



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 Palm Beach County for **highest number of National Merit Scholars; 1 in 6 students** in the Class of 2023 is a **National Merit Scholar**
» **31 National Merit Semifinalists**
» **24 National Merit Commended Scholars**
- **#1** high school in Palm Beach County for **highest number of U.S. Presidential Scholar Candidates: 7 Students; 1 Finalist out of 3** in the state is from Palm Beach Campus
- **93%** earned a 3 or higher on all **Advanced Placement** exams (61% in Florida; 66% 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**
- **Highest number** of Best in Show awards at State Science and Engineering Fair
- **Championship qualifying** Robotics Team at national robotics competition and **winners of General Motors Industrial Design Award**
- **#1 Mock Trial and Moot Court** teams in Florida
- **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
- **70,868 hours of community service** completed by the Class of 2023
- **9 1st Place** awards at Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference
- **Top** award at **National Student Television Network** convention for Short Film, Drama; All Florida award for Show Open
- **6 Superior ratings** at State Thespians Festival
- **Superior ratings** for All-State Band and Concert Band, Orchestra, Piano, Choir, and FAU Honor Choir
- **15 Gold Keys, and 44 Silver Keys** at Scholastics Art & Writing Competition
- **1st Place** at National Believe Dance Competition in large lyrical, jazz, contemporary, and small group lyrical and jazz
- **FHSAA State Championship** in Girls Lacrosse, Runners up in Girls Soccer



OUR SCHOOL

American Heritage Schools, Palm Beach Campus 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 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, Palm Beach Campus offers 26 AP courses and 121 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 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 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 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 35 countries, American Heritage Schools takes pride in representing its rich and diverse South Florida community.

Faculty

The Upper School students are served by 276 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.

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 Stallion 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 26 Advanced Placement and 121 Honors courses. Students must meet prerequisites to enroll in AP courses and Honors.

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS DEPARTMENT

- **Advanced Placement:**
English Language & Composition
English Literature & Composition
- **Honors:**
English 1, 2, 3, 4
Holocaust Literature & the Arts
Literary Magazine
Newspaper
Shakespeare 1, 2
Yearbook
- **College Preparatory:**
English 1, 2, 3, 4
Journalism
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
Robotics Intro
Robotics 2
- **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
Statistics
- **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
Psychology
- **Honors:**
Economics
United States Government
United States History
World Geography
World History
Applied Psychology
Leadership 3, 4
Psychology
Sociology
- **College Preparatory:**
Economics
United States Government
United States History
World Geography
World History
Leadership 1, 2
Psychology
Sociology
- **Business & Entrepreneurship Honors Program:**
Business Communication
Business Entrepreneurship & Innovation
Business Essentials

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

- Business Finance & Accounting
Business Marketing
- **Pre-Law Honors Program:**
Business Law
Constitutional Law
Corporate Law
Criminal Law
Criminal Procedure
Current Legal Matters
Evidence
Homicide Law
Juvenile Law
Legal Internship

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
- **High Honors:**
Computer Coding 3
- **Honors:**
Coding Using Java
Coding, Intro
Film Production
Production/Broadcasting
Sports Broadcast and Production
Studio Production
Web Design

COMPUTERS/MULTIMEDIA DEPARTMENT

- **College Preparatory:**
Coding, Intro
E-Commerce
Multimedia, Intro

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

- **Dance:**
Dance 1, 2, 3, 4*, 5*
Dance Competition*
- **Drama and Chorus:**
Acting 1, 2, 3, 4
Choir High School*
Choir Show*
Movement & Voice for the Actor*
Musical Theater*
Senior Showcase*
Showcase*
- **Music:**
Band High School*
Band Jazz*
Guitar 1-2, 2-3, 3-4*
Music Theory*
Orchestra*
Piano 1-3, 4*
- **Theater Tech:**
Makeup Design
Play Prep and Production
Sound & Lighting 1-2, 3-4, 5-6*
- **Visual Arts:**
Arch Design/Drafting 1, 2
Arch Design/CAD 3, 4, 5*, 6*, 7*, 8*
Art Portfolio*
Ceramics 1, 2, 3, 4*
Computer Graphics
Fashion Design
Mixed Media Art
Painting 1, 2-4
Photography 1, 2, 3, 4*, 5*, 6*, 7*
Photography Portfolio*
Studio Art*
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 Semifinalists (Class of 2023)	31
National Merit Commended Scholars (Class of 2023)	24
Presidential Scholar Candidates (Class of 2023)	7

AP SCHOLAR AWARDS	2023	2022	2021
AP Scholars with Distinction	152	129	108
AP Scholars	59	51	60
AP Scholars with Honor	44	57	30

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%	786	800	1570
Top 10%	772	790	1560
Top 20%	750	770	1510
Top 30%	720	740	1456
Median	680	680	1360

ACT SCORE DISTRIBUTION	
Top 5%	34
Top 10%	33
Top 20%	30
Top 30%	28
Mean	26.3