

Ferrahian 180

All the facts and reasons to attend Ferrahian

1. First Armenian Daily School in the United States
2. Forty seven years of history and academic experience since 1964
3. Armenian/English Bilingual education
4. WASC accredited K-12 nonprofit school
5. Promotes the national and cultural values of the Armenian people
6. Shares the religious values of the Armenian Apostolic Church
7. Promotes good US citizenship and universal human values
8. Two campuses centrally located in the San Fernando Valley
9. Main campus prominently located next to the Holy Martyrs Church in Encino
10. Exclusive and rustic campus in North Hills for the “ Mary Cabayan” Elementary School
11. NAYEC accredited ARS Ashkhen Pilavjian Preschool on premises
12. Great community support
13. Safe environment and secure premises
14. Affordable tuition and registration fees
15. Need based tuition discount up to 35%
16. Informative website www.FERRAHIAN.com
17. Graduates with lifelong friendship and community belonging - 1860
18. Students in family environment - 643
19. Students with at least one parent as Ferrahian alumnus - 145
20. Active Alumni Association with extensive professional networking
21. University admittance: UC 40%, CSU 30%, two-year college 30%
22. AP courses: 45% enrollment, 67% passing rate, 17 scholars
23. Combined SAT-I score 1661 vs. national average - 1509
24. PLAN and EXPLORE exams for diagnostic purposes - grades 9-10
25. Stanford tests for diagnostic purposes - grades 1-8:
26. Total staff and faculty: 72
27. Administration personnel: 15; Support personnel: 12
28. Highly qualified faculty: 45, Elementary: 24, High School: 21
29. Experienced and dedicated Armenian Language teachers: 13
30. Faculty for core subject courses: 32
31. Faculty with Ph. D degree: 3
32. Faculty with MA/MS degree: 5
33. Faculty with MA/MS degree and teaching credentials: 5
34. Faculty with BA/BS degree: 9
35. Faculty with BA/BS degree and teaching credentials: 9
36. Faculty with BA/BS degree and teaching credentials program: 2
37. Instruction with detailed daily lesson plans: one lesson plan/course/day
38. Faculty trained in differentiated teaching
39. Faculty instruction enriched with variety of teaching modalities
40. Instruction with multitude of approaches for assessment
41. Personal Excellence Plan for teachers
42. Professional Development four day-long in-service sessions
43. Professional Development seminars/workshops
44. First Aid/CPR trained staff
45. Systematic observation and evaluation of teachers

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46. Frequent grade reporting: Semi-quarterly, Quarterly, Per Semester
47. Mid-term and Final exams
48. Updated and current textbooks
49. Average class size - Elementary: 19 students
50. Average class size - Middle School: 15 students
51. Average class size - High School: 18 students
52. Average class size – AP courses: 10
53. California Department of Education Curriculum and Standards
54. UC approved course list
55. Armenian language and history curriculum for grades K-12
56. Armenian as a second language curriculum
57. Eastern Armenian upon request grades 6-8
58. Prelacy Board of Regents' Armenian Language Standards
59. Religion classes for grades 4-8
60. Church visits for grades 4-12
61. College Board AP courses: 11
62. College level courses (two) offered on premises – Joint venture with Pierce College
63. Locally advanced/honor courses: 9
64. Elective and remedial 8 courses– grades 9-12
65. Introductory Spanish for grades 6-8
66. Inspiring co-curricular activities: Dance, Drawing, Music and Theatre
67. Model UN Los Alamitos – grades 8 and 9
68. Model UN UCLA - grades 10-12
69. Model UN Berkeley - grades 11 and 12
70. School organized Science Fair - grades 6-12
71. School organized History Day - grades 6-12
72. School organized Math Festival – grades 1-12
73. School organized Armenian History Day - grades 1-12
74. School organized Spelling Bee contest - grades 6-9
75. School organized Armenian Spelling Bee contest - grades 6-9
76. Participation in World Math contest - grades 6-12
77. Participation in County Science Fair - grades 6-12
78. Participation in AESA Science Fair - grades 6-12
79. Participation in Science Quiz Bowl - grades 11 and 12
80. Participation in Armenian TimeLine Quiz Bowl – grade 8
81. Class-level fieldtrips - grades K-12, one per semester
82. Middle school and High school clubs
83. High School Hai-Tad clubs
84. Full color 240-296 page School Yearbook designed by the students
85. “High-Lights” a bimonthly publication by the Journalism Class
86. “Shogh” Armenian annual literary periodical for grades 6-12
87. Armenian semiannual newspaper for the Elementary School
88. Elementary school Memory Books published by individual students
89. Sacramento/Fresno Educational Trip - grades 6 and 7
90. Washington DC/Philadelphia/New York educational field trip - grade 8

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91. Educational trip to Armenia (grade 11)
92. Field trips to Armenian institutions – grades 9-12
93. Field trips to cultural and scientific museums - grades K-8
94. Field trips to universities – grades 9-12
95. Great sports program with 40% student participation
96. Basketball Varsity games – boys & girls - Liberty League
97. Basketball Junior Varsity games – boys & girls -Liberty League
98. Volleyball Varsity games – girls -Liberty League
99. Cross Country – boys & girls – Liberty League
100. Soccer Varsity games – boys - International League
101. Total Varsity teams: 8
102. Total Junior Varsity teams: 6
103. High School students in sports: 33%
104. Participation in KAHAM games - grades 1-8, teams: 25
105. Elementary and Middle School students in sports: 60-70%
106. Summer enrichment and remedial programs
107. Middle School Summer program, 3 weeks
108. Elementary School Summer Session, academic program, 3 weeks
109. Summer Session extracurricular program: swimming, computer, arts & craft
110. Mandatory English summer reading
111. Mandatory Armenian summer reading and projects
112. Elementary School free of charge early morning drop off
113. Extended after school hours for working parents
114. School Spirit Days – Elementary campus
115. TAs in Kindergarten and First grade, to provide one on one help
116. Spacious campuses with state of the art facilities
117. Bio-Chemistry Lab for 24 students - Encino Campus
118. Art Room for drawing for 24 students (planned for September 2011)
119. Computer Lab for 36 students - Encino Campus
120. Library- 5000 plus Armenian and English language books - Encino Campus
121. Fitness Room - Encino Campus
122. Gymnasium/Theatre - Encino Campus
123. Soccer/Football field (mid size) - Encino Campus
124. Cafeteria (Dickranian Hall) for 100 students - Encino Campus
125. Library – North Hills Campus
126. Computer Lab for 24 students - North Hills Campus
127. Parking lot for 206 spaces – Encino Campus
128. Swimming pool – Elementary Campus
129. Soccer/Football field – Elementary Campus
130. Three outdoor basketball courts - Elementary Campus
131. State of the art children playground area - Elementary Campus
132. Parking Lot for 120 spaces – North Hills Campus
133. Cafeteria (Minassian Hall – 120 seating) – North Hills Campus
134. Soccer/Football field - North Hills Campus
135. Shuttle bus serving both campuses

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136. High level parental involvement
137. Energetic and committed School Board
138. Parent Support Committee - Elementary school
139. Parent Support Committee - High school
140. Armens Athletic Committee
141. Emergency Preparedness Committee
142. Emergency response plan on hand
143. Bookstore for new and used textbooks
144. Textbook purchase facilitated through Internet (e-bay, etc.)
145. Active Student Council and socially energized school body
146. Cultural assemblies promoting Armenian history and heritage
147. Guidance office with academic director and two academic advisors
148. Counselor for the Elementary School
149. UCLA diagnostic test for Middle School math placement
150. Orientation with UC and CSU representatives for college admittance
151. Grade level annual meetings with parents grades 5-12
152. Community service for High School students – 100 hours
153. Sex abuse, drug and alcohol use awareness lectures
154. Law and legal issues assemblies for High School students
155. Education on bullying for faculty, students and parents
156. Health assemblies for grades K-5
157. Lunch menu with good nutritional choices
158. Continuous integration of technology into instruction
159. ProQuest Virtual Library accessible by all students from home computers
160. Turn-It-In internet based service to prevent plagiarism
161. Channel One News for grades 6-12
162. Discovery Education United Streaming for grades K-5
163. Instruction through document camera/LCD Projector/Laptop combo
164. Audio/Visual combo carts: 15
165. Financial incentive for teachers to purchase own laptop computer for school use
166. Armenian keyboarding with Unicode keyboards
167. MMS administrative software for student data base
168. Mass e-mail through Constant Contact web-based service
169. Weekly homework posted on website
170. Sustained Silent Reading program to enhance reading
171. Responsiveness to parent input and collaboration
172. Parents-Administration-Faculty trilateral partnership
173. Parent-Teacher conference per semester
174. Warm relationship between the staff and the student body
175. One day notice parent-teacher conference setup
176. Open-door policy with respect to meeting with the Principal
177. Elementary school end of the year art program
178. Commencements for Kindergarten, 5th, 8th and 12th grades
179. Senior class excellence and achievement awards
180. 180 Days of instruction... and many more

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