# AGBU MANOOGIAN-DEMIRDJIAN SCHOOL
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**DEMIRDJIAN MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2026-2027**

## Mission

AGBU Manoogian-Demirdjian School is a preschool through twelfth-grade school committed to instilling Armenian heritage and fostering academic excellence in a safe and nurturing environment. Our college preparatory program inspires students to become critical thinkers who value their Armenian culture and identity, and are equipped to face the ever-changing 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: 1,022 students
9-12: 231 students
Class of 2027: 61 students

## High School Faculty

Of the 36 faculty members in the high school, 100% 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 student-to-teacher ratio 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.

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## 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 in any core subject during their senior year 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 |

| PSAT's Taken | AGBU MDS Mean Score | California Mean Score |
|---|---|---|
| 23 | 1193 | 1000 |

## National Merit Recognition: Class of 2026

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|---|---|
| National Merit Finalists | 3 |
| National Merit Scholarship Winners | 2 |

## 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 number of 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

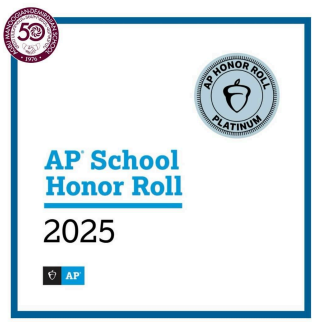
## Advanced Placement Results for 2026

In May 2026, 72% of our 10th-, 11th-, and 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- $



## Academic Clubs, Performances, and Competitions

Students explore academic interests beyond the classroom through competitive clubs that provide opportunities to collaborate, solve problems, and develop leadership skills.

**Robotics Club:** Students design, build, and compete in FIRST Robotics and VEX competitions.

**Academic Decathlon:** AGBU MDS is the reigning Academic Decathlon Small Schools National Champion.

**Model United Nations:** Students compete throughout Southern California, developing skills in research, public speaking, negotiation, and diplomacy. AGBU MDS hosts the annual TITANMUN, which is attended by various schools in the San Fernando Valley.

**Titans Investment Team:** Students participate in the Wharton Global High School Investment Competition, hosted by the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School.

**Mock Trial:** Placed 6th out of 157 schools in last year's Los Angeles County competition.

**Armenian Educational Oratorical Competition:** Students compete annually at UCLA, earning various awards each year.

**CSUN High School Art Competition:** AGBU MDS art students have been recognized for their works of art at this annual competition.

**Student Council:** Students develop leadership skills through student representation and participation in school activities.

**Music Club:** Students share their musical talents through performances and recitals.

**Visual and Performing Arts:** The program includes dance, drama, and art, giving students opportunities for creative expression.

## Leadership Opportunities

**National Honor Society:** Our chapter received the NHS Chapter of Distinction Award for academic excellence and community involvement.

Academic clubs and team competitions also give students opportunities to take responsibility, contribute to group projects, and work toward shared goals.

## Educational Excursions

Grade-level excursions extend learning beyond campus through travel, cultural experiences, and internships.

**Grade 6** | Fresno & Sacramento

**Grade 7** | Catalina Environmental Leadership Program

**Grade 8** | Mt. Rushmore & Yellowstone National Park

**Grade 9** | Washington, D.C.

**Grade 10** | Armenia (2 weeks)

**Grade 11** | Internships in Armenia (3 weeks)

## International Student Exchange Program

AGBU MDS also participates in an Argentinian student exchange program, providing opportunities for cultural exchange and international connections.

## Athletics

**Boys Sports:** volleyball, tennis, golf, basketball, soccer, and flag football.

**Girls Sports:** volleyball, tennis, basketball, and soccer.

**Boys and Girls Sports:** Cross-country, track and field, swimming, and wrestling.

