



# AGBU MANOOGIAN-DEMIRDJIAN SCHOOL

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## 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 a college preparatory school 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 1700 seniors to date. Parents of students hail from many different countries of the world, including Armenia, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Egypt, Georgia, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Romania, Russia, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates and parts of central and South America. The school has been accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges since 1992.

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## 2024-2025 School Profile

### Enrollment

Preschool- 12th grade: 997 students

9-12: 236 students

Class of 2025: 57 students

### High School Faculty

Of the 36 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.

### Grading

The school year is divided into two semesters and classes meet on a daily and a hybrid block schedule. AGBU MDS issues 3 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 1-point for courses designated as "Honors" or "Advanced Placement."

### Service Commitment

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. The majority of students choose to exceed this service requirement.

## Graduation Requirements

Students are expected to complete the following, fulfilling all A-G requirements:

Subject Requirement	Course	Years
A	English	4
B	Mathematics	4
C	History	4
D	Science	4
E	Foreign Language	4
F	V&P Arts	1
G	College Electives	4

Any core subject courses, with a semester grade of D or F, must be repeated prior to graduation. Courses repeated outside of AGBU are not shown on student transcripts and are not factored into the student's cumulative GPA. Additionally, seniors cannot have a D or F, as a semester grade, during their senior year in any core subject and graduate.

## GPA & Class Rank Information

The highest academic cumulative weighted GPA in the Class of 2025 is 4.82. 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.

## Standardized Testing (School year 2023-2024)

SAT's Taken	AGBU MDS Mean Score	California Mean Score
19	1322	1083

## Advanced Placement (AP) Program

There are a total of 14 Advanced Placement (AP) and 9 UC-approved honors courses offered.

Admission to advanced coursework is by approval of the faculty. Some courses may not be offered every year due to scheduling and enrollment issues. AP courses are not open to freshman students, with sophomores limited to three AP courses. AP courses offered include:

- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB & BC
- AP Computer Science
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP English Literature and Composition
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Government & Politics
- AP Human Geography
- AP Physics
- AP Psychology
- AP Statistics
- AP United States History
- AP World History

## Advanced Placement Results for 2024

In May 2024, 64% of our 10th, 11th, 12th grade students took 259 exams. 9/13 AP tests offered had pass rates of 90% or better. Our school was recognized for achieving the highest AP honor roll status, Platinum, by the College Board.

Award	Number of Students
AP Scholars	26
AP Scholars w/ Honors	12
AP Scholars w/ Distinction	24

## Focus Group Program

The high school curriculum incorporates the concept of focus groups—providing students the opportunity to study professions of interest. Students gain awareness of different educational 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.

# College Acceptances and Matriculations Since 2020

Since 2020, students from AGBU MDS have been accepted to 80 different colleges and universities, with the most recent Class of 2024 having 70% of its students committing to 4-year universities.

<p>Adelphi University          Arizona State University ^          Babson College          Barnard College          Baylor University +          Belmont University          California Lutheran University ~          California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt          California State Polytechnic University, Pomona *          California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo#          California State University Channel Islands *          California State University, Chico          California State University Northridge *+~^#          California State University, Fullerton          California State University, Long Beach          California State University, Los Angeles          California State University, Sacramento          California State University, San Bernardino          Cedarville University          Chapman University *~          DePaul University          Eckerd College          Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising          Fordham University          George Washington University          Indiana University          Loyola Marymount University *^#          Manhattan College          Michigan State University          Mount St. Mary's          New York University +          Oberlin University          Occidental College          Ohio State University          Pennsylvania State University          Pepperdine University +~^          Point Loma Nazarene University          Purdue University          Rochester Institute of Technology          Saint Louis University</p>	<p>San Diego State University *          San Francisco State University          San Jose State University          Sewanee: The University of the South          Sonoma State University          Southern Methodist University          Stanford University +          Stevens Institute of Technology          St. John's University          Tulane University          University of Iowa          University of Arkansas          University of California, Berkeley +^#          University of California, Davis ~          University of California, Irvine ^#          University of California, Los Angeles *~^#          University of California, Merced          University of California, Riverside #          University of California, San Diego *+^#          University of California, Santa Barbara *~^#          University of California, Santa Cruz          University of Colorado          University of Denver          University of Houston          University of Miami          University of Michigan          University of Minnesota          University of Oregon          University of Pittsburgh          University of San Diego *^          University of San Francisco          University of Southern California *+^#          University of Texas- San Antonio          University of Tulsa          University of Virginia          University of Wisconsin          Verto/Macquarie University *          West Coast University +#          Westmont College          Woodbury University ~</p>
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## Matriculations by Class:

Class of 2020- \*                      Class of 2023- ^  
 Class of 2021- +                      Class of 2024- #  
 Class of 2022- ~

