



A.G.B.U. Vatche and Tamar Manoukian High School

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MISSION STATEMENT

AGBU Vatche and Tamar Manoukian High School is committed to cultivating the potential of each student-scholar in an inclusive and collaborative setting which promotes academic excellence, cultural appreciation, and ethical conduct. The four-year program will graduate students who are creative as well as critical thinkers, effective communicators, lifelong learners, and capable leaders, intellectually and socially equipped to meet the challenges of the future.

THE SCHOOL

AGBU Vatche & Tamar Manoukian High School is a 9-12 co-educational institution serving the Armenian community of the San Gabriel Valley. The school is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Since its founding in 2006, the school has developed a comprehensive academic program, planned with the goal of developing fundamental scholastic skills, analytical and critical thinking, study skills and self-confidence in students to pursue college, career, and life objectives in the near future. The school strives to foster student inquiry, creativity, and true love of life-long learning in a supportive and caring school environment.

ACADEMICS

The academic program is organized on a traditional semester schedule. All students carry six classes per semester with students taking all classes daily.

Grading: *We do not rank our students.* The grading system is on a 4.0 weighted scale and uses A-F grades with a plus/minus system. Honors and AP courses are given one extra point.

Honors Classes: Armenian, English, Math, Science and Social Studies

Advanced Placement Classes: Biology, Calculus AB, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Physics I, United States History, United States Government and Politics, and World History.

Graduation Requirements

- English: 4 Years
- Mathematics: 4 Years
- Social Studies: 4 Years
- Foreign Language: 4 Years
- Laboratory Science: 3 Years
- Visual/Performing Arts: 1 Year
- Elective Courses: 4 Years

Enrollment

As an independent school, the selection process for all incoming students includes a one on one interview with Administration. Students are selected through a holistic review process, including grades, extracurricular activities, community service and their future aspirations. Small class sizes are preferred in order to give all students closer, more individualized attention.

Faculty

Over 60% of our teachers carry a Master's degree and/or teaching credential in their field of instruction. All faculty and staff continuously engage in professional development activities throughout the year, including summers.

Campus Highlights

The school is equipped with a science laboratory, computer laboratory, classrooms equipped with current technologies, library, music and choir rehearsal space, dance rehearsal space, gymnasium with fully equipped locker rooms and fitness facilities. Our students have the opportunity to participate in county, city and statewide academic and athletic activities including Science Fair, Model UN and California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Southern Section athletic competition.

Community Service

One of the hallmarks of an AGBUMHS education is the belief in, support of, and commitment to public service. **Our students are required to complete 80 hours** of community service, but most will exceed that number by more than 50%. We are proud that our students see a world beyond themselves and stretch their social consciousness to make that world better.

Visual and Performing Arts

Integrated within the A-G Requirements, students may choose from a variety of Visual and Performing Arts classes such as: English and Armenian Drama, Choir, Dance and Art. Besides emphasizing academics, AGBU MHS encourages student involvement in the arts to refine their personal talents, cultivate new interests, and ultimately prepare them for the future as well-rounded and responsible individuals. Annual performances are held in our newly built Visual and Performing Arts Building.

Innovative Scholars Program

Beginning in the 2015-2016 school year, our students have the opportunity to become distinguished scholars through the Innovative Scholar Program. This program was inspired by the Fulbright Scholar Program, with the purpose of promoting public service, research, and global awareness while allowing academically driven students to explore their field of interest to an intensive level as they prepare to choose their major and vocation. Graduating as an Innovative Scholar will differentiate students from other competitive candidates as they prepare to apply for University Admission. Upon graduation, students will receive a distinct award once they have met the requirements for the program as outlined below. The successful completion of the following criteria will result in the student being given the esteemed title of an "Innovative Scholar":

- Complete four Semesters of a class with a B+ or better in the cluster/major of their choice.
- Complete 50 hours of internship or volunteer work in their cluster/major field.
- Complete a culminating project which will be similar to a mini-thesis. The project will be presented to a faculty panel reflecting on their field experience.

Annual Junior Class Trip to Armenia

A fourteen-day educational trip to Armenia to enrich the Armenian curriculum, as well as environmental science, geography, history and art history classes. The trip consists of daily 6-8-hour professional guided tours of museums, libraries, historic monuments, monasteries, castles, libraries, as well as government offices and educational institutions, including AUA (American University of Armenia) a UC-accredited university. The trip also focuses on social and environmental services. Students serve food at a soup kitchen, plant trees, and visit two orphanages to make stationary/educational toy donations. This is also a performing arts trip; students present an Armenian poetry night at a concert hall, and reenact a historical play at a site where the story happened. The trip also has an athletic component; school soccer, volleyball and basketball teams play against local high schools.

Students from the Classes of 2014-2016 received Admission offers from the following Colleges and Universities:

Azusa Pacific University
Cal State Polytechnic-Pomona
Cal State-Channel Islands
Cal State-Dominguez Hills
Cal State-Fullerton
Cal State-Long Beach
Cal State-Los Angeles
Cal State-Northridge
Claremont McKenna College
Cornell University

George Washington University
Loyola Marymount University
New York University
Occidental College
Pasadena Community College
Pepperdine University
Sacramento State University
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
Stanford University

UC Berkeley
UC Davis
UC Irvine
UC Los Angeles
UC Merced
UC Riverside
UC San Diego
UC Santa Barbara
UC Santa Cruz
University of Southern California