



AGBU MANOOGIAN-DEMIRDJIAN SCHOOL ՀԱՅԱՍՏԱՆԻԿԵԱՆ-ՏԵՄԻՐԺԻԱՆ ՎԱՐՃԱՐԱՆ

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 1800 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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2025-2026 School Profile

Enrollment

Preschool- 12th grade: 1000 students

9-12: 236 students

Class of 2026: 62 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 daily. 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 2026 is 5.01. The Class of 2026 may be the most academically gifted class in AGBU history with three National Merit Semifinalists and twelve students with above a 4.70 weighted GPA. Given the rigorous nature of the curriculum and the small size of the senior class, AGBU Manoogian-Demirdjian School does not rank its students. Off-campus summer or transfer grades from other schools are not included in the GPA.

Standardized Testing (School year 2024-2025)

| SAT’s Taken | AGBU MDS Mean Score | California Mean Score |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 32 | 1266 | 1006 |

Advanced Placement (AP) Program

There are a total of 17 Advanced Placement (AP) and 9 UC-approved honors courses offered. Some courses may not be offered every year due to scheduling and enrollment issues. The maximum AP courses a student can take is 11 total in grades 10-12, with sophomores limited to three AP courses.

AP courses offered include:

- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB & BC
- AP Computer Science
- AP Drawing
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP English Literature and Composition
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Government & Politics
- AP Human Geography
- AP Physics
- AP Physics C: Mechanics & C: E&M
- AP Psychology
- AP Seminar
- AP Statistics
- AP United States History
- AP World History

Advanced Placement Results for 2025

In May 2025, 65% of our 10th, 11th, 12th grade students took 290 exams. 11/15 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 w/ Distinction | 37 |
| AP Scholars w/ Honors | 7 |
| AP Scholars | 26 |

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 82 different colleges and universities, with the three most recent graduating classes having approximately a 70% commitment rate to a 4-year university.

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| <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 La Verne % 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:

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| Class of 2020- * | Class of 2023- ^ |
| Class of 2021- + | Class of 2024- # |
| Class of 2022- ~ | Class of 2025- % |

