



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. Here are some of the recent achievements of our Lower School students and notable facts about our school:

- #1 elementary school in Palm Beach County in math competition; qualifiers for state and national math competitions
- Top 3 Science Olympiad team in the region
- #1 private elementary school in Palm Beach County at science fair
- Nationally standardized test scores in the 85th percentile on average
- One out of three students in 5th grade qualified for National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS)
- One out of four students in 4th and 5th grades qualified for Duke University's Talent Identification Program
- Advanced courses in all subject, including honors math and honors math competition for accelerated students in Grades 4 and 5
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) initiatives in new state-of-the-art Science Lab and Innovation Lab
- Project Lead The Way (PLTW) curriculum enhances computer science instruction focusing on programming, creative thinking, student collaboration, and communication
- Average tenure of teachers exceeds ten years
- Everglades Champion 'Silver School' Award for five consecutive years for helping to protect and restore America's Everglades through science, advocacy, and education
- Yearly participant in Presidential Education Academic Award program
- Yearly Broadway-style musical performed in state-of-the-art Black Box Theatre
- Over 15 elective classes supplement core curriculum in all students' daily schedules.
- Enrichment classes offered after school, such as Lego League, robotics, math enrichment, chess, Fun Chefs, musical theater, yoga, Zumba, and athletics
- "Green School of Excellence" certified by the Palm Beach County Green Recognition Program for three consecutive years

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American Heritage Schools is an independent, non-sectarian, and co-educational day school for PK3 through 12th grades with approximately 1,650 students. Our Lower School serves PK3 through 5th grade and has a student population of 550 students. Our student to faculty ratio is 5:1.

OUR SCHOOL

Our 40-acre lush, tropical campus resembles a small college in size and design. Our colonial style buildings house classrooms; offices; complete Internet coverage; Science, Engineering, and Innovation Labs; a state-of-the-art library and media center with a reading cave and computer labs; courtroom; fine arts complex; butterfly garden with an Aquaponics growing system and tortoise habitat; dining hall with an outdoor seating area; aquatics center; tennis courts; sports fields; and quiet courtyard areas.

A College Prep Experience

American Heritage Schools gives its students a rigorous education in a forward-thinking, technologically advanced, and well rounded environment. Our mission is to graduate students who are prepared in mind, body, and spirit to meet the requirements of the colleges of their choice. We offer a challenging college preparatory curriculum that serves students of bright average to gifted intelligence and aims to develop critical thinking skills and lifelong learning. At American Heritage Schools, students find their passion and uncover hidden talents.



What Makes Our School Unique

While our campus resembles a small college in size and design, the feeling of an intimate, nurturing, well rounded, and family-oriented school community is quite evident. We celebrate diversity and welcome students of all religions, nationalities, ethnicities, and races. Here are some of the unique aspects of our Lower School:

- Every classroom has a certified teacher and full-time assistant, state-of-the-art technology with a 1-to-1 iPad program with the latest technology, interactive Epson boards, and audio enhancement systems.
- Honors math and honors math competition are offered for accelerated students in Grades 4 and 5.
- Honors classes are offered beginning in 1st grade for math, 4th grade for language arts, and 5th grade for science.
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) hands-on learning is integrated into new Science & Engineering Lab and Innovation Lab.
- Lessons are enhanced through use of our Upper School facilities, such as the mock courtroom and robotics lab.
- Elective classes are incorporated into each student's weekly schedule, including: world languages (Spanish and Chinese), computer lab, science lab, library and media center, art, music, orchestra, band, chorus, dance, drama, TV production, and physical education.
- Our outdoor aquaponics system, with multiple growing beds and 450-gallon fish tank, provides an interactive classroom instructing students on self-sustaining, ecofriendly food practices.
- Our student broadcast network enables students to produce the *Stallion Today* morning announcements each day.

Faculty

The Lower School faculty includes 45 degreed and certified instructors, two administrators, a full-time school counselor, 29 teacher assistants, three registered nurses, and three office professionals. More than half of the instructional staff hold a post-graduate degree. Our highly qualified, talented, and committed teachers guide our students to develop intellectually, emotionally, and socially, while preparing them for a lifelong journey of learning. To foster educational best practices, all of our teachers participate in professional development throughout the year. Parents and students respect our professional, competent, and caring faculty.

Student Diversity

With students from over 35 countries, American Heritage Schools takes pride in representing its rich and diverse South Florida community.

Community Service

Lower School students at American Heritage Schools learn how to become leaders at a young age. They help their peers halfway around the world, as well as people in their own community. Each year, we participate in Education Rocks, where students raise funds to help children in Bali attend school. Students also support the American Heart Association through Jump Rope for Heart, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through Pennies for Patients, and they assist our high school Pre-Med students in supporting pediatric cancer patients.

Environmental Awards

American Heritage Schools was named a Silver School Everglades Champion School as a model of environmental stewardship and Everglades conservation. American Heritage Schools also has maintained its status as a "Green School of Excellence," awarded through the Green

ACCREDITATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of Independent Schools of Florida (AISF)
- Middle States Association (MSA-CESS)
- National Council for Private Schools Association (NCPSA)
- Florida Association of Academic Non-Public Schools
- Accreditation International (Ai)
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/AdvancED (SACS)

Student Clubs & Organizations

We believe students should develop social responsibility with respect for individual and group differences. We offer student clubs and organizations supervised by faculty advisers to foster a community of scholars who seek to become responsible citizens. Following is a sampling of our extra-curricular activities.



Math Competition Team offers students in our Stanford University Math Program the opportunity to compete in national, state, and regional mathematical contests.



Robotics Club attracts students interested in the fundamentals of engineering. Students work together to build and program an autonomous (no remote control) robot that performs mission tasks within a set time frame.



Chess Club gives students in grades K-5 the chance to train with a Chess Grandmaster and acquire skills to foster logic, critical thinking, and creativity.



National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) is a prominent national organization for which students are selected based on GPA and citizenship. NEHS provides a springboard to higher level learning and encourages hard work and reaching each student's full potential.



Student Government, SGA represents 4th and 5th graders who are elected officers or general members. The SGA promotes leadership as students support local, national, and international causes.



Safety Patrol is an on-campus service organization that provides a safe environment for pedestrians and motorists. Patrol members assist at morning drop-off.



Drama Enrichment builds confidence and a sense of community as students with all different learning styles grow through this experience and star in grade-level performances at the end of the spring semester.

Schools Recognition Program. We have a program on campus with environmental initiatives that encourage the conservation of energy, water, and recyclables throughout our campus and enhance our school grounds as a learning environment with ecological integrity.