

ANNUAL REPORT

2018





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Dear Friends,

This year we completed a remarkable 28-acre campus expansion that includes beautiful new facilities, playing fields, and grounds. Our gratitude to those who made that expansion possible can only be fully expressed through renewed commitment to our mission. More than 200 outstanding students were added to our school community this year, thanks in part to added capacity. Thousands more joined us online.



With all of our expansion in mind, it would be easy to conclude that physical growth was our top priority this year. **As exciting and important as our growth has been, our strategic priorities have not changed. They continue to be our focus going forward: (1) transformational scholarship; (2) physical and emotional wellness; and (3) mission-aligned growth *all with the express aim of producing Christian character and responsible liberty in the individual hearts and minds of each student.***

Consider the Class of 2018: 40 students from five different countries who achieved a 100% graduation rate, 95% of whom were admitted to outstanding colleges on graduation day, with half of those receiving scholarships (more than \$1 million in scholarship funds awarded). **More importantly, these scholars entered the world prepared to lead strong Christ-centered lives and families. This is the fullest expression of our mission, and the focus of American Heritage School's curriculum and methodologies.** This kind of education infuses the light of faith into every subject and every discipline. This kind of education can change the world. It is changing the world, one heart and one mind at a time. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (2 Cor. 3:17).

American Heritage is much more than a K-12 school in American Fork, Utah. We are a worldwide community—with families and students taking courses in all 50 states and more than 70 countries—who come together to participate in on-campus, online, and after-school programs that offer truly extraordinary opportunities infused with the light of truth. We hope you will join the spirited march of the Patriots! **May the Lord bless you and your family as you seek diligently to teach your children wisdom "even by study and also by faith" (D&C 88:118).**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Grant Beckwith".

Grant Beckwith, Principal



AHS students deliver a check for the money raised during the school's Penny Jar Wars to Nurturing Nations in Ghana.



CHARACTER

Developing hearts centered in Christ, influenced by example and refined through experience.



Elder Ronald A. Rasband

AT AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL, helping students develop Christ-like character is our number-one priority. Teachers, staff, and administrators are charged with being living examples of Christian discipleship.

In 2018, several guests were welcomed to our campus, including Elder Ronald A. Rasband, Sen. Mike Lee, Marie Osmond and Gerald N.

Lund. These individuals each shared unique experiences relating to how Christ-like character has shaped their lives and guided their actions.

Frequent opportunities to serve and alleviate human suffering are built into everyday classroom activities, encouraging students to maintain an outward focus and stay centered on the first point of the school's mission statement: **to be useful in the hands of the Lord.**



SCHOLARSHIP

Inspiring minds through transformational teaching and learning in the light of the restored gospel.

AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL PROVIDES a rigorous academic experience with a restored-gospel perspective. Highly qualified teachers use teaching methods to stimulate curiosity, challenge assumptions, and allow students to think and act for themselves. In 2018, regular classes paused on two occasions for days-long “experiential learning” activities that included topics like medical careers, psychology, theater and improvisation, interior design, photography, and more.

American Heritage students historically perform one or two grade levels higher across the board on STAR testing and score an average

of 25% higher on the ACT than state and national averages. Graduates from the class of 2018 had a 100% acceptance rate to more than 20 colleges and universities, including BYU (all campuses).

AHS invested directly in enhancing its academics through a comprehensive review and revamp of the course objectives and curriculum maps in grades 7-12. The school also hired a full-time director of curriculum and instruction.

AP Testing at AHS

100%

PASS RATE IN:
AP Music Theory
AP Biology
AP Physics

83%

2018 OVERALL PASS RATE

Key Academic Metrics

25

AVG. AHS ACT SCORE
(Utah ACT avg. = 20)

13:1

STUDENT TO TEACHER
RATIO

20

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

SENIOR CLASS OF 2018

— 40 STUDENTS FROM 5 COUNTRIES —

China | Korea | Taiwan | Vietnam | USA

100%

GRADUATION
RATE

95%

COLLEGE
ADMISSIONS

\$1.04M

IN COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIP
OFFERS

100%

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A 20-PAGE
SENIOR THESIS



LIBERTY

Choosing moral self-government as the foundation of thriving individuals, families and communities.



AHS choir students help clean up neighborhoods in Oakland, Calif.

BY CAREFULLY STUDYING THE LIVES of the founding fathers and mothers of America, students learn the importance of moral self-government and why it is essential to lasting liberty. Pageants, devotional programs, and themed classroom celebrations bring to life important moments from the past like the First Thanksgiving at Plymouth, the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and the Pioneer journey.

American Heritage graduates possess a great respect for the freedom that we enjoy and, more importantly, a deep understanding of how to preserve and protect this precious gift of liberty. Students actively pursue service opportunities to help liberate others from human suffering by following the injunction to **"liberate the captive, and administer relief to the sick and the afflicted" (Jacob 2:19)**.

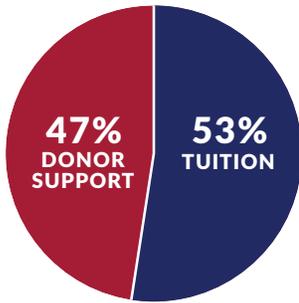


The Spirit of America Speaks: Grades 3-12 Annual Liberty Pageant



America's liberty is worth fighting for, and the more I learn about this nation's heroes of the past, the more I am inspired to fight for that same cause of freedom. This was the most valuable thing I learned from this school.
—Natalie Walker, AHS Class of 2018

A Culture of Independence and Self-reliance



THE GIFT OF AN AHS EDUCATION
How The True Cost of Each Student at AHS Is Funded

\$76.1M
DONATIONS SINCE 2001

\$529K
SCHOLARSHIP & TUITION REMISSION AWARDED IN 2017-18

48
YEARS SINCE AHS OPENED IN 1970

\$0
NO COMMERCIAL DEBT

CLEAN CULTURE COUNTS

"American Heritage School will save roughly \$20 million dollars over a 50-year period in facilities upkeep because of its 'clean culture.'"

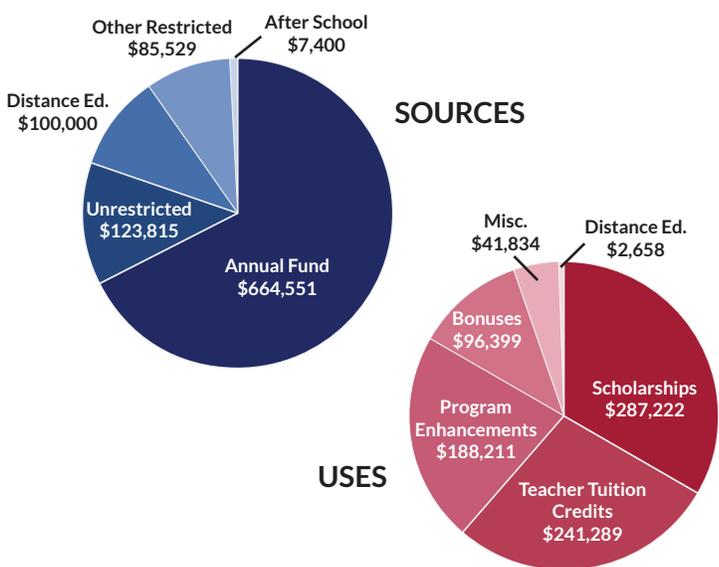
— Independent Facilities Management Audit

THE SCHOOL HOLDS NO COMMERCIAL DEBT and accepts no federal, state, or local tax funding. We are a truly independent and self-reliant school community. **To keep quality high and tuition low, we never use debt financing or tuition dollars—only donations—for land acquisitions, facilities expansion, and other significant building projects.** Without the generous support of donors, tuition for a private educational experience of similar quality and scope would need to be more than double the present rate. In other words, **a student's tuition at AHS represents only about a third or half of the true cost of that seat.**

HOW EACH \$1 OF TUITION/ FEE REVENUE IS SPENT



FUNDRAISING



2017–18 Year at a Glance

SUMMER LEARNING

A new summer learning program was launched, giving all families in the community opportunities to expand their academic, athletic and musical skills.



LIVING HISTORY

Senator Mike Lee shared some important lessons about freedom from individuals who were *Written Out of History*, the title of his *New York Times* bestselling book.



TRADITION!

The annual Fall musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*, brought joy, singing, and some powerful lessons about tradition to the AHS campus.



JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER



RISING ENROLLMENT

The school year began with the largest enrollment in the school's history. By year's end, 858 students were enrolled in the school—486 in elementary, 163 in middle school, and 209 in high school.



FACE TO FACE

Several students from AHS and the Lyceum Philharmonic were featured in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' worldwide "Face to Face" broadcast for youth.



CHRISTMAS CHEER

Over 200 student performers shared the stage with internationally renowned singers Marie Osmond and David Osmond in the annual Christmas benefit concert.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

A newly expanded Experiential Learning program gave students in grades K–12 rich, hands-on learning experiences outside of the classroom.



HOME LEARNING

The 7th Annual Family Education retreat brought more than 300 attendees to the campus to learn how to improve education in the most important of classrooms—the home.



PREPARED GRADUATES

Gerald Lund, author and emeritus general authority, spoke to the largest graduating class in AHS history.



JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE



UHSAA MEMBERSHIP

In February, AHS was officially admitted to the Utah High School Activities Association, expanding opportunities for competition and participation for its sports teams.



EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP

Dr. James Stice (BYU) was elected as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for American Heritage School, to replace David Stirling in 2019.



SERVICE & SINGING

The Heritage Youth Chorus completed a 10-day tour of California. This marked the ninth service and performance tour for the choir, which has performed 50 musical firesides for church stakes in 25 U.S. states since its founding in 2009.

Community Music Programs



FROM ITS FOUNDING, American Heritage School has embraced a rich tradition of music. Not only does the school weave musical performance into regular curricular instruction, through devotionals and other character-centered programs, but AHS also sponsors two award-winning, community-wide music ensembles: the Lyceum Youth Orchestras and the Heritage Youth Choirs. For the eleventh year running, the Lyceum Philharmonic received the “Best in State” award for “Best Youth Music Ensemble” and has been

heard by more than 100 million viewers on YouTube. They were also heard accompanying the Russian figure skating team at the 2018 Olympics. The Heritage Youth Chorus completed their ninth-annual service and performance tour, sharing musical firesides with audiences throughout California. A highlight for both the choir and the orchestra was the opportunity to take the stage with Marie Osmond, David Osmond and Lexi Walker during the annual Christmas Benefit Concert.



The Lyceum Philharmonic at American Heritage School has won the “Best in State” Youth Performing Ensemble for eleven-straight years.



Music has the incredible ability to strengthen testimonies, help people feel the Spirit, and uplift the soul. We pray in all our performances and we ask Heavenly Father to bless us with His Spirit because the most beautiful performances aren't just technically excellent, with crescendos, breath support, and intonation, which please the ear, they are the ones that have the Spirit, which speaks to the soul.

—Vonnie Hilton, AHS Class of 2018



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Character Athletics



Athletics is a vital part of American Heritage School's **emphasis on character development**. In 2018, the Patriots took home five state championships and student participation in athletics grew at an unprecedented rate. A new intramural league offered all students the opportunity to participate in character-centered athletics. In 2018, **65% of all high school students participated in athletics**. With the completion of the new athletics facility in the latter part of 2018, programs and offerings will continue to grow along with our student body.





American Heritage Ballroom Teams earned high marks at state-wide Dänzinsküle Foundation competitions, including four silver awards and four gold awards. The Level 2 team earned the highest gold award at the 2018 National DanceSport Championships at Brigham Young University.



Coach Whitehead was such an inspirational coach. He taught us how to **work to be our best, but also to be humble, work as a team, and become better priesthood holders.** Along with teaching those lessons, he assisted us in winning the state championship in his first year coaching us. His example makes me want to be a better person and an improved basketball player. Athletics at AHS made my high school experience well-rounded and fulfilling.

—Spencer Bushman, Class of 2018

American Heritage Worldwide



FAMILY SCHOOL *My Way*
from AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL

AMERICAN HERITAGE WORLDWIDE is the distance education outreach arm of American Heritage School. Beginning with a few online course offerings in 2009, the program has brought Christ-centered curriculum into the homes of thousands of families throughout the world.

In 2018, with help from generous donations from AHS families, program offerings were expanded to include a new **HeartStart Preschool program**, the **Open & Go lesson plan resource**,

and a **lifetime membership option** for families who want to "own" the Family School. Curricular improvements have been aimed at reducing lesson planning time for parents and increasing student engagement.

As American Heritage Worldwide continues to grow, more and more families will experience the fulfillment that comes through teaching children using a Christ-centered curriculum.

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STATES

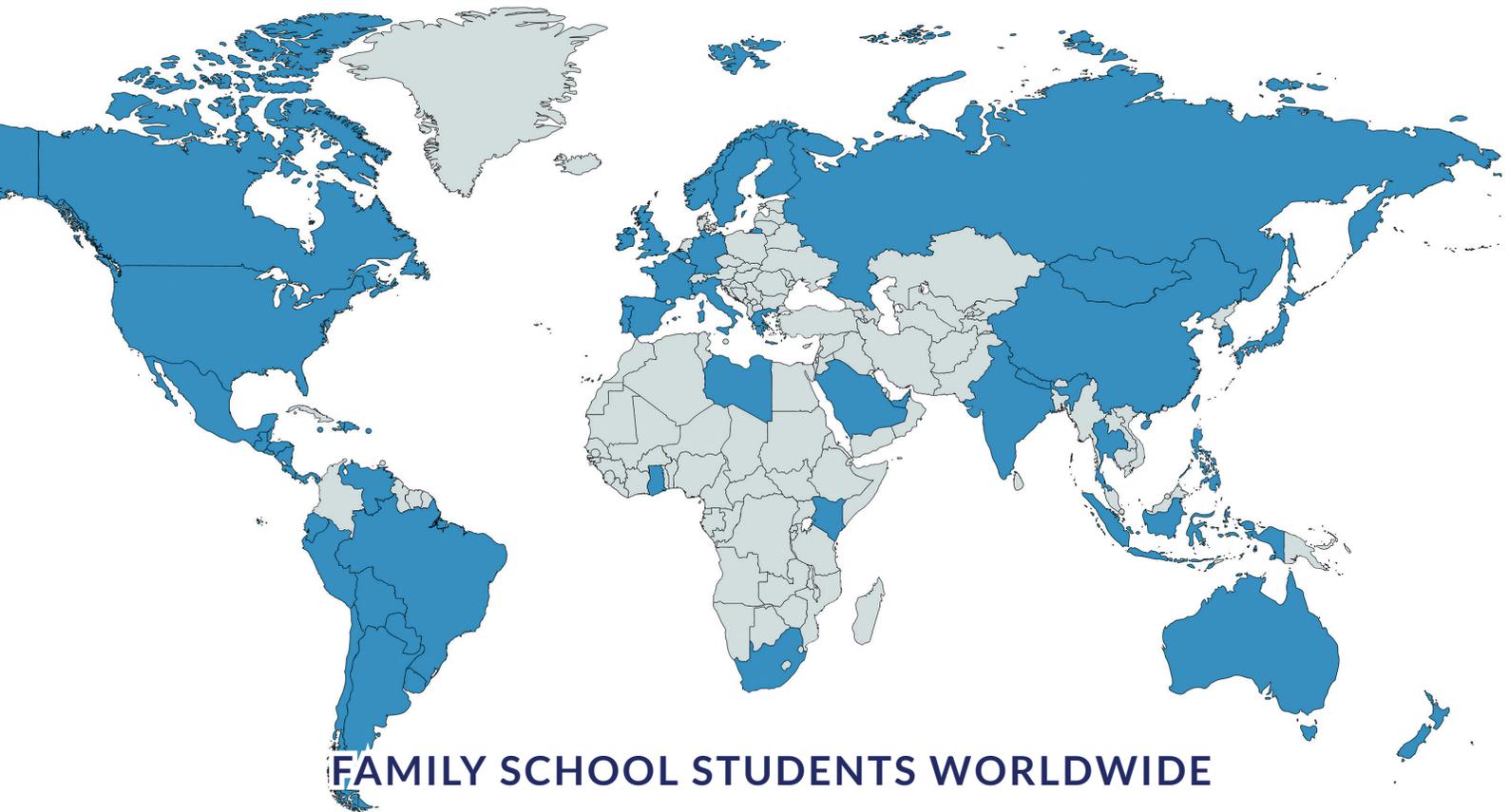
70+
COUNTRIES

2,660
PAYING SUBSCRIBER
FAMILIES

27,000
FREEMIUM SUBSCRIBERS

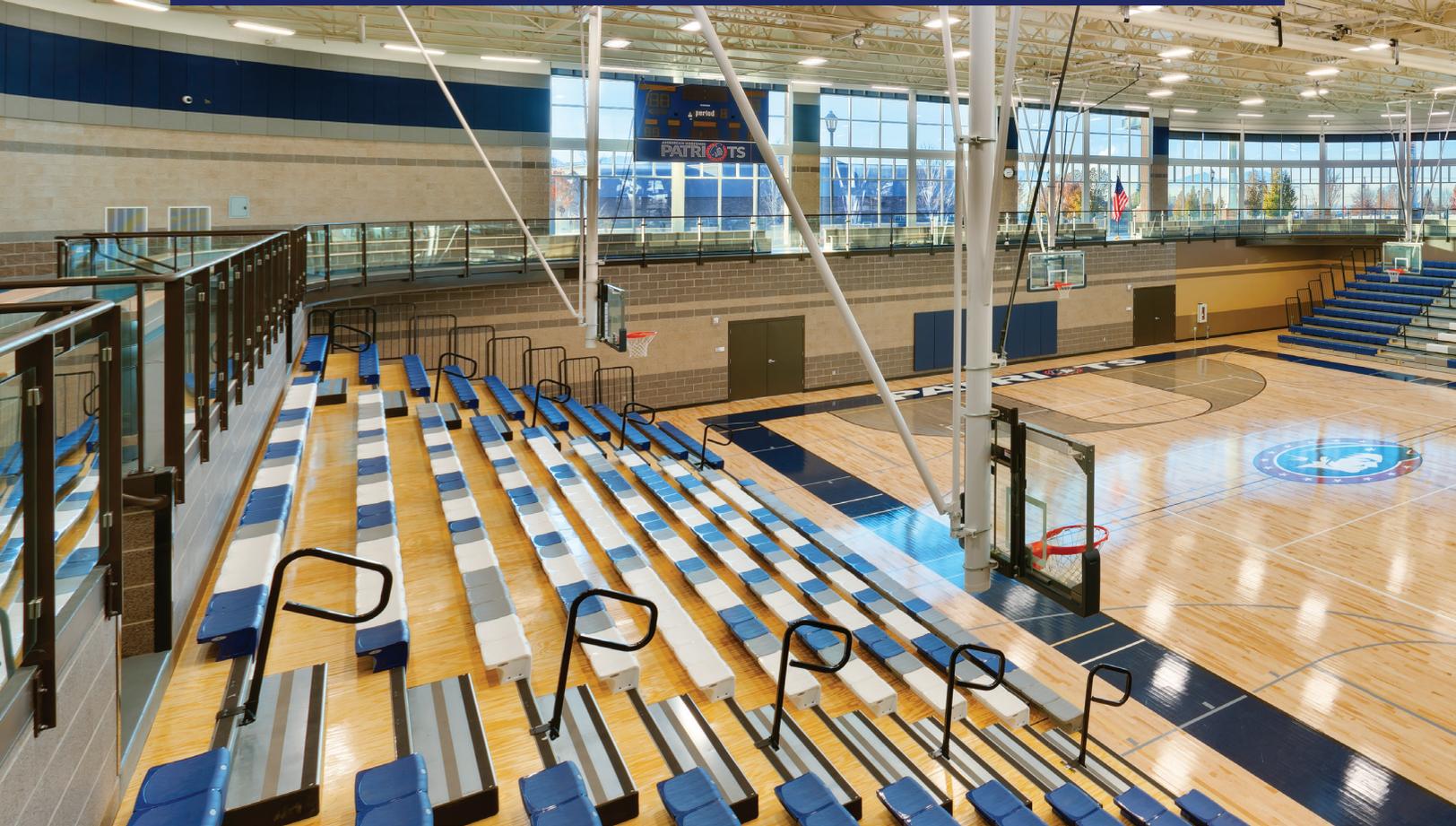
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HEARTSTART **PRESCHOOL**

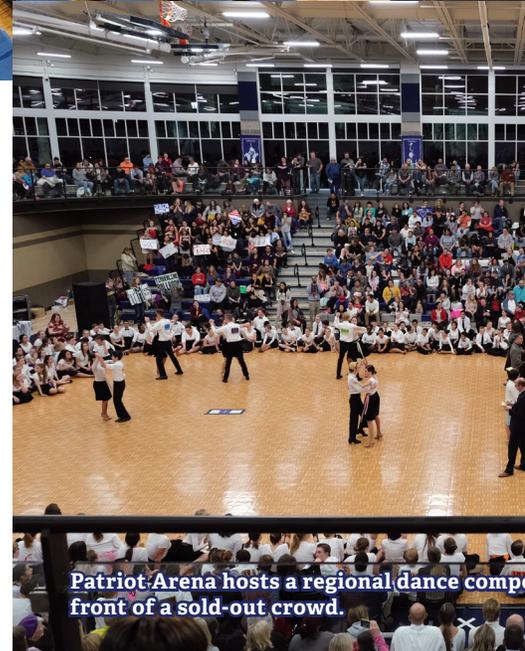


FAMILY SCHOOL STUDENTS WORLDWIDE

New in 2018: Patriot Arena & Outdoor Athletic Spaces



1,200-seat stadium, soccer, and 8-lane track & field with announcer booth



Patriot Arena hosts a regional dance competition in front of a sold-out crowd.



Competition in



Baseball field with the K-12 building in the background on the left and Patriot Arena on the right

Campus Expansion: Foundations for the Future

Performing Arts Center (PHASE 3)

- 1 300-seat Small Theater | Auditorium
- 2 900-seat Concert Hall
- 3 Music Classrooms & Rehearsal Rooms

Classrooms (PHASE 2)

- 4 Specialized Rooms For Science, Art, Engineering, Math & Technology
- 5 Student Commons & Activity Area
- 6 Administrative Staff Offices



Current
K-12 Facility

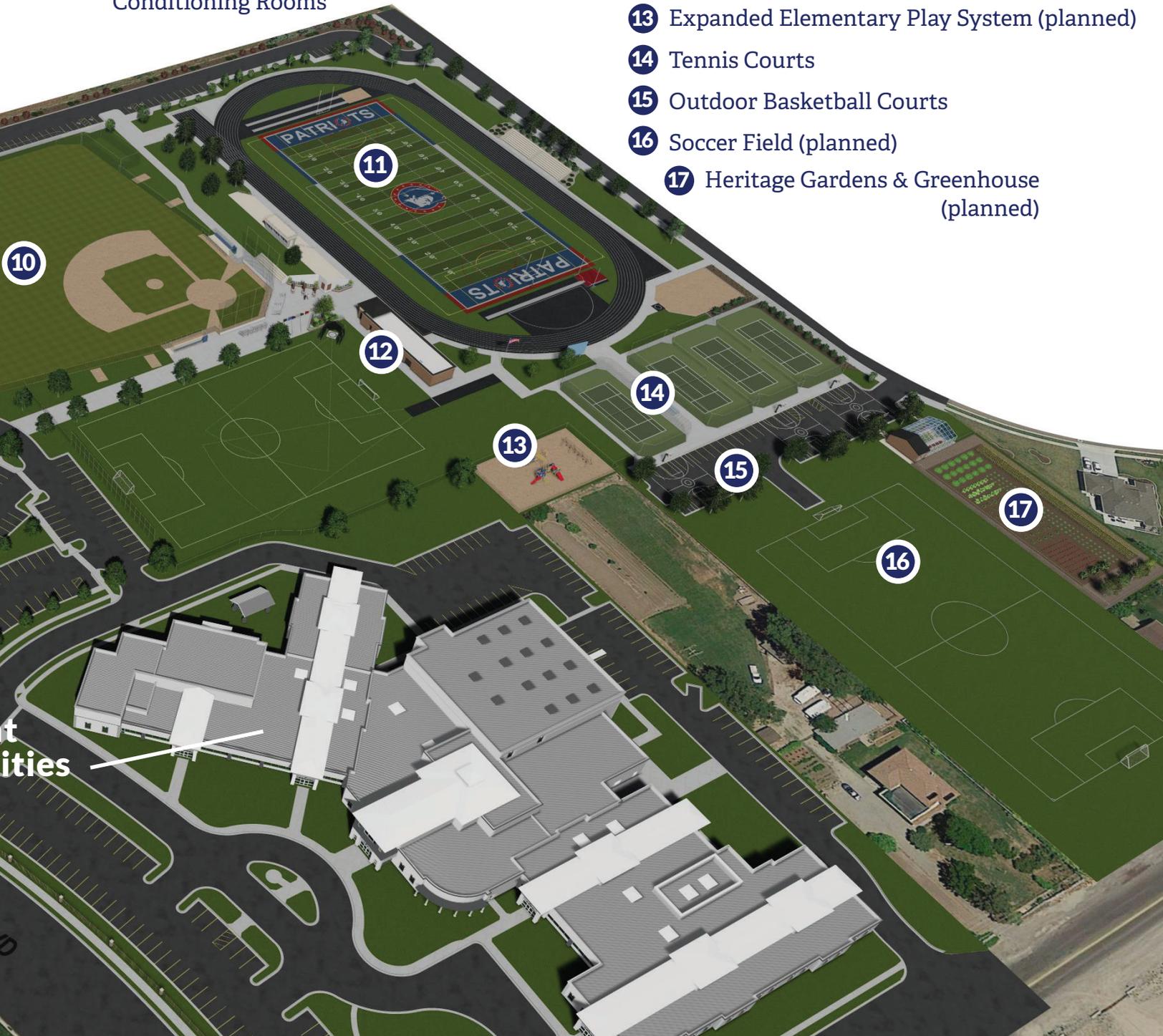
AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL

Indoor Athletics (PHASE 1B) (completed Fall 2018)

- 7** 1,200-seat Patriot Arena with Elevated Indoor Track
- 8** Auxiliary Gym (planned)
- 9** Dance, Health, PE, Weight & Conditioning Rooms

Outdoor Athletics (PHASE 1A) (completed Fall 2018)

- 10** Baseball Field
- 11** 1,200-seat Stadium, Soccer, and 8-lane Track & Field, with Announcer Booth
- 12** Concessions, Restrooms & Outdoor Storage
- 13** Expanded Elementary Play System (planned)
- 14** Tennis Courts
- 15** Outdoor Basketball Courts
- 16** Soccer Field (planned)
- 17** Heritage Gardens & Greenhouse (planned)



Facilities



I believe that being a Patriot is establishing lifelong personal principles that **you will never break**, no matter what the circumstance or challenge.

— Jacob Meeks, AHS Class of 2018



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