

# AGBU MANOOGIAN – DEMIRDJIAN SCHOOL



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## SCHOOL PROFILE 2018 - 2019

### SCHOOL HISTORY

AGBU Manoogian-Demirdjian School (AGBU MDS) is owned and operated by the Armenian General Benevolent Union, the largest Armenian philanthropic organization in the diaspora, operating 22 educational institutions in Armenian communities around the world. 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 over 1287 seniors to date. The college admission profile of graduating seniors during the past 3 years indicates 60% attending 4-year universities and 40% two-year community colleges, the majority of them transferring to universities later.

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, college-level courses throughout high school (if scheduling permits).

### ENROLLMENT

**Preschool-12:** 760

**6th-8th:** 143

**9th-12th:** 182

**Class of 2019:** 42

### HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

Of the 29 faculty members in the high school, **100%** either hold a B.A or B.S degree and **63%** hold master's degrees, and **9%** hold doctorate degrees.

### ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

The school has been accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges since 1992 and is a member of the following educational and professional organizations: 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 5 weeks; however, only semester grades appear on the student's permanent transcript at the end of each semester. 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 the GPA.

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Successful completion of school graduation requirements entails that all second semester grades of F in core subjects have been made up during summer school or senior year. Additionally, seniors cannot have an 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.

<b>AGBU MDS Course Requirements</b>	
<b>A</b>	English: 4 years
<b>B</b>	Mathematics: 4 years
<b>C</b>	History: 3 years
<b>D</b>	Laboratory Science (biology, chemistry, physics): 4 years
<b>E</b>	Foreign Languages: 4 years
<b>F</b>	Visual and Performing Arts: 1 year of same type of art
<b>G</b>	Electives: 2 years

Students are also required to take the following electives: Armenian Composition, Introduction to Technology and Introduction to Business.

## **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 they love more 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, Visual & Performing Arts/Communications, Health & Medicine, and Business & Law.

## **HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT**

There are a total of 14 Advanced Placement (AP) and 12 Honors courses offered. Admission to advanced coursework is by approval of 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 United States  
AP United States History  
AP World History

### **MATHEMATICS**

Algebra II/Trigonometry Honors  
Geometry Honors  
Pre-Calculus Honors  
Calculus Honors  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
AP Statistics

### **SCIENCE**

Biology Honors  
Chemistry Honors  
AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Environmental Science  
AP Physics

### **FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

Armenian I Honors  
Armenian II Honors  
Armenian III Honors  
Armenian IV Honors

### **ENGLISH**

English I Honors  
English II Honors  
AP English Language & Composition  
AP English Literature & Composition

### **ELECTIVE**

AP Psychology  
AP Computer Science Principles

## **ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS FOR 2018**

In May 2018, **70%** of our 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> grade students took 227 exams.

**78%** of our AP students have scores of 3 and above.

Our school was recognized for the following AP Scholar awards:

- 3 National AP Scholar
- 8 AP Scholar with Honor
- 27 AP Scholars
- 8 AP Scholars with Distinction

**SERVICE REQUIREMENT**

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 weighted GPA in the Class of 2018 is a 4.93. \*Please note that only one person has this 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. Honors and AP courses are weighted one point.

**CLASS OF 2018 - WEIGHTED GPA RANGES**

<b>GPA</b>	<b># of Students</b>
4.5 and above	5
4.5 - 4.0	13
3.9 - 3.5	10
3.4 - 3.0	9
2.9 - 2.5	3
2.4 and below	2

**STANDARDIZED TESTING - CLASS OF 2017/2018 PROFILE**

<b>SAT and ACT Performance</b>	<b>AGBU MDS Mean</b>	<b>California Mean</b>
22 students took the ACT	Composite (27.2)	Composite (22.8)
18 students took the SAT	Composite (1245)	Composite (1055)

## **COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR GRADUATING CLASSES OF 2015-2018**

American Musical and Dramatic Academy	Pitzer College
Arizona State University	Purdue University
Art Center College of Design	Smith College
Art Institute of Hollywood	St. John's University
Boston University	Texas Christian University
Bradley College	Texas A&M
Brookhayven College	UC Berkeley
Brown University	UC Davis
California College of the Arts	UC Irvine
California Institute of Arts	UC Los Angeles
Cal Lutheran University	UC Merced
Cal Poly Pomona	UC Riverside
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	UC San Diego
Chapman University	UC Santa Barbara
The Citadel	UC Santa Cruz
CSU Channel Islands	University of Arizona
CSU Fullerton	University of Colorado
CSU Long Beach	University of Denver
CSU Los Angeles	University of Essex
CSU Northridge	University of Indiana
CSU San Diego	University of LaVerne
CSU San Francisco	University of the Pacific
CSU San Jose	University of Miami
CSU San Bernardino	University of Michigan
CSU Sonoma	University of Nebraska
Emory College	University of Nevada Las Vegas
FIDM	University of Oklahoma
Fordham	University of Oregon
George Washington University	University of the Pacific
La Sierra University	University of Queens, Canada
Los Angeles Film Academy	University of Rochester
Loyola Marymount University	University of San Diego
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	University of San Francisco
Marquette University	University of Southern California (USC)
McGill University	University of Sussex
Mount Saint Mary's	University of Toronto
New York University	University of Washington
Northwestern University	University of Virginia
Occidental College	West Coast University
OTIS	Whittier College
Ohio State University	Woodbury University
	Pepperdine University