



# Don Soffer Aventura High School

## Admissions Profile

2023-2024

### Administration

#### Principal

Dr. Geoffrey McKee

#### Assistant Principals

Pamela Clappier

Shaina Hernandez

#### College Counselor

Olivia Nicholson

Onicholson@aventuracharterhs.org

#### School Counselors

Veronica Montes Childs

Francie Weinberg

### School Information

#### Address

3151 NE 213th St.  
Aventura, FL 33180

#### Phone

786-481-3032

#### Website

aventuracharterhs.org

**CEEB Code:** 102510

#### Snapshot

Total enrollment: 800

Senior class: 191

#### Student profile

51% Hispanic

45% White

4% Other

### School Background

Don Soffer Aventura High School (DSAHS), established in 2019, is a CSUSA tuition-free municipal charter school serving highly motivated 9th-12th grade students in Aventura. Quality education, ethical conduct, and social responsibility are prioritized at DSAHS.

DSAHS met "A" criteria from the Florida Department of Education in the school's first eligible year. 22 Advanced Placement (AP) courses and 26 Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) courses are offered. Students are encouraged to take the most challenging courses they can succeed in. Placement in AP and AICE courses is by recommendation and is based on placement testing. Students enrolled in AP and AICE courses are required to take the course exam at the end of the year.

We support students earning their AICE diploma before transitioning to AP courses. Students average four college level credits per year and aim to achieve their AICE and AP diplomas prior to graduation.

DSAHS is on a semester academic calendar with school days comprised of seven fifty-minute periods. Twenty-four credits, including sixteen core academic credits, are required for graduation.



Cambridge International School



### Advanced Programs

- 343 AP Students
- 149 AP Scholars
- 1,178 AP Exams in 2023
- 18 National Hispanic Scholars (class of 2024)
- 270 AICE Diplomas earned
  - 51 in 2021
  - 98 in 2022
  - 121 in 2023
- 126 Microsoft Office Specialist Certifications
- 7 National Merit Commended Scholars

# Don Soffer Aventura High School

## Current Academic Courses and Academic Opportunities

### English

English Language AP, AICE  
 AP English Literature  
 AP Capstone Seminar  
 AP Capstone Research  
 AICE General Paper  
 AICE English Language 2 A Level  
 Developmental Language Arts  
 English 1, 2, 3, & 4 H, ESOL  
 Intensive Reading 1, 2, 3, & 4

### Mathematics

Precalculus AP, H  
 AP Calculus AB  
 AP Calculus BC  
 AP Statistics  
 AICE Thinking Skills  
 Algebra I & II H  
 Geometry H  
 Probability and Statistics H  
 Algebra II  
 Foundational Skills in Mathematics  
 AP Computer Science P & A

### Natural Sciences

Biology AP, H  
 Environmental Science AP, H  
 Chemistry AP, H  
 AP Physics 1  
 AICE Marine Science  
 AICE Environmental Management  
 Physical Science Honors

### Physical Education

AICE Physical Education  
 Fitness Issues for Adolescents\*  
 Personal Fitness  
 Team Sports 1 & 2  
 Weight Training 1 & 2

### Technology

Foundations of Robotics  
 Research 1, 2, & 3

### Social Sciences

AP Psychology  
 United States History AP, AICE, H  
 United States Government AP, H  
 AP Macroeconomics  
 AICE International History  
 AICE Global Perspectives  
 AICE Sociology  
 AICE Business 1 & 2  
 AICE Law  
 AICE Travel and Tourism  
 World History H  
 Economics with Financial Literacy H

### World Languages

AP Spanish Language  
 Spanish Literature AP, AICE  
 AICE Spanish Language A & AS Lev.  
 AICE French Language  
 AICE Portuguese Language  
 Spanish 1, 2, 3H  
 American Sign Language 1 & 2

### Fine Arts

AP 3D Art & 2D Art  
 AP Drawing  
 AICE Drama 1 AS & A Level  
 AICE Drama 2 A  
 AICE Music  
 AICE Media Studies A & AS Lev.  
 Musical Theatre 1, 2, & 3  
 Acting 1 & 2  
 Acting 4 Honors  
 Two-Dimensional Studio Art 2 & 3H  
 Dance Techniques 1, 2, & 3H  
 Journalism 1, 2, 4H & 5H

### Other

NC Study Hall

### Academic Course Key

**AP:** Advanced Placement

**AICE:** University of Cambridge

**H:** Honors

**\*Blended course-** fulfills online course req.

### GPA, Class Rank & Grading

The grade point average is cumulative and includes high school courses taken in eighth grade as well as all courses taken in grades 9-12. DSAHS does not report individual class rank. We recognize summa cum laude, which is earned by the top 5%, magna cum laude, earned by students in the top 6%-10%, and cum laude, earned by students in the top 11%-15% as well as any student with a weighted GPA of 4.0 or higher. The class rank reported on transcripts comes from the district, not Don Soffer, and all courses on students' transcripts are considered.

A	90-100	4.0
B	80-89	3.0
C	70-79	2.0
D	60-69	1.0
F	0-59	0

AP and AICE courses receive an additional weight of 2.0  
 Honors courses receive an additional weight of 1.0

### Dual Enrollment

Students are permitted to dual enroll during the summer through the Dual Enrollment Agreement with Miami Dade College, effective Spring 2022. Students may also be approved to take courses through FLVS and Edgenuity.

# Don Soffer Aventura High School

## Academics (cont.), Extracurriculars, and College Acceptances

### AP Capstone and AICE Diplomas

**Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education Diploma:** The Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) is an international diploma that students may earn from the University of Cambridge in England. Cambridge courses teach students to think independently, collaborate with peers, synthesize information, apply knowledge, and present logical, coherent, and persuasive arguments. The AICE diploma requires that students earn seven credits in specified subject areas including Arts and Humanities, Math and Science, and Language. Students who earn the AICE diploma are not required to meet the PE, performing arts, or online requirement for graduation.

**Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone Diploma:** AP Capstone is an innovative program that equips students with the independent research, collaborative teamwork, and communication skills that are required in college. AP Capstone is built on the foundation of two courses, AP Seminar and AP Research, and is designed to enhance the discipline-specific learning gained through other AP courses. The AP Capstone curriculum fosters inquiry, research, collaboration, and writing skills through the intensive investigation of topics from multiple perspectives. AP courses are rigorous college level courses. The AP Diploma requires students to earn scores of three on the five-point scale in AP Seminar and AP Research and on any four additional AP exams.

### Sample of Extracurricular Clubs

National Honor Society	Cadena Foundation	Future Business Leaders of America
National English Honor Society	Chess Club	Gay Straight Alliance
National Spanish Honor Society	DECA	Jewish Student Union
Thespian Honor Society	Drama Club	Model UN
Quill and Scroll Honor Society	Economics and Finance Club	Mu Alpha Theta
Student Government	Ellie's Army	Robotics Club
Achieve Miami	Engineering Club	Speech and Debate
Amnesty International		

- Best delegate at Model UN MDC Conference
- 3rd place at Model UN Academic World Quest
- State International Thespian Festival, Superior and Excellent
- Harvard, Brown, and Tulane Book Award recipients

### Extracurricular Sports

Cross-Country
Track
Soccer
Volleyball
Golf
Flag Football
Basketball
Tennis

- Girls 34th Caribbean Amateur Junior Golf Champion
- 34% of students play one or more sports

### College Acceptances (Class of 2023)

Amherst College	Florida State University	Purdue University	University of Arizona
Bentley University	Florida Technical College	Reichman University in Herzliya	University of Central Florida
Boston University	Fordham University	Ringling College of Art & Design	University of Connecticut
Carnegie Mellon	George Washington University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Florida
Clemson University	Indiana University	Rutgers University	University of Illinois
Colorado State University	Johns Hopkins University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Maryland
Dartmouth University	Louisiana State University	Southern Methodist University	University of Miami
DePaul University	Maryland Institute College of Art	Suffolk University	University of New Haven
Drexel University	Michigan State University	Temple University	University of Pennsylvania
Duke University	New York University	Texas A & M University	University of Southern California
Elon University	North Carolina State University	Tufts University	University of Texas - Austin
Emerson College	University of Northeastern University	Tulane University	University of Virginia
Emory University	Northwestern University	UC San Diego	Virginia Tech
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	Nova Southeastern University	University of Alabama	Wake Forest University
Florida Atlantic University	Pennsylvania State University		Washington & Lee University
Florida Gulf Coast University	Pratt Institute		Washington University - St. Louis