

American Heritage Schools

Plantation, FL, United States



In Plantation, six pre-professional tracks put judges, doctors, and engineers in front of teenagers years before college does.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	70/100
Academic outcomes	72/100
University placement	69/100
Prestige & heritage	68/100
Alumni network	73/100
Facilities	74/100
Transparency	68/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

American Heritage Schools in Plantation is a large, ambitious American day school with a clear operating thesis: start early, build academic pressure steadily, and give teenagers access to adult professions before university. The hook is concrete, not rhetorical. The school runs six pre-professional programmes and pairs that with a deep advanced course load: ****190**** AP and honours courses, more than 100 student-run clubs and activities, and ****130+**** fine arts courses. For families who want a conventional US college-prep route with far more scale than most independent schools can offer, that combination is **hard to ignore**. The published ****5:1**** student-to-faculty ratio sharpens the offer further. This is not a small, pastoral boutique school. It is a **high-output academic machine** with unusual breadth.

What sets the Plantation campus apart is the way it packages aspiration. Plenty of private schools promise academic stretch; fewer can point to a **94%** pass rate across all AP exams, 26 Presidential Scholars in the Class of 2026, and 488 nationally recognised scholars in the same class. The college admissions list is stacked with elite US names, from Harvard, Princeton and MIT to Stanford, Columbia and Chicago. That will appeal to families who want visible traction at the top end of US admissions. The trade-off is equally clear: this is a school for students who thrive on pace, competition and external benchmarks. Children who need a gentler tempo or a more understated culture may find the environment *intense*, *status-conscious* and relentlessly geared towards measurable outcomes.

It belongs on a shortlist because it offers rare scale with real programme density. A student can pursue medicine, law, engineering or another pre-professional path while still having substantial access to arts, clubs and advanced academics. That matters for focused teenagers who already have one eye on selective universities and want *serious early exposure* to career pathways. It also suits families who value structure, visible achievement and a school culture built around momentum. The strongest fit is the student who is bright, organised, competitive and happy to use a big institution’s resources. For that child, American Heritage is *a launchpad*. For families seeking intimacy, understatement or a less performance-driven adolescence, it is not.

STRENGTHS

- Maintains a 5:1 student-teacher ratio across a large day-school enrollment of nearly 2,800 students at the Broward campus alone, with a further campus in Delray Beach.
- Average standardized test scores include an SAT score of 1410 and an ACT score of 32, alongside a 100% graduation rate, and 100% of graduates matriculate to a four-year college.
- Cited as #1 in the Nation in math competition (upper school and lower school) and #1 in Florida for the most National Merit Semifinalists and Presidential Scholars Candidates.
- Offers 28 AP courses and 138 honors classes, giving strong depth for students pursuing selective university admission.
- Operates exclusively on tuition and fees, proudly maintaining a policy of not soliciting or accepting any donations or charitable contributions, ensuring all expenses are covered without external fundraising.

TRADE-OFFS

- Tuition for the upper grades sits in the low-to-mid \$40,000s to as high as \$46,500 depending on source and year, putting it among the costlier day schools in the region.
- The two campuses are located only in Plantation, Florida and Delray Beach, Florida, so there is no boarding option and families outside South Florida must relocate.
- Interested students must be at or above grade level with good conduct and A/B equivalent grades, making entry more about prior transcript strength than a competitive testing gateway.
- Financial assistance is offered through tuition reduction grants, but these are subject to fund availability at the time of application and are not guaranteed, since the school forgoes outside donations.

ADMISSIONS

American Heritage runs an open, rolling admissions process at both the Plantation and Delray Beach campuses; applications are accepted year-round, though early submission is encouraged. Entry requires students to be at or above grade level with A/B-equivalent grades, plus recommendation forms from core-subject teachers and an administrator. There is no separate high-stakes entrance exam emphasized; competitiveness rests on prior academic record and space availability rather than test scores. Merit-based academic and fine-arts scholarships exist for incoming ninth graders. Financial aid, including state scholarship programs and internal tuition grants, is available but limited by annual fund availability.

WTS RATING 

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