

EDUCATION



The Armenian Constitution recognizes the right to education, while society greatly values continuing education well into post-graduate degrees. Armenia boasts a 99.8% literacy rate.

Basic education on school level is compulsory, and the government creates the necessary conditions to make it accessible to everyone through providing free primary and secondary education, and competitive tuition fees in higher education [institutions](#). There are primary (kindergarten/development centers), secondary (split into 1-4 (elementary), 5-9 (middle), 10-12th (high school grades), vocational and higher professional educational institutions. There are 2 levels of vocational training in Armenia. The first provides hands-on job skills for entry-level workers, while the second provides technology-specific training for up to 4 years leading to a formal qualification. Homeschooling is not an option in Armenia. Those who follow an international homeschooling curriculum may continue to do so.

Period of compulsory education:
Entry age: 6 Exit age: 17/18

Cultural education programs are constantly being developed, including collaborations between different musical institutions with public schools across the country. You can check out the latest programs on the [ministry's website](#). Furthermore, diasporan Armenians are encouraged to study in Armenia at different levels. The programs are updated annually. Here is the program for [2025-2026 academic years](#).

The school year starts on September 1 and is split up into two semesters. The school year lasts for 30 weeks for first grade and 34 weeks for the remaining grades. There are two week-long breaks, one in November and one in February. The academic year normally ends in May, with only a few final exams in June.

Two important dates for every child are the first day of school in first grade, where each school has a special ceremony to welcome the newcomers, and "Last Bell" also known as Verjin Zang, which denotes graduation and has its own set of traditions inno

► GRADING SYSTEM

Armenia uses two grading systems: 2-5 points, and out of 20 points. Below is a chart for comparison's sake. To figure out the percentage out of 100, simply multiply the grade out of 20 by 5.

Grade	Scale	Grade Description (In English)	Grade Description (In Armenian)	US Grade
5	18.00-20.00	Excellent	Գերազանց	A
4	13.00-17.99	Good	Լավ	B
3	8.00-12.99	Satisfactory	Բավարար	C
		Pass	Սոուզված	P
2	0.00-7.99	Fail	Անբավարար	F

► SCHOOLS

Public schooling is free and compulsory until the age of sixteen, essentially through the high school senior level. After the age of sixteen, students may opt to drop out with parents' written consent. To graduate high school, students undergo final examination. According to the [Ministry of Education](#), 1353 public schools operate in the territory of Armenia (click [here](#) to see the complete list). Throughout the country, only 47 private schools exist at the moment.

NOTE: A family is entitled to a [25,000 AMD stipend](#) when a child is to start 1st grade. Within 1 month of the school application (August, September, or October), the parent or adult in the family must apply to the regional social affairs center. Each child in the family is entitled to this.

NOTE: School uniforms are not mandatory in Armenia. However, there are some public schools in which uniforms (*at least black shoes and white shirts*) are recommended. In many of them it is the result of the joint decision of parents and teachers' council.

► ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Curriculum: Basic literacy and mathematical skills
Grades: 1-4 / Ages: 6-10

► MIDDLE SCHOOL

Main Subjects: Armenian language and history, mathematics and foreign language
Curriculum: Natural sciences- chemistry, astronomy, ecology, physics, and biology; social science, geography, law, political science and economics; culture, music and fine arts.
Grades: 5-9 / Ages: 10-15

Credential awarded: Certificate of Basic Education (Himnakan yndhanur krtutyun atestat)
Upon successful completion, students receive a certificate that allows them to enter high school or technical/vocational school.

