

Antilles- ES-21st Century Facility

Antilles Elementary School is a beautiful and modern architectural structure. The building was built to facilitate 21st century learning, and contains the latest features in flexibility, adaptability, sustainability, and energy conservation. It is the beginning of a transformation process in the type of education AES Faculty and Staff Members are committed to provide in order to help generate students who are competitive in our global world.

The facility is a two floor structure with Pre-Kindergarten, Kinder, First and Second grades on the first floor, and Third, Fourth and Fifth grades on the second floor. Each hallway has a distinctive color above its entrance and are called "Streets". The Streets are composed of "Neighborhoods" that contain "Hubs" and "Learning Studios", which are learning environments that cater to 21st century education which differs greatly from the traditional school classroom. It provides educators and students with the opportunity to experiment with the flexibility in space, moveable furniture, and technology.

English as a Second Language (ESL), Special Education (SP ED) and related services personnel are housed in the Neighborhoods according to the grade level they provide services for. Gifted Resource, Health Provider, Psychologist, Counselors, and Speech Assessor are located on the first floor. Each specialist (Art, Heritage, Music, Physical Education) have their separate dedicated areas. Also located on the first floor are the Principal, Assistant Principal and related staff members including secretaries in the main office. The Information Center is equipped with modern technology to include a TV Production Studio. The new facility has a state of the art kitchen and provides breakfast and lunch to students and employees. . At present, Antilles Elementary School is part of DoDEA Americas Mid-Atlantic District and has an enrollment of approximately 700 (as of 4/25/2018) students from Pre-K to 5th grade, under the leadership of Lydia Blazquez as school principal.

Community

Antilles Elementary School is located in Fort Buchanan, a unique community located in the very heart of the San Juan metropolitan area. Fort Buchanan serves a population of over 104,000 military and civilian personnel, veterans, retirees and their family members. Its economic impact on the island is estimated at over 160 million annually. Its 746 acres (with a real estate value of some approximately \$560 million), house an ever growing joint community that includes Active and Reserve Component units as well as other Department of Defense and federal organizations. Today, Fort Buchanan is the only Department of Defense installation in the Caribbean Basin area.

Antilles Middle School (AMS)

Antilles Middle School (AMS) is committed to providing an education that prepares students as thinkers, problem solvers and collaborators. AMS provides an English-language education for the dependents of military and civilian federal employees in

Puerto Rico (PR). AMS is one of four Department of Defense schools on the island. We are a member of the DoDEA Americas Mid-Atlantic District. AMS is located on the United States Army Garrison, Fort Buchanan and is situated within the metropolitan area of San Juan.

The middle school moved to the present 17-acre campus in 1992. The school consists of nine permanent buildings and two portable buildings providing more than 78,000 square feet. The buildings are configured in a circular pattern around the information center. The school embraces the middle school concept for grades 6-8. There are four "houses"/teams. Three are grade-level houses and there is a house for the core exploratory strand and a house for foreign language. Teachers and students are organized and grouped in interdisciplinary teams.

The majority of the AMS staff are bilingual in Spanish and English. The AMS staff models lifelong learning with ongoing participation in integrating instructional technology and in post graduate course work.

The students at AMS participate in academic and athletic competitions around the island and at the national level. These competitions provide students the opportunity to interact with non-DoDEA students around the island and beyond. AMS students benefit from the partnerships and collaborations with stakeholder groups. The dependents of both military and civilian employees are able to participate in base middle school program activities through Child Youth Services.

Antilles High School

Antilles High School (AHS) is a nonsectarian, co-educational high school (grades 9-12) under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Americas Mid Atlantic district within the Department of Defense Domestic Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS). The school provides a secondary education for the dependent children of US military personnel (active and reserve), active National Guard, and transferable Federal Employees. The school is located in Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, which is approximately eight miles south of San Juan. Antilles High School was founded in 1954.

AHS facilities include one large building with 30 classrooms, a gymnasium, a media center, an auditorium, a computer lab, an infirmary, graphical and technical classrooms, art and fine arts classroom, JROTC rooms, Speech and Occupational Therapy rooms, counseling and psychologist rooms and a cafeteria.

The academic school year at Antilles High School is two semesters with each semester divided into two grading quarters. Antilles High School operates on a block schedule. The regular school day includes four 90 minute periods with five minutes passing time. The graduation requirements include 26 Carnegie units of credits. AHS curriculum offers a rich variety of opportunities for all students to pursue their interests and reach their academic and professional goals. Our graduates have been accepted to some of the most prestigious colleges, including Harvard, Yale, MIT and the United States Service Academies, as well as many who attend the best local four-year universities. Our alumni are scattered literally around the globe, many holding positions of prominence in all fields and professions.

Accreditation

Antilles High School is accredited by AdvancED.

AHS Memberships

- National Association of Secondary School Principals
- National Honor Society
- Caribbean Counselors Association
- College Board
- National Association of College Admissions Counselors

AHS Student Body

The student- body is comprised of approximately 490 students from varying backgrounds, including the following : (1) students with continental U.S. heritage who are monolingual English speakers, (2) students of continental background who speak English as a first language and Spanish as a second language, (3) students of Puerto Rican - Hispanic cultural heritage using Spanish as the first language with English as a second language, and (4) students of Puerto Rican - Hispanic heritage using Spanish as a first language with only a rudimentary command of English.