

AGBU MANOOGIAN – DEMIRDJIAN SCHOOL



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2021-2022 SCHOOL PROFILE

Mission

AGBU Manoogian-Demirdjian School is a preschool through 12th grade Armenian educational community committed to challenging and supporting our students to excel in academic, athletic, and artistic realms. Each student is encouraged to become a caring and responsible global citizen who values collaboration, innovation, and critical thinking to impact our community and the world.

School Information

AGBU Manoogian-Demirdjian School (AGBU MDS) is owned and operated by the Armenian General Benevolent Union, the largest Armenian philanthropic organization in the diaspora. The school was founded in 1976 as an elementary school, adding one grade each year to reach high school level in 1987. The school has graduated over 1541 seniors to date. The college admission profile of graduating seniors during the past 3 years indicates 61% attending 4-year universities and 39% two-year community colleges, with the majority of them transferring to universities later.

The school is committed to preparing academically capable, socially developed, responsible and ethical high school graduates who will be able to function honorably and successfully in a changing world. The school offers a strong college preparatory program to all students. Core subjects are taught every year and enriched by a wide range of specialty subjects, electives and extracurricular classes. Honors and Advanced Placement courses are available for qualified students who may enroll in up to 14 Advanced Placement courses throughout high school (if scheduling permits).

Enrollment

Preschool – 12th: 979

6th – 8th: 174

9th – 12th: 202

Class of 2022: 47

High School Faculty

Of the 28 faculty members in the high school, 100% either hold a B.A or B.S degree and 63% hold master's degrees, and 9% hold doctorate degrees. The ratio of students to teachers is 18:1.

Accreditation and Memberships

The school has been accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges since 1992 and is a member of: National Association for College Admission Counseling, Western Association for College Admission Counseling, and National Honor Society.

Grading

The school year is divided into two semesters and classes meet on a block schedule. AGBU MDS issues three progress reports every semester, 5 weeks apart; however, only semester grades appear on the student's permanent transcript. Grades are calculated on a 4 point scale and weighted for courses designated as "Honors" or "Advanced Placement." (+) and (-) grades are indicated on the transcript and are weighted when computing GPA.

Graduation Requirements

Successful completion of school graduation requirements entails that all core subject courses, with a semester grade of D or F, have been repeated prior to graduation. Courses repeated outside of AGBU are not shown on our transcripts and are not factored into the student's Cumulative GPA.

Additionally, seniors cannot have a D or F, as a semester grade, during senior year if they are to graduate and receive a diploma. Seniors are held to the unweighted cumulative 2.0 GPA minimum requirement. Failure to achieve this average during the first semester will place a senior on academic probation, and failure to achieve that cumulative GPA at the end of the year will prevent a senior from graduating and receiving a diploma.

AGBU MDS Course Requirements	
A	English: 4 years
B	Mathematics: 4 years
C	History: 3 years
D	Laboratory Science (biology, chemistry, physics): 4 years
E	Foreign Languages: 4 years
F	Visual and Performing Arts: 1 year of same type of art
G	Electives: 2 years

Students are also required to take the following electives: Armenian Composition, Introduction to Technology, Introduction to Business and Geography.

Focus Group Program

Our college-preparatory high school curriculum also incorporates the concept of focus groups—this setup affords our students the opportunity to study subjects in-depth, with internships and extracurricular activities embedded into the schedule. Our 9th grade curriculum is designed to provide students the full foundation necessary to apply for, and thrive, in our focus groups during sophomore, junior, and senior year. Students gain awareness of different educational, professional, and career opportunities with the help of guest speakers and field trips. This program allows students to focus their studies in one of the following fields: Engineering & Technology, Law & Politics, Visual & Performing Arts, Health & Medicine, and Business & Communications.

Advanced Placement Results for 2021

In May 2021, 70% of our 10th, 11th, 12th grade students took 184 exams. 70% of our AP students have scores of 3 and above. Our school was recognized for the following AP Scholar awards:

4	AP Scholar with Honors
19	AP Scholars
7	AP Scholars with Distinction

Advanced Placement Courses

There are a total of 14 Advanced Placement (AP) and 12 Honors courses offered. Admission to advanced coursework is by approval of the instructor, department head and counselor. Some courses may not be offered every year due to scheduling and enrollment issues. AP courses are not open to freshman students.

Social Science

AP Government & Politics
 AP United States History
 AP World History
 AP Psychology

Mathematics

Algebra Honors
 Geometry Honors
 Algebra II/Trigonometry Honors
 Pre-Calculus Honors
 Calculus Honors
 AP Calculus AB/BC
 AP Statistics

Science

Biology Honors
 Chemistry Honors
 AP Biology
 AP Chemistry
 AP Environmental Science
 AP Physics

Foreign Language

Armenian I Honors
 Armenian II Honors
 Armenian II Honors
 Armenian IV Honors

English

English I Honors
 English II Honors
 AP English Language & Composition
 AP English Literature & Composition

Computer Science

AP Computer Science Principles

Service Commitment

AGBU MDS students must complete 80 community service hours as part of their graduation requirements. This obligation exists to encourage fulfillment of the AGBU Manoogian-Demirdjian School Mission, and many students choose to exceed their service requirement.

GPA & Class Rank Information

The highest Academic Cumulative Weighted GPA in the Class of 2022 is 4.71. Given the rigorous nature of the curriculum and the small size of the senior class, AGBU Manoogian-Demirdjian School does not rank its students. Honors and AP courses are weighted one point. Off-campus summer or transfer grades from other schools are not included in the GPA.

As of August 2021, the Class of 2022 – Fully Weighted GPA Ranges

GPA	# of Students
4.45 and above	6
4	11
9	12
3.0 – 3.4	10
2.5 – 2.9	7
2.4 and below	0

Standardized Testing -- School Year 2020-2021 Profile

SAT and ACT Performance	AGBU MDS Mean	California Mean
5 students took the ACT	Composite (30)	Composite (22.6)
17 students took the SAT	Composite (1253)	Composite (1049)