

2021-2022 School Profile

Mission

The mission of Duchesne Academy is to inspire and prepare young women to engage in a lifelong pursuit of their faith in God, intellectual vitality, social awareness and action, building of community and personal growth, in the living tradition of Sacred Heart education.

The Sacred Heart Goals



GOAL 1
ACTIVE
FAITH



GOAL 2
INTELLECTUAL
VALUES



GOAL 3
SOCIAL
AWARENESS



GOAL 4
BUILDING
COMMUNITY

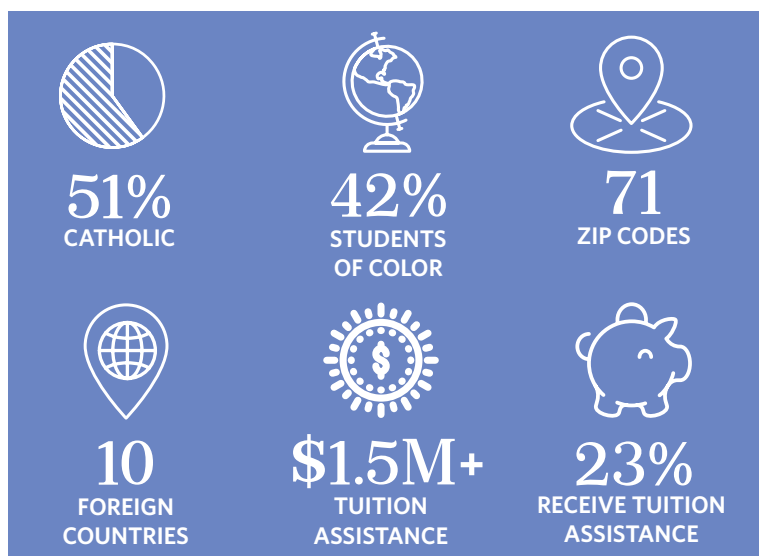


GOAL 5
PERSONAL
GROWTH

Meet Our Students

Private, Catholic, all-girls, identity-forming, college preparatory school serving age three through grade 12

- Total Enrollment: 708
- Upper School Enrollment: 256
- Freshmen: 64
- Sophomores: 73
- Juniors: 62
- Seniors: 57



Social Awareness

Service Learning Requirement

Duchesne's signature experiential program is rooted in the Sacred Heart Goal that calls us to serve our community, act for justice, and be responsible citizens. Upper School students travel off campus to volunteer at schools, senior communities, and charitable organizations that serve the needs of marginalized populations throughout Houston. The program includes a reflection component in which students assess their volunteer experience to instill a lifelong sense of service.

Grading Scale

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

Graduation Requirements

English	12 credits
Math.....	9 credits
Science	12 credits
Social Studies	12 credits
Theology	12 credits
World Languages	9 credits
Fine Arts.....	3 credits
Computer Science.....	3 credits
Physical Education	3 credits
Research Paper	1 credit
Electives	8 credits
Total credits.....	84 credits

Advanced Placement (AP) and Advanced Courses

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

AP Courses (20)*	Advanced Courses (11)
AP English Language and Composition	Advanced Algebra II
AP English Literature and Composition	Advanced Geometry
AP European History	Advanced Pre-Calculus
AP Macroeconomics	Advanced Chemistry
AP U.S. Government and Politics	Advanced French II
AP Comparative Government	Advanced French III
AP U.S. History	French IV: Pre-AP
AP Calculus AB	Advanced Spanish II
AP Calculus BC	Advanced Spanish III
AP Statistics	Advanced Spanish IV
AP Biology	Advanced Choir
AP Chemistry	
AP Computer Science A	
AP Environmental Science	
AP French Language and Culture	
AP Music Theory	
AP Physics I	
AP Spanish Language and Culture	
AP Spanish Literature and Culture	
AP Studio Art	

*Students may also enroll in any AP course offered online through SophieConnect or OneSchoolhouse.

Advanced Placement Program

- Departmental recommendation required for admission
- Recommended AP course enrollment: sophomores - 1, juniors - 2, seniors - 3
- Students enrolled in an AP course must take the AP exam
- AP courses audited and approved by College Board

2019-2020 AP Exam Results

AP students	102
AP exams taken	194
Scores 3 or above	68%
Scores 4 or 5.....	39%
AP Scholar	13
AP Scholar with Honors.....	4
AP Scholar with Distinction	12

Mod Schedule

In fall 2020, Duchesne Academy introduced the six-term modular schedule — the “mod” schedule. The Upper School schedule shifted from two semesters per school year to six terms per school year. Each term, or “mod,” lasts for 29 or 30 days. Students take three to four courses per mod, with classes lasting 80 minutes each. Students take a combination of required classes as well as electives from various disciplines.

Curriculum Highlights

Even core subjects can be creative and exciting. Here are a few of our course offerings.

English

- The Book Was Better
- Walk Two Moons in Her Moccasins

Math

- When Will I Need to Know This Math Concept?
- More About the Matrix Than Keanu Reeves Could Teach You: Introduction to Linear Algebra

Science

- Marine Biology: How Life Finds a Way!
- The Physics of Harry Potter

Social Studies

- The Women Who Paved the Way...in Sports
- Money Talks

World Languages

- French IV/V: Art Along the Seine
- American Sign Language I/II

Theology

- Peacemaking

Computer Science

- 3D Modeling and Animation

Physical Education

- PiYo

Fine Arts

- Stained Glass

Online Courses

SophieConnect

Elective courses offered to schools in the North American Sacred Heart Network (grades calculated into GPA)

One Schoolhouse

Elective courses offered to students to inspire specialized learning (grades not calculated into GPA)

University of St. Thomas

Students receive elective credit at Duchesne and university credit at UST and other accepting universities (grades not calculated into GPA)

Class Of 2022 Highlights

57 Students

- **Duchesne Academy does not report rank.**
- **Grade distribution:** Grade point average is cumulative and weighted through sixth semester June 2021. Transfer students are not included in the distribution.
- **Top decile:** 4.17 - 4.11 **Second decile:** 4.06 - 4.00
Top quartile: 4.17 - 3.96 **Top half:** 4.17 - 3.58

Student Activities

School Clubs

- o AcaBellas
- o Art Club/NAHS
- o Athletes in Action
- o Bayou B.A.B.E.S
- o Biomedical Club
- o Black History & Culture Club
- o Book Club
- o Broadening Horizons
- o Chai Club
- o Chargers Sports Photography
- o Chess Club
- o Chinese Culture Club
- o Classic Film Club
- o Cyber Patriot
- o DA Poets' Society
- o Debate
- o Duchesne Improv Troop
- o Duchesne Spirit
- o Food Society
- o Foosball Club
- o French Symposium
- o Friendship Bracelets for Charity
- o Hispanic Culture Club
- o Holiday Club
- o International Thespian Society
- o Iron Plaid (Robotics)
- o Junior Achievement Club
- o Key Club
- o Knitting and Netflix
- o Middle Eastern Cultures
- o Mock Trial
- o Model UN/World Affairs
- o Muslim Student Association
- o Newsletter
- o Ocean Life Preserve Club
- o Photography Club
- o Ping Pong Club
- o Puppet Club
- o Soccer Clinic At Duchesne
- o The Cliffhangers
- o Women's Empowerment Initiative
- o Young Democrats
- o Young Republicans

Sports

- o Basketball
- o Cross Country
- o Dance Team
- o Field Hockey
- o Golf
- o Lacrosse
- o Soccer
- o Softball
- o Swimming
- o Tennis
- o Track & Field
- o Volleyball

Fine Arts

- o Dance
- o Music
- o Theatre
- o Visual Arts

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Accreditation & Affiliations

Texas Catholic Conference of
Bishops Education Department
(TCCB ED)

Independent Schools Association
of the Southwest (ISAS)

Sacred Heart Commission on
Goals (SHCOG)

Southwest Preparatory Conference
(SPC)

Houston Junior Preparatory
Conference (HJPC)

College Matriculation (2018 - 2021)

We share this list in celebration of our recent graduates and the continuation of their academic journeys. At Duchesne, fit, which is multi-dimensional and individually assessed, is the ultimate outcome of the college application process. Our goal is that each student looks back on their college search with pride and moves forward with confidence. Wherever they ultimately go, we want them to continue to cultivate and carry with them the Sacred Heart Goals they have made their own. Schools in **bold** signify Class of 2021 matriculations.

Allegheny College
Arizona State University
Austin Community College
Babson College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Benedictine College
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Bucknell University
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University of America
Chapman University
Clemson University
Colorado School of Mines
Columbia University
Concordia University, Wisconsin
Culinary Institute of America
Denison University (2)
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
Elon University
Emory University
Fairfield University
Fordham University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
High Point University
Hobart William Smith Colleges
Houston Community College
Howard University
Johns Hopkins University
Kenyon College
Lafayette College
Lewis & Clark College
Lone Star College
Louisiana State University
Loyola University New Orleans
New Mexico Junior College
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oklahoma State University
Ottawa University, Phoenix
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College
Rice University
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Santa Clara University

School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Seton Hall University
University of Southern California
Southern Methodist University (3)
Southwestern University
Saint Edward's University (2)
St. Lawrence University
Stephen F. Austin State University
SUNY College, Brockport
Sweet Briar College
**Texas A&M University,
College Station (6)**
Texas A&M University, Galveston
Texas Christian University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
The London School of Economics and
Political Science
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona
The University of Findlay
The University of Texas, Arlington
The University of Texas, Austin (6)
The University of Texas, San Antonio
The University of Texas, Tyler
Trinity University
Tulane University
United States Military Academy
University of Arkansas
University of California, San Diego
University of Chicago
University of Dallas
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii, Manoa
University of Houston
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri, Columbia
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma, Norman
University of San Francisco
University of St. Thomas
University of the Incarnate Word
Villanova University
University of Virginia
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
College of William and Mary
Williams College

Class Of 2021

38%

IN STATE

62%

OUT OF STATE

53%

PRIVATE

47%

PUBLIC