



AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOLS

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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 Palm Beach County for **highest number of National Merit Scholars**; 1 in 5 students in the Class of 2022 is a nationally recognized scholar
 - » **26 National Merit Semifinalists**
 - » **24 National Commended Scholars**
- **87%** earned a 3 or higher on all **Advanced Placement** exams (53% in Florida; 60% 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 6 straight years prior to pandemic
- **#1 Mock Trial and Moot Court teams** in Palm Beach County
- **Top 1%** in the nation in **Speech & Debate** competition
- **5 Pre-Professional Programs:** Pre-Med, Pre-Law, Pre-Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Business & Entrepreneurship; all taught daily by medical doctors, attorneys, judges, engineers, business leaders, and entrepreneurs
- **61,841 hours of community service** completed by the Class of 2021
- **7 national winners at FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) National Leadership Conference:** Journalism, Accounting II, Insurance & Risk Management, Sports & Entertainment Management, and Economics
- **Top 3 Awards at National Student Television Network** convention
- **2 Critics Choice Awards** and **22 Superior ratings** at District Thespians Festival; Superior rating for One-Act Play at state competition
- **Superior ratings** for All-State Band & Orchestra, Piano, Choir, and FAU Honor Choir
- **34 Gold Keys, 50 Silver Keys, and American Vision Award** at Scholastics Art & Writing Competition; 1st Place at Congressional Art Competition in 22nd District
- **1st Place Overall** and National Qualifier at Fusion Dance Competition; 1st Place and 1st Overall in duets and trios at Revolution Dance Competition
- **FHSAA State Championship** in Girls Lacrosse



OUR SCHOOL

American Heritage Schools is an independent, nonsectarian, 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 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 24 AP courses and 117 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 60 student-created clubs and activities, each supervised by a faculty adviser. We celebrate diversity and welcome students of all religions, nationalities, ethnicities, and

- 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

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 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, 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

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
- **World Languages:** 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 117 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
- **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, Digital Electronics

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)
- **Business & Entrepreneurship Honors Program:** Business Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Business Essentials, Marketing

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:** 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, Mixed Media
- **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 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 | 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 2022 Total Students: 250	
National Merit Scholar Semifinalists	26
National Merit Commended Scholars	24
Presidential Scholar Candidates (Class of 2021)	4

AP SCHOLAR AWARDS	2021	2020	2019
AP Scholars	60	54	55
AP Scholars with Honors	30	39	28
AP Scholars with Distinction	108	94	80

AP TEST SCORES Average AP Exam Score: 4 Passing Rate: Percentage of Scores 3 or Higher	
American Heritage Schools Passing Rate	87%
Florida Passing Rate	53%
Global Passing Rate	60%

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

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