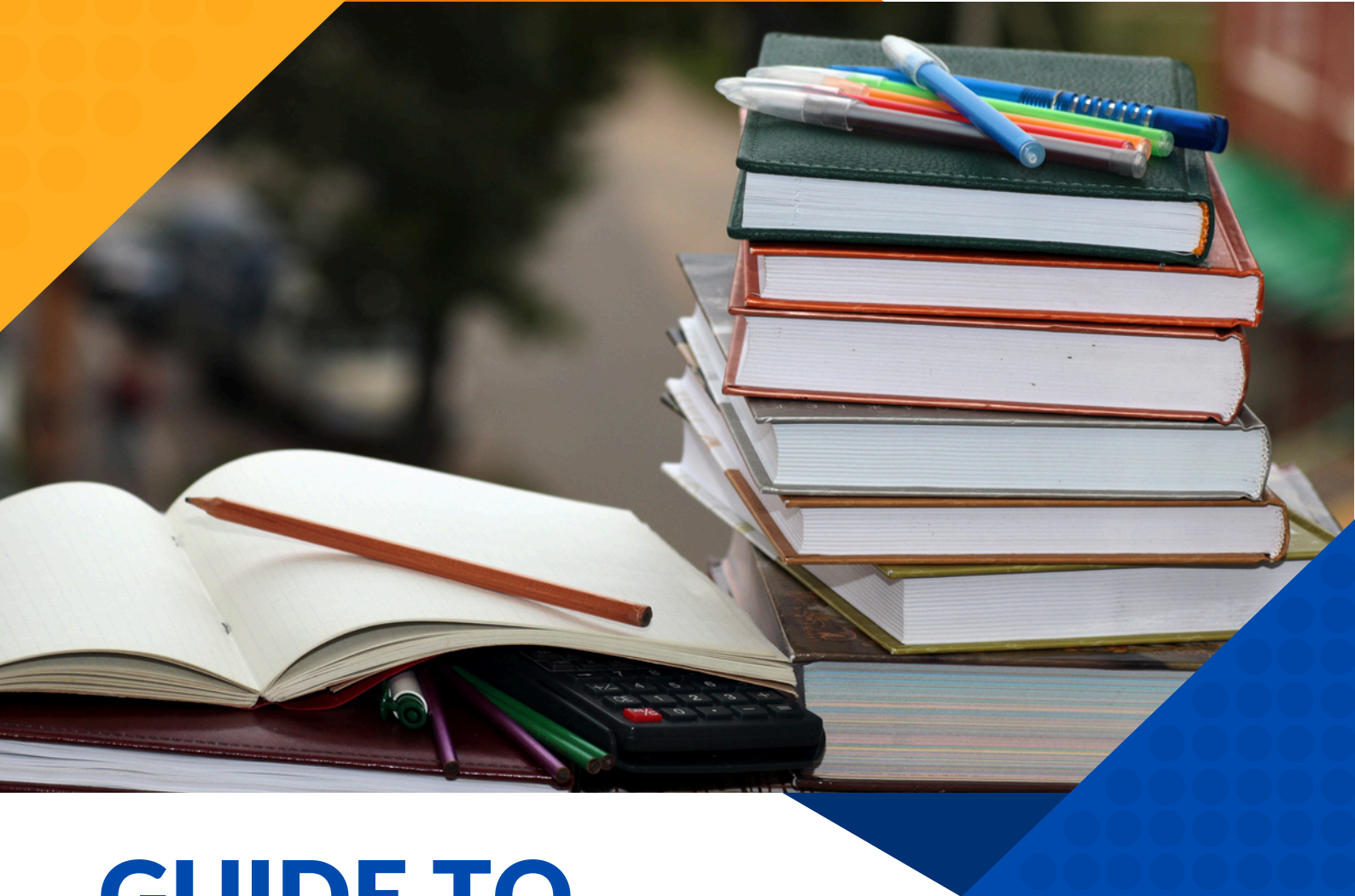




**ARI GUIRAGOS MINASSIAN  
ARMENIAN SCHOOL**



# **GUIDE TO CURRICULUM & TEXTBOOKS**

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# Overview



AGM provides a robust and well-rounded education for all K-6th students that fulfills the standards outlined in our schoolwide learner outcomes. At the heart of our curriculum is our course offerings in ELA, Math, Social Studies, and Science, along with Armenian language classes, ensuring that students not only achieve academic excellence but also develop a strong connection to their cultural heritage and identity. This comprehensive approach allows students to become well-rounded individuals, strongly rooted in their Armenian identity, and equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary for success in a diverse and global society. Students demonstrate proficiency in all subject areas and develop an appreciation for their Armenian culture, language, and heritage.

AGM offers a rich variety of co-curricular classes to enhance the learning experience including physical education, Armenian dance and music classes, art, and instrumental orchestra.

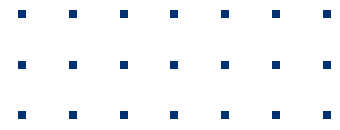
## Common Core Standards



The Common Core standards guide AGM curriculum. The Common Core standards are a set of educational benchmarks that outline what students should know and be able to do at each grade level in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics from kindergarten through 12th grade. The standards focus on developing critical thinking, problem-solving, and analytical skills to ensure our students are well-prepared for their years beyond AGM.

*\*\*The state has adopted lists of recommended curriculum materials for grades K-8 in math and English language arts, which includes McGraw-Hill Wonders for ELA and Savvas Envision for Math.*

# Textbooks



## Math

*Savvas Envision (2022)*



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AGM adopted enVision Math in 2022. It aligns with Common Core standards, ensuring comprehensive coverage of essential mathematical concepts. The curriculum spans from basic arithmetic to advanced topics, preparing students for higher-level math. It emphasizes understanding the 'why' behind mathematical procedures, promoting deeper comprehension. It encourages students to explain their reasoning, fostering deeper understanding.

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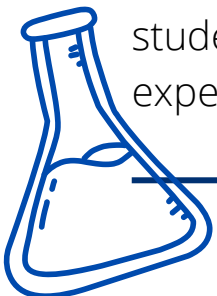


## Science

*McGraw-Hill Inspire (2019)*



In 2019, AGM adopted McGraw-Hill Inspire Science built with the instructional framework that provides an in-depth, collaborative, evidence-based, and project-based learning experience. It aligns with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and other state standards, ensuring comprehensive coverage of essential scientific concepts. Tailored content for each grade level provides a seamless progression of scientific understanding. The curriculum promotes active learning through hands-on experiments and investigations, helping students to develop a deeper understanding of scientific principles. It encourages students to ask questions, make observations, and conduct experiments, fostering critical thinking and problem-solving skills.





# Textbooks



**ELA**

*McGraw-Hill Wonders (2020)*


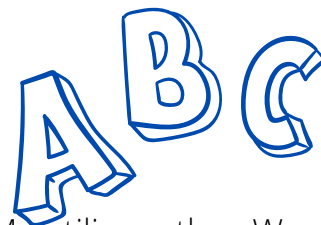
Since 2020, AGM has been using the McGraw-Hill Wonders English Language Arts program. McGraw Hill Wonders comprehensive literacy program aligns with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The curriculum focuses on key areas such as reading, writing, speaking, and listening, ensuring that students develop the skills necessary to succeed academically. The materials include a variety of texts, activities, and assessments that are specifically designed to support the Common Core's goals of preparing students for college and career readiness. Students are encouraged to find and use text-based evidence in their responses, promoting critical thinking and analytical skills. The program includes questioning strategies that develop higher-order thinking skills.

Structured phonics instruction helps build foundational reading skills, especially for early learners. The program emphasizes vocabulary acquisition, critical for reading comprehension and overall literacy development.


In addition to utilizing the Wonders program, upper elementary ELA teachers incorporate novel studies throughout the year. Novel studies allow for deep exploration of themes, characters, and plots, helping students develop advanced reading comprehension skills. Students analyze complex texts which helps promote critical thinking. Novel studies help foster a lifelong love for reading in our AGM Eagles.



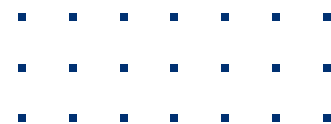
## **Wordly Wise Vocabulary**



To further enhance vocabulary acquisition, AGM utilizes the Wordly Wise Vocabulary program in 2nd-6th grades, a supplemental program designed to improve students' vocabulary, reading comprehension, and overall language skills. Each grade level has carefully selected vocabulary lists that are appropriate for students' reading and comprehension abilities. Vocabulary words become progressively more challenging as students advance through the program.



# Textbooks



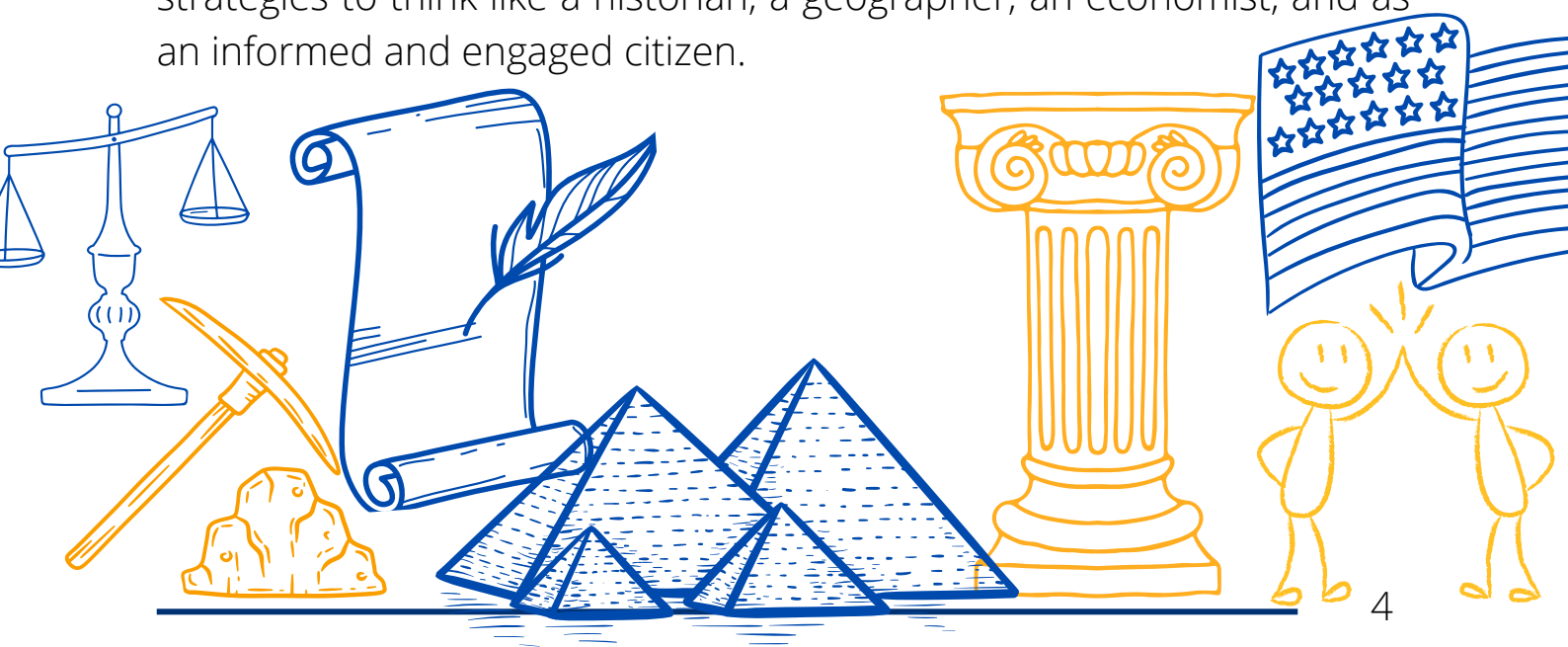
## Social Studies



## McGraw-Hill Impact (2022)

In 2022, the school adopted McGraw-Hill Impact Social Studies curriculum designed around the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) standards to provide a framework for teaching, learning, and assessing social studies in schools. The standards focus on ten themes, which include topics such as culture, time, continuity, and change, people, places, and environments, individual development and identity, and civic ideals and practices. These themes aim to ensure that students develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to become informed and engaged citizens in a diverse and interdependent world.

Each unit provides active engagement with a rich variety of informational texts, primary sources, and media. In a developmental approach across grade levels, students use disciplinary tools and strategies to think like a historian, a geographer, an economist, and as an informed and engaged citizen.





# Գործածուած Գիրքերը

## Հայերէն

«Մեր Լեզուն» (Մանկապարտէզ-6րդ կարգեր)  
«Լեզուական Աշխատանք» (1-6րդ կարգեր)  
«Մեր Պատմութիւնը» (4 եւ 6րդ կարգեր)  
«Իմ Հայրենիքը» (5րդ կարգ)

**Ընդհանուր Փիլիսոփայութիւն** Մեր վարժարաններուն հիմնական աշխատանքը եւ փիլիսոփայութիւնը կը կեդրոնանայ աշակերտին հայերէն լեզուի կարողութիւնները զարգացնելուն մէջ, յատկապէս բանաւոր, նաեւ գրաւոր խօսքի պարագային, ինչպէս նաեւ ընթերցանութեան սէր արթնցնելու աշակերտներուն մօտ շատ կանուխ տարիքէն, որպէսզի անոնք կարդացող երեխաներ դառնան հետագային:

**Ունկնդրել եւ Խօսիլ** Աշակերտները պէտք է կարենան իրենց անձնական փորձառութիւններուն կամ հետաքրքրութիւններուն մասին բանաւոր ներկայացում կատարել, որ կազմակերպուած ըլլայ մէկ նիւթի շուրջ:

**Listening and Speaking** Students should be able to make an oral presentation about their personal experiences or interests, organized around a specific topic.

**Քերականութիւն** Ճանչնալ բոլոր տառերը՝ գլխագիր եւ պարզ եւ ա նաեւ կարենալ ճիշդ ձեւով գործածել կէտադրութեան, բացայայտութեան եւ առոգանութեան նշանները:

**Grammar** Recognize all letters, both uppercase and lowercase, and be able to correctly use punctuation, including marks of clarity and pronunciation.

**Ընթերցանութիւն** Գրութեան մը ըմբռնումը խորացնել, այդ նիւթին մասին ստեղծելով ուրուզիծ, տրամաբանական նշումներ, ամփոփում կամ զեկոյց:

**Reading** Deepen the comprehension of a text by creating summaries, logical observations, or reports on the subject.

**Գրել** Գրաւոր խօսքի կիրառութիւնները (ոճ եւ անոր առանձնայատկութիւնները) Աշակերտները կը գրեն պատմողական, բացատրողական, համոզիչ եւ նկարագրական շարադրութիւններ, շուրջ 300 բառերէ կազմուած:

**Writing** Students will write narrative, explanatory, persuasive, and descriptive essays composed of around 300 words, focusing on the applications and characteristics of written language.