

2019 - 2020 School Profile

Head of School

Patricia Swenson

patricia.swenson@duchesne.org

Head of Upper School

Donald Cramp, Ed.D.

donald.cramp@duchesne.org

Head of Middle School

Amy Witten, Ph.D.

amy.witten@duchesne.org

Head of Lower School

Ginger Montalbano

ginger.montalbano@duchesne.org

College Advising Director

Sheila Baisden

sheila.baisden@duchesne.org

College Advising Associate Director

Jamy Champenoy

jamy.champenoy@duchesne.org

Head of Admissions and Strategic Imperatives

Tony Houle

tony.houle@duchesne.org

Accreditation

Duchesne Academy is accredited by the State of Texas through the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops Education Department (T.C.C.B.E.D.), Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (I.S.A.S.), and by the Network of Sacred Heart Schools.

Grading Scale

Class of 2020

97-100	4.0 pts
93-96	4.0 pts.
90-92	3.7 pts.
87-89	3.3 pts.
83-86	3.0 pts.
80-82	2.7 pts.
77-79	2.3 pts.
73-76	2.0 pts.
70-72	1.7 pts.
67-69	1.3 pts.
63-66	1.0 pts.
60-62	0.7 pts
Below 60	0.0 pts.

The School

Founded in 1960, Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart is Houston's Catholic, all-girls', age three through grade 12 identity-forming, college preparatory school. As a member of the Network of Sacred Heart Schools, Duchesne's foundational Sacred Heart *Goals and Criteria* and the 200-year-old legacy of the Religious of the Sacred Heart shape daily life at the school. Duchesne extends opportunities for personal realization and intellectual growth to each child through a comprehensive reading and writing program, an immersive and advanced STEM program, an award-winning national robotics team, progressively in-depth discussions and college-level research preparation, passion-building offerings across the arts and athletics, and extensive, perspective-widening service learning engagements.

Our student population includes girls from a variety of nationalities, religious denominations, and socioeconomic backgrounds. This diversity adds a rich dimension to our learning environment. Upper School reports 36% diversity; 32% of Duchesne students self identify as U.S. citizens of color and 4% self identify as multi-cultural. Also, 67% of our student body self identify as Catholic. Approximately \$1.4 million in tuition assistance was distributed to 19% of the 701 enrolled students.

Duchesne has 230 young women in grades 9-12. Admission is based on the ISEE test or portfolio, a personal visit, and school/teacher recommendations.

Minimum Graduation Requirements

English	4 credits
Social Studies (including U.S. History and Government and Economics)	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science (Lab) (including Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Advanced Physics)	4 credits
Foreign Language	3 credits
Physical Education and Health	1.5 credits
Theology	4 credits
Fine Arts	1 credit
Computer Studies	.5 credit
Social Awareness (no credit)	
	26 credits

Duchesne offers credit-bearing summer courses in Computer Studies, Fine Arts, and English.

Curriculum Features

- Four-year community service requirement (Social Awareness)
- One-to-one laptop program (Technology Applications)
- For course descriptions, see Upper School at: www.duchesne.org/upperschool
- For the 2018-2019 school year, several online courses are offered through the Network of Sacred Heart Schools at sophieconnect.org and online school for girls.

Advanced Placement and Advanced Courses

An additional 0.5 quality point is awarded to the GPA for passing grades in all AP courses and a 0.3 quality point for all Advanced Courses.

AP Courses	Advanced Courses
AP English Language and Composition	Advanced British Literature
AP English Literature and Composition	Advanced Algebra II
AP European History	Advanced Geometry
AP Macroeconomics	Advanced Pre-Calculus
AP U.S. Government and Politics	Advanced Chemistry
AP U.S. History	Advanced French II
AP Calculus AB	Advanced French III
AP Calculus BC	Advanced French IV
AP Statistics	Advanced Spanish II
AP Biology	Advanced Spanish III
AP Chemistry	Advanced Spanish IV
AP Environmental Science	Advanced Choir
AP French Language and Culture	Advanced Studio Art
AP Physics I	Advanced Information Technology
AP Spanish Language and Culture	
AP Art History	
AP Studio Art: 2-D Design	
AP Studio Art: 3-D Design	
AP Studio Art: Drawing	
AP Computer Science Principles	
AP Human Geography (sophieconnect.org)	
AP Psychology (sophieconnect.org)	
AP Comparative Government	

Advanced Placement Program 2018-2019

Duchesne Academy offered 23 AP courses. Students are admitted to an AP course by departmental recommendation. The School recommends sophomores enroll in one AP course, juniors enroll in two AP courses, and seniors enroll in three AP courses. All students enrolled in an AP course are required to take the AP Exam. All AP courses have been audited and approved by the College Board.

Number of AP exams written	216
Number of AP students	103
Grades 3 or above	73%
Grades 4 or 5	42%
AP Scholar	17
AP Scholar with Honor	12
AP Scholar with Distinction	3
National AP Scholar	1

Class of 2020 (61 Students)

Duchesne Academy does not report rank.

Grade distribution: Grade point average is cumulative and weighted through sixth semester June 2019. Transfer students are not included in the distribution.

Top decile: 4.27-4.11 **Second decile:** 4.07-3.99 **Top quartile:** 4.27-3.97 **Top half:** 4.27-3.71

National Merit Program	2020	2019	2018	2017
National Merit Semifinalists	-	-	1	2
National Merit Winners	-	-	1	2
National Merit Finalists	-	-	1	2
National Merit Commended	3	1	5	-
National Hispanic Recognition	3	2	3	3

College Admission Test Scores Senior Class 2020 (through July 2019)

SAT (47 test takers)

590-700	Middle 50% Evidence Based Reading and Writing
540-690	Middle 50% Mathematics

ACT (45 test takers)

22-31	Middle 50% Composite
-------	----------------------

2016 - 2019 College Acceptances

One hundred percent of our graduates are admitted to four-year colleges and universities worldwide. The Class of 2019 was accepted to 69% of the colleges and universities to which they applied. *Schools in bold signify Class of 2019 matriculation.

Abilene Christian University Allegheny College American University Amherst College Aquinas College Arizona State University Art Institute of Chicago Ateneo de Manila University Auburn University Austin College Babson College Bard College Bates College Baylor University (4) Belhaven University Belmont University Benedictine College Berry College Birmingham Southern College Blinn College Boston College Boston Conservatory at Berklee Boston University Bucknell University Butler University California Polytechnic State U, San Luis Obispo Case Western Reserve University Carnegie Mellon University Catholic University of America Centre College Chapman University Clark University Clemson University Coastal Carolina University Coe College Colby College College of Charleston College of the Holy Cross College of William and Mary College of Wooster Colorado School of Mines Colorado State University Concordia University Texas Cornell University Creighton University Davidson College Denison University DePaul University DePauw University Dickinson College Dominican University Drake University Drexel University Duke University Duquesne University Durham University (UK) East Carolina University Eckerd College Elon University Emerson College Emmanuel College Emory University	Fairfield University Florida Institute of Technology Fordham University Franciscan University of Steubenville Furman University George Washington University Georgetown University Georgia Institute of Technology Gettysburg College Gonzaga University Guilford College Hamilton College Hampton University Hendrix College High Point University (2) Hobart and William Smith Colleges Hofstra University Houston Baptist University Houston Community College Howard University Immaculata University Indiana University at Bloomington Iona College Iowa State University Johns Hopkins University Johnson & Wales University, Providence Kansas City Art Institute Kansas State University Kenyon King's College (UK) Knox College Lake Forest College Lamar University Langston University Lawrence University Lehigh University Lasell College LeTourneau University Lewis & Clark College Lindenwood University Lone Star College London School of Economics Louisiana State University Loyola Marymount University Loyola University Chicago Loyola University Maryland Loyola University New Orleans Lynn University Macalester College Manhattanville College Marquette University Martin Methodist College Marymount Manhattan College McGill University Miami University, Ohio Michigan State University Middlebury College Millsaps College Missouri Valley College Mount Holyoke College New School - All Divisions	New York Institute of Technology, Old Westbury New York Institute of Technology, Manhattan New York University Northeastern University Northern Arizona University Northwestern University Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences Ohio Northern University Ohio State University Ohio Wesleyan University Oklahoma City University Oklahoma State University Old Dominion University Ottawa University, AZ Our Lady of the Lake University of San Antonio Pace University, New York City Pennsylvania State University Pepperdine University Pitzer College Prairie View A&M University Pratt Institute Pratt MWP Institute Providence College Purdue University Quinnipiac University Radford University Regis University Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Rhodes College Rice University Ringling College of Art and Design Rocky Mountain College Royal Holloway, University of London Rutgers University - all campuses Sacred Heart University Saint Joseph's University Saint Louis University Saint Mary's College of California Sam Houston State University Samford University Santa Clara University Sarah Lawrence College Savannah College of Art and Design Sewanee: The University of the South Schreiner University Simmons College Skidmore College South Dakota School of Mines Southern Methodist University (3) Southwestern University Spelman College Spring Hill College St. Catherine University - St. Paul St. Edward's University St. John's College St. John's University, Queens St. Mary's University of San Antonio St. Thomas University State University of New York, Albany State University of New York, Genesee	State University of New York, Purchase Stephen F. Austin State University Suffolk University Sweet Briar College Syracuse University Tarleton State University Temple University Japan Texas A&M University (2) Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi Texas A&M University, Galveston Texas A&M University-San Antonio Texas Christian University (2) Texas State University Texas Tech University (2) Texas Tech University Honors College Texas Woman's University Trinity University Tufts University Tulane University Tuskegee University Universiteit Leide University of Alabama University of Alabama, Birmingham University of Arizona University of Arkansas University of Arkansas, Fort Smith University of British Columbia University of Calgary University of California, Berkeley University of California, Davis University of California, Irvine University of California, Los Angeles University of California, Santa Barbara University of California, Santa Cruz University of California, San Diego University of Chicago University of Colorado, Boulder University of Colorado, Denver University of Connecticut University of Dallas University of Denver University of Edinburgh University of Exeter University of Findlay University of Florida University of Georgia University of Glasgow University of Hawaii, Manoa University of Houston University of Houston Honors College University of Houston, Clear Lake University of Houston, Victoria University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign University of Incarnate Word University of Kansas University of Kentucky University of Louisiana University of Louisiana, Monroe University of Lynchburg University of Mary University of Mary Hardin-Baylor University of Maryland, College Park	University of Massachusetts, Amherst University of Miami University of Mississippi University of Missouri, Columbia University of Nebraska, Lincoln University of Nebraska, Omaha University of New Mexico University of North Texas University of Notre Dame University of Oklahoma (3) University of Oregon University of the Pacific University of Pittsburgh University of Puget Sound University of Rhode Island University of Richmond University of Rochester University of San Diego University of San Francisco University of Scranton University of South Carolina University of South Alabama University of Southern California University of Southern Mississippi University of St. Andrews University of St. Thomas University of Tampa University of Tennessee, Knoxville University of Texas, Austin (4) University of Texas, Austin (Plan II) University of Texas, Dallas University of Texas, San Antonio University of Texas, Tyler University of the Incarnate Word University of Toronto University of Tulsa University of Utah University of Vermont University of Virginia University of Washington University of Wisconsin, Madison University of Wyoming Valparaiso University Vanderbilt University Villanova University Virginia Tech Wake Forest University Washington and Lee University (2) Washington University Wellesley College (2) Wesleyan University West Virginia University Wharton County Junior College Wichita State University Wheaton College, MA Whittier College Williams Worcester Polytechnic Institute Xavier University, Ohio Xavier University of Louisiana
--	--	---	--	--