

AGBU MANOOGIAN – DEMIRDJIAN SCHOOL



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2022-2023 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 nearly 1600 seniors to date.

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: 974

6th – 8th: 180

9th – 12th: 207

Class of 2023: 50

High School Faculty

Of the 31 faculty members in the high school, 100% either hold a B.A. or B.S. degree, 65% hold master's degrees, and 9% hold doctorate degrees. Many teachers have been professionally published and considered experts in their respective fields. AGBU MDS faculty have received regional and national recognition for charitable activities and teaching excellence. The ratio of students to teachers is 12:1.

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 2022

In May 2022, 61% of our 10th, 11th, 12th grade students took 215 exams. 80% of our AP students have scores of 3 and above. Our school was recognized for the following AP Scholar awards:

15	AP Scholars
8	AP Scholars with Honors
9	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
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics

Science

Biology Honors
Chemistry Honors
Earth & Space Science 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 2023 is 4.74. 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 2022, the Class of 2023 – Fully Weighted GPA Ranges

GPA	Number of Students
4.45 and above	14
4.0- 4.44	10
3.5-3.99	9
3.0-3.49	6
2.5-2.99	5
2.49 and below	2

Standardized Testing -- School Year 2022-2023 Profile

SAT Performance	AGBU MDS Mean	California Mean
28 students took the SAT	Composite (1207)	Composite (1057)