



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. The high school is a college-preparatory institution with a commitment to academic rigor and innovation. Each student is encouraged to become a caring and responsible global citizen who values collaboration 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. AGBU MDS has had a diverse representation of Armenian families with some hailing from many different countries of the world, including Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, China, Cyprus, Egypt, Georgia, India, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Lebanon, the Philippines, Romania, Russia, Syria, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, Vietnam, and parts of Central and South America. In addition, the student population reflects a diverse range of socioeconomic backgrounds, with financial aid available to qualifying students.. The school has been accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges since 1992. In 2026, the school won the Academic Decathlon Small Schools National Championship.

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Enrollment

Preschool- 12th grade: 1022 students
9-12: 231 students
Class of 2027: 61 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 12% 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 vast 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	History/ Social Science	4
B	English	4
C	Mathematics	4
D	Laboratory 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 2027 is 4.93. 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 2025-2026)

SAT's Taken	AGBU MDS Mean Score	California Mean Score
38	1244	1006

Advanced Placement (AP) Program

There are a total of 18 Advanced Placement (AP) and 10 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 12 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 Principles
- AP Drawing
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP English Literature and Composition
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Government & Politics
- AP Human Geography
- AP Physics 1
- AP Psychology
- AP Seminar
- AP Statistics
- AP United States History
- AP World History

Advanced Placement Results for 2026

In May 2026, 72% of our 10th, 11th, 12th grade students took 356 exams. 12/18 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	31
AP Scholars w/ Honors	8
AP Scholars	37

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

Adelphi University
American University
Arizona State University ^
Babson College
Barnard College
Baylor University +
Belmont University
Boston College
Boston 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
Hawaii Pacific University
Indiana University
Loyola Marymount University *^#%\$
Macalester College
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

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 Chicago \$
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 Richmond
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 ~
Yale University \$

Matriculations by Class:

Class of 2020- * Class of 2021- + Class of 2022- ~ Class of 2023- ^
Class of 2024- # Class of 2025- % Class of 2026- \$