCHOLARS Class of 2021 Total Students: 230	
National Merit Scholar Semifinalists	23
National Merit Commended Scholars	21
Presidential Scholar Candidates (Class of 2020)	2

AP SCHOLAR AWARDS	2020	2019
AP Scholars	54	55
AP Scholars with Honors	39	28
AP Scholars with Distinction	94	80
National AP Scholars	32	40

AP TEST SCORES Average AP Exam Score: 4 Passing Rate: 89% With Scores of 3 or Higher	
American Heritage Passing Rate	89%
Florida Passing Rate	58%
Global Passing Rate	64%

SAT SCORE DISTRIBUTION (Perfect Score = 1600)			
Ranking	EBRW - Evidence Based Reading & Writing	M - Math	Combined Score
Top 5%	770	800	1570
Top 10%	760	800	1560
Top 20%	730	770	1500
Top 30%	720	760	1480
Median	650	670	1320

SAT SUBJECT TEST SCORES	
Subject	MEAN
Biology-Ecology	650
Biology-Molecular	750
Chemistry	750
English Literature	700
Math Level I	720
Math Level II	700
Physics	780
Spanish	680
U.S. History	680
World History	730

ACT SCORE DISTRIBUTION	
Top 5%	35
Top 10%	34
Top 20%	33
Top 30%	32
Mean	29