



AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOLS

ADMISSIONS PROFILE

2023-2024

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HIGHLIGHTS OF RECOGNITIONS

American Heritage Schools seek to develop the full potential of each child to be an active, intelligent, creative, and contributing member of society through the embodiment of knowledge, integrity and compassion.

- **#1** high school (public or private) in Florida for **highest number of National Merit Scholars** for the 14th consecutive year; **1 in 6 students** in the Class of 2023 is a **National Merit Scholar**
 - » **55 National Merit Semifinalists**
 - » **48 National Merit Commended Scholars**
- **#1** high school in Florida for highest number of **U.S. Presidential Scholar Candidates: 16 Students**
- **93%** earned a 3 or higher on all **Advanced Placement** exams (61% in Florida; 66% 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
- **#1** at regional robotics competition; **Winner of NASA-sponsored Regional Engineering Inspiration Award**
- **Top 3** team in the U.S. in **Model U.N.**
- **Top 1%** in the nation in **Speech & Debate** competition; **#1 in Florida for 4th Consecutive Year**
- **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
- **Top broadcast and media production awards** for show open and features from Student Television Network and Florida Scholastic Press Association
- **1st Place Newsmagazine and Online Newspaper** from Quill and Scroll International Honor Society
- **11 Cappie Award nominations** including Best Play for *Blithe Spirit*
- **Straight Superior** ranked chorus, band, drama, and orchestra in Music Performance Assessments
- **129,783 hours of community service** completed by the Class of 2023
- **FHSAA State Championships:** Boys Golf, Girls Golf, Girls Basketball, Girls Soccer, Baseball



OUR SCHOOL

American Heritage Schools, Broward Campus is an independent, nonsectarian, co-educational day school for grades PK3 through 12 with approximately 2,900 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 environment. Our students, 100% of whom are accepted into 4-year universities, are prepared to be active, intelligent, creative, and contributing members of society through the embodiment of 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

American Heritage Schools, Broward Campus offers 30 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 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 American Heritage student takes 1-2 AP courses in 11th grade, while our most competitive juniors take 4-5 AP courses.

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 • L = Loss of Credit
 • WP = Withdraw Pass • Tr. = Transfer Grade • I = Incomplete
 • WF = Withdraw Fail

**We do not report class rank of our students.*

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

School Community

We believe that in addition to academics, arts, and athletics, students should develop a strong sense of social responsibility. We offer 88 student-created clubs and activities, 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 seek to become responsible citizens.

Student Diversity

With students from over 70 countries, American Heritage Schools takes pride in representing its rich and diverse South Florida community.

Faculty

The Upper School students are served by 365 instructors, academic and college advisors, 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 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.

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CURRICULUM & COURSE OFFERINGS

In addition to the standard college preparatory curriculum, we offer 30 Advanced Placement and 138 Honors courses. Students must meet prerequisites to enroll in AP courses and Honors.

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS DEPARTMENT

- **Advanced Placement:**
Advanced Placement:
English Language & Composition
English Literature & Composition
- **Honors:**
English 1, 2, 3, 4
Creative Writing 3
Journalism
Literary Magazine
Newspaper
Yearbook
- **College Preparatory:**
English 1, 2, 3, 4
College Writing
Creative Writing 1, 2
Journalism
Literary Magazine
Newspaper
Writing Seminar
Yearbook
- **Speech & Debate Honors Program:**
Speech & Debate Intro
Congressional
Individual Events
Lincoln Douglas Debate
Public Forum

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

- **Advanced Placement:**
Biology
Chemistry
Environmental Science
Physics 1
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
Physics C: Mechanics
- **Honors:**
Biology
Chemistry
Environmental Science
Marine Biology
Physics
Science Research
- **College Preparatory:**
Biology
Chemistry
Environmental Science
Marine Biology
Physics
- **Biomedical Engineering Honors Program:**
Biomedical Engineering
Biomedical Engineering Internship
- **Pre-Engineering Honors Program:**
Engineering Design, Intro
Principles of Engineering
Digital Electronics
Engineering Design and Development
Engineering Internship
- **Pre-Medical Honors Program:**
Anatomy & Physiology
Embryology
Forensic Science
Medical Terminology
Organic Chemistry
Pathology
Medical Internship

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

- **Advanced Placement:**
Calculus AB
Calculus AB Competition
Calculus BC
Calculus BC Competition
Statistics
- **High Honors:**
Multivariable Calculus
Differential Equations
- **Honors:**
Algebra 1, 2
Algebra Competition 1, 2
Calculus
Geometry
Geometry Competition
Number Theory & Discrete Math
Pre-Calculus
Pre-Calculus Competition
- **College Preparatory:**
Algebra 1, 2
Algebra, Advanced Topics in
Analysis of Functions
Calculus
College Algebra & Trigonometry
Geometry
Pre-Calculus
Statistics

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

- **Advanced Placement:**
Human Geography
Macroeconomics
United States Government & Politics
United States History
World History: Modern
Comparative Government & Politics
European History
Psychology
- **Honors:**
Economics
United States Government
United States History
World Geography
World History
Psychology
Sociology
- **College Preparatory:**
Economics
United States Government
United States History
World Geography
World History
Psychology
Sociology
- **Business & Entrepreneurship Honors Program:**
Business Communication
Business Entrepreneurship & Innovation
Business Essentials
Business Finance & Accounting
Business Management
Business Marketing
- **Pre-Law Honors Program:**
Business Law
Constitutional Law
Criminal Law
Criminal Procedure

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

- Evidence
Family Law
Homicide Law
Juvenile Law
Legal Internship
Tort Law
Trial Advocacy

WORLD LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

- **Advanced Placement:**
Chinese Language & Culture
French Language & Culture
Spanish Language & Culture
Spanish Literature & Culture
- **Honors:**
Mandarin Chinese 1, 2, 3, 4
French 2, 3, 4
Spanish 2, 3, 4
- **College Preparatory:**
French 1
Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4

COMPUTERS/MULTIMEDIA DEPARTMENT

- **Advanced Placement:**
Computer Science A
Computer Science Principles
- **Honors:**
Coding, Intro
Computer Science Essentials
Graphics Media Production
Multimedia/Production
Production/Broadcasting
Sports Broadcast and Production
Studio Production
Virtual Animation
Web Design
- **College Preparatory:**
2D Animation, Intro
Coding, Intro
E-Commerce
Multimedia, Intro
- **Computer Science Honors Program:**
Cyber Security and Defense
Data Architecture
Machine Learning and AI
Programming with a Purpose
Web/Application Development
Computer Science Internship

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

- **Advanced Placement:**
Music Theory
2-D Art and Design
Drawing
- **Dance:**
Dance Company*
Dance Tech 1, 2, 3, 4*, 5*, 6*
- **Drama and Chorus:**
Acting 1, 2, 3, 4*, 5*, 6*
Acting 7 Senior Showcase*
Chorus A Capella*
Chorus Mixed*
Chorus Treble*
Drama, Intro
- **Music:**
Band High School*
Guitar 1, 2, 3, 4, 5*, 6*, 7*, 8*
Music Technology 1, 2
Music Theory*
Orchestra*
Percussion Ensemble*
Piano & Keyboard*
- **Theater Tech:**
Lighting Design for the Theater
Props Design and Construction
Publicity for Theater & Stage Management
Scenic Design for the Theater
Scenic Painting 1, 2
Sound Design for the Theater
Stage Makeup 1, 2, 3
Stagecraft
Technical Theater Intro
Theatrical Practicum
- **Visual Arts:**
Arch Design/Drafting 1, 2
Arch Design/CAD 3, 4, 5*, 6*
Ceramics 1, 2, 3, 4*, 5*
Computer Graphics
Drawing 1, 2*
Figure Drawing Body*, Portrait*
Film as Literature
Graphic Design
Mixed Media*
Painting Oil*, Watercolor*
Photography 1, 2, 3, 4*, 5*, 6*, 7*
Sculpture 1, 2
Thematic Series*
Visual Concepts

*Honors sections also available

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, U.S. History,
Economics, 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



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.

Colleges/Universities	Class of 2023
Princeton University	2
MIT	8
Harvard University	3
Stanford University	4
Yale University	4
University of Chicago	3
Johns Hopkins University	4
University of Pennsylvania	7
Duke University	7
Northwestern University	11
Dartmouth College	7
Brown University	7
Vanderbilt University	13
Rice University	7
Washington University in St Louis	9
Cornell University	16
Columbia University	7
Notre Dame	1
UC Berkeley	8
UCLA	8
Carnegie Mellon University	16
Emory University	18
Georgetown University	5
New York University	18
University of Michigan	18
University of Southern California	8
University of Virginia	8
University of Florida	170
UNC Chapel Hill	9
Wake Forest University	5
Tufts University	3
UC Santa Barbara	8
UC Irvine	12
UC San Diego	8
Boston College	8
University of Rochester	7
UC Davis	9
The University of Texas	9
University of Wisconsin	5
Boston University	21
University of Illinois	21
William & Mary	3
Brandeis University	3
Case Western Reserve University	18
Georgia Tech	26
Northeastern University	37
Tulane University	9
Ohio State University	33
University of Georgia	9

SCHOOL ACCOLADES

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED SCHOLARS	
National Merit Scholar Finalists (Class of 2023)	55
National Merit Commended Scholars (Class of 2023)	48
Presidential Scholar Candidates (Class of 2023)	16

AP SCHOLAR AWARDS	2023	2022	2021
AP Scholars with Distinction	253	230	218
AP Scholars	107	77	92
AP Scholars with Honor	62	44	58

AP TEST SCORES	
Average AP Exam Score: 4	
Passing Rate: 93% With Scores of 3 or Higher	
American Heritage Schools Passing Rate	93%
Florida Passing Rate	61%
Global Passing Rate	66%

SAT SCORE DISTRIBUTION (Perfect Score = 1600)			
Ranking	EBRW - Evidence Based Reading & Writing	M - Math	Combined Score
Top 5%	780	800	1570
Top 10%	770	790	1550
Top 20%	750	768	1510
Top 30%	730	740	1452
Median	680	670	1350

ACT SCORE DISTRIBUTION	
Top 5%	35
Top 10%	34
Top 20%	32
Top 30%	30.3
Median	26.5