

More information on exams can be found in the [RA Law on General Education](#).

► WESTERN ARMENIAN IN SCHOOLS

Unfortunately, there are only a few classes in Armenian literature when children are exposed to Western Armenian poetry and writers. For those who move with Western Armenian as their base, there is a special project by the ministry in the works aimed at helping quickly improve the Eastern Armenian of newly arrived children. You can take part in either group learning or pick up individual tutors (at 5,000-10,000 per hour rate).

► FINANCIALS

While private schools have tuition fees to take into consideration, as well as transportation they might provide, public schools are essentially free. Some things to take into consideration are:

- Transportation is normally organized by the parents, unless the school has a proper system. Most children will get to school by bus or a taxi that's on a monthly pay, tasked with getting the kids from home to school and back. Budget this in when considering financials.
- Books are free in public schools and sometimes included in private school fees. However, most public schools will ask for a rental fee. Should you lose a book or if it's marked so much it needs to be replaced, there is a fee to pay there as well. Rentals cost around 6,000 AMD, give or take, while buying the year's supply might cost around 15k.
- Food is generally not provided at public schools. You will pay extra for it most of the time in private schools. It is recommended that children eat a healthy breakfast, have snacks with them, and eat lunch at home when they get back. Food IS provided at the kindergarten level at the moment. Things might change for school age, as well.
- Trips are organized throughout the school year. Account for around 5,000 AMD here.
- Uniforms are uncommon. However, you might need it, or a new set of black pants/skirts, and white shirts. Most schools prefer a color scheme, but won't force the children.

► SCHOOL ZONES AND REGISTRATION DATES

As a rule, the place of residence registration does not play a role in the child's admission to the school. There might be exclusions though. It is best to keep an eye out each year for changes in the process.

In order to ensure equal starting conditions for all, every parent, from any part of the world, can enroll their child online in public secondary schools of Armenia to attend the first grade [here](#). This online procedure is a three-stage system:

Checking the availability and accuracy of the personal data on the website through entering the parent and child public services number (*Social Security Number*).

June 10: The actual registration takes place here for the following applicants:

*One of the parents of a child going to the 1st grade is an employee of the school
A child in the 1st grade has a sister or brother who already attends said school*

June 11: throughout the school year: Registration is open for those who do not meet the conditions mentioned above.

As a result of this online system, if you have the necessary documents, you can register from abroad. If you have trouble obtaining a public service number (SSN), you can arrange the process with a power of attorney through a notarized copy of your passport and birth certificate. In the case of foreign citizens and their children in Armenia, an SSN is equally mandatory and is provided by the passport departments where you had your grandzoum.

► SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Procedures for admission to school and the required documents are defined by the [RA Law on General Education](#). To apply to schools, you will need to pull together a number of documents.

- For kindergartens:
 - Copies of the parents' passports
 - Copy of the child's birth certificate
 - Two 3x4 photos
 - Official document (26 dzev) from child's registered polyclinic
 - Application form – filled on site
 - Signed contract – signed on site

► FOR GRADES 1-12:

1. A completed application form with the principal's name mentioned
2. 2 photographs (color, 3x4)
3. For the 1st grade, you will need registered residence documents
4. A copy of the child's birth certificate
5. A certificate on child's health status (from the medical institution where the child receives medical services) – Bring a medical and health record from the country you move from
6. A record of academic progress for children changing schools
7. Graduation diploma for those applying for grades 10-12
8. The personal file (sealed transcript) of the student (applicable to those enrolling in a class higher than first grade) – any applicable documents from your current country
9. You may also need copies of parental ID/passports

Public schools can offer language classes in **Russian, English, Spanish, French, German, and Chinese** (see the full list of schools in [Appendix 8](#)). For newcomers, a trip to the principal's office and a thorough assessment of the child's abilities will determine the grade he/she is assigned to. It may be higher, but it may also be a lower grade.

PRO TIP: You might want to check with a few schools before deciding which location is best for your child.

NOTE: While it is not obligatory, most schools offer Russian language teaching and the administration will help with finding the right support for your child.

If you want your child to dive into international education, there are multiple international