

AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL

UNINCORPORATED PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

Urban Design Kilday Studios has provided planning and zoning services to the American Heritage School from its initial development of the Delray campus in the mid-1990s through today. UDKS has worked with the school administrators to translate their vision for a well-rounded, primary education center that fosters excellence in academics, arts and athletics into a physical campus master plan. This prestigious educational facility is located on a 40 acre setting in Delray Beach, Florida. The school is an independent non-sectarian and co-educational college preparatory day school for grades Pre-K3 through high school and serves 900 students. Facilities planned thus far include eighteen buildings that house classrooms and other instructional programs, administration, an aquatics complex, six tennis courts, a multipurpose field, baseball and softball fields, and a gymnasium. Gross floor area proposed for the site totals 272,102 square feet.

UDKS reported directly to the Headmaster of the school. The firm led the consultant team, including an architect, civil engineer, surveyor, and traffic engineer, through the governmental approvals process for the campus, including a state of the art theatre that serves not only the school but the surrounding community. Entitlements for the property were secured through Palm Beach County by rezoning the property and obtaining a special exception to allow a private school and day care facilities. The team secured government approvals for site plan approval and subsequently filed

development order amendments, which allowed for additional land area to be added to the site, an increase in building area, an additional access point, and an increase in the number of student users. UDKS also pursued approvals for variances to buffer requirement and building height restrictions.

American Heritage School and UDKS continue to mutually benefit from a longstanding professional relationship

due to the firm's ability to continue to navigate the approval process on their behalf, and to manage the project schedule and work within budget constraints. UDKS is currently working with the school as they expand their campus to construct the theater, additional classroom buildings, cafetorium, and expanded athletic facilities.

Client: American Heritage School
Site Area: 40 acres
Building Area: 272,102 sf

