



AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOLS

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2021-2022

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HIGHLIGHTS OF RECOGNITIONS

The students at American Heritage Schools 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 U.S. for **highest number of National Merit Scholars**; #1 High School in Florida for the 12th consecutive year; 1 in 4 students in the Class of 2022 is a national scholar:
 - » **51 National Merit Scholar Semifinalists** (highest number in Florida)
 - » **38 National Merit Commended Scholars**
- **94%** earned a 3 or higher on all **Advanced Placement** exams (53% in Florida; 60% globally); AP average test score: 4
- **#1** private school in the nation in Mu Alpha Theta **math competition**
- **#1** high school in Florida at state-level **Science Fair** competition
- **Finalists** at Regional Robotics competition; **Semifinalists** at **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
- **6 Pre-Professional Programs:** Pre-Med, Pre-Law, Pre-Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Computer Science, and Business & Entrepreneurship all taught daily by medical doctors, attorneys, judges, engineers, computer scientists, business leaders, and entrepreneurs
- **Over 50 broadcast and media production awards** from NATAS, Student Television Network, and Florida Scholastic Press Association
- **1st Place Newsmagazine and Online Newspaper** from Quill and Scroll International Honor Society
- **14 Cappie Award nominations** including Best Musical for *Oklahoma!*
- **Straight Superior** ranked chorus, band, drama, and orchestra in Music Performance Assessments
- **116,109 hours of community service** completed by the Class of 2021
- **FHSAA State Championships:** Football, Girls Golf, Girls Basketball, Girls Tennis



ACCREDITATIONS & 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

OUR SCHOOL

American Heritage Schools is an independent, nonsectarian, 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 1,650 students. Our student to faculty ratio is 5:1. American Heritage Schools is a tuition-only school where, in an effort to make all families equal, we do not ask for, nor 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 Schools; therefore, the children of faculty and staff receive full tuition to our school.

College Prep Experience

American Heritage Schools resembles a small college in size and design with facilities and labs similar to those on a college campus. Our school gives students a rigorous, traditional education in a forward-thinking, technologically advanced, well-rounded environment. Our 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, problem solving, and lifelong learning. American Heritage Schools offers financial aid as well as academic and fine arts scholarships.

College Prep Curriculum

AHS offers 28 AP courses and 138 honors classes. Placement in AP and honors courses is by recommendation and is based on placement testing and grades. Students wishing to take AP courses must meet certain requirements which may include successful completion of an honors class prior to taking an AP level class. For example, AP Chemistry students must first successfully complete Honors Chemistry, and AP Environment students must take Honors Biology and Honors Chemistry to be eligible. Students enrolled in AP courses are required to take the AP exam at the end of the year. A limited number of AP courses are available for 9th and 10th grade students. The average 9th and 10th grader takes 1 AP. The average Heritage student takes 1-2 AP courses in 11th grade, while our most competitive juniors take 4-5 AP courses.

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-created clubs and activities, each supervised by a faculty adviser. We celebrate diversity and welcome students of all religions, nationalities, ethnicities, and

racers. Our focus is to create a community of scholars who respect individual and group differences and seek to become responsible citizens.

Faculty

The Upper School students are served by 365 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, engineers, and business people, 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.

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, or world. We are also proud to host, in our state of the art Fine Arts Building, the Junior Thespians District Festival and the High School Choral State Festival each year.

Athletics

American Heritage Schools 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 an opportunity to participate on the Patriot team of his or her choice. Many of our coaches are former professional athletes. All coaches provide high-quality instruction to enable students to further develop their skills and build good character, leadership, and respect for others.

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

American Heritage Schools 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 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
 - **Math:** 4 credits (one year beyond Algebra II)
 - **Science:** 3 credits including Biology and Chemistry or Physics (4 recommended)
 - **Social Studies:** 3 credits including World History, American History, Economics, American Government (4 recommended)
 - **World Languages:** 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**



CURRICULUM & COURSE OFFERINGS

In addition to the standard college preparatory curriculum, we offer 28 Advanced Placement and 138 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, Newspaper, Yearbook, Literary Magazine, Holocaust Literature/Arts
- **College Preparatory:** English I-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

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-IV, Environmental Health, Marine Biology
- **College Preparatory:** Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science, Marine Biology
- **Pre-Medical Honors Program:** Medical Terminology, Embryology, Anatomy & Physiology, Pathology, Forensic Science, Organic Chemistry, Medical Internship
- **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

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

- **Advanced Placement:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics
- **High Honors:** Multivariable Calculus and Differential Equations
- **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

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

- **Advanced Placement:** Human Geography, World History, American History, European History, Comparative Government and Politics, American Government, Macroeconomics, Psychology
- **Honors:** World Geography, World History, American History, American Government, Economics, Sociology, Psychology
- **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
- **Business & Entrepreneurship Honors Program:** Business Essentials, Business Entrepreneurship, Principles of Finance & Accounting, Principles of Marketing, Business Management, Business Communications, Senior Internship & Capstone

FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

- **Advanced Placement:** Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, French Language, Chinese Language
- **Honors:** Spanish II-IV, French II-IV, Mandarin Chinese I-IV
- **College Preparatory:** Spanish I-IV, French I, II

COMPUTER DEPARTMENT

- **Advanced Placement:** Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles
- **Honors:** Computer Science Essentials, Programming with Purpose, 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
- **Computer Science Honors Program:** Cyber Security & Defense, Data Architecture, Web/App Development, Machine Learning & AI, Senior Internship

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

- **Visual Art:** Intro to Visual Concepts, Drawing I, II, Figure Drawing I, II, Painting I, II, Ceramics I-III, IV*, Sculpture I, II, Studio Art, Studio Art 2D Design AP, Photography I-III, IV*, V*, Computer Graphics, Graphic Design, Architectural Design I-IV, V*, VI*, Art Composition*, Art Portfolio*
- **Theatre:** Intro to Drama, Acting I-III, IV*-VII*, Technical Theatre I-IV, Stagecraft for the Theatre, Stage Management, Stage Makeup I-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, Prop Design & Construction, Publicity & Stage Management
- **Music:** Mixed Chorus*, Women's Chorus*, A Capella Chorus*, Guitar I-IV, V*-VIII*, Piano Keyboard*, Orchestra*, Music Technology I, II, Music Theory*, Music Theory AP
- **Band:** Band*, Percussion Ensemble*
- **Dance:** Dance Techniques I-III, IV*-VI*, Dance Company*

*Honors sections also available



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

100% of American Heritage Schools 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 | Middlebury College |
| Amherst College | New York University |
| Auburn University | Northeastern University |
| Babson College | Northwestern University |
| Belmont University | Nova Southeastern University |
| Boston College | Pennsylvania State University, Main Campus |
| Boston Conservatory at Berklee | Princeton University |
| Boston University | Purdue University, Main Campus |
| Bowdoin College | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute |
| Brandeis University | Rhode Island School of Design |
| Brown University | Rice University |
| California Institute of Technology | Ringling School of Art & Design |
| Carnegie Mellon | Rollins College |
| Case Western Reserve | Savannah College of Art & Design |
| Clemson University | Stanford University |
| Colgate University | Stetson University |
| Columbia University | Swarthmore College |
| Cornell University | Syracuse University |
| Dartmouth College | Tufts University |
| Drexel University | Tulane University |
| Duke University | University of Alabama |
| Elon University | University of California, Berkeley |
| Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University | University of California, Irvine |
| Emory University | University of California, Los Angeles |
| Florida Agriculture & Mechanical University | University of California, Santa Barbara |
| Florida Atlantic University | University of Central Florida |
| Florida Gulf Coast University | University of Chicago |
| Florida International University | University of Connecticut |
| Florida Polytechnic University | University of Florida |
| Florida Southern College | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign |
| Florida State University | University of Maryland |
| George Mason University | University of Miami |
| George Washington University | University of Michigan |
| Georgetown University | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill |
| Georgia Institute of Technology | University of Notre Dame |
| Harvard University | University of Oxford in England |
| Harvey Mudd College | University of Pennsylvania |
| High Point University | University of South Florida |
| Howard University | University of Southern California |
| Indiana University Bloomington | University of St. Andrews in Scotland |
| Ithaca College | University of Tampa |
| Jacksonville University | University of Texas at Austin |
| Johns Hopkins University | University of Virginia |
| The Juilliard School | Vanderbilt University |
| King's College in London | Vassar College |
| Lynn University | Wake Forest |
| Marist College | Washington University in St. Louis |
| Massachusetts Institute of Technology | Wellesley College |
| Miami University in Oxford | Williams College |
| | Yale University |

SCHOOL ACCOLADES

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED SCHOLARS Class of 2022 Total Students: 393	
National Merit Scholar Semifinalists	51
National Merit Commended Scholars	38
Presidential Scholar Candidates (Class of 2021)	8

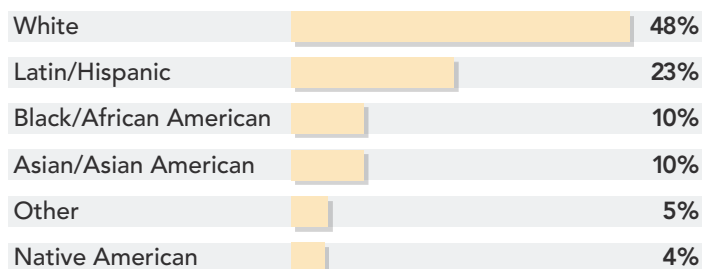
AP TEST SCORES Average AP Exam Score: 4 Passing Rate: Percentage of Scores 3 or Higher	
American Heritage Schools Passing Rate	94%
Florida Passing Rate	53%
Global Passing Rate	60%

AP SCHOLAR AWARDS	2021	2020	2019
AP Scholars	92	76	109
AP Scholars with Honors	58	49	52
AP Scholars with Distinction	218	227	209

SAT SCORE DISTRIBUTION (Perfect Score = 1600)			
Ranking	EBRW - Evidence Based Reading & Writing	M - Math	Combined Score
Top 5%	790	800	1590
Top 10%	785	800	1585
Top 20%	770	790	1560
Top 30%	760	780	1540
Median	680	690	1370

ACT SCORE DISTRIBUTION	
Top 5%	36
Top 10%	36
Top 20%	35
Top 30%	35
Median	34

STUDENT DIVERSITY



1 out of 3 Students are Foreign Born