

2022-2023 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

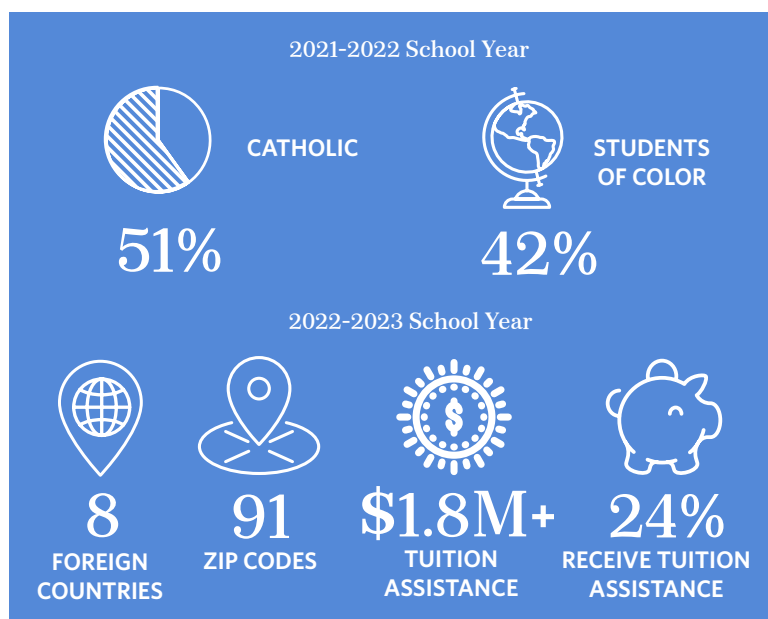
Private, Catholic, all-girls, identity-forming, college preparatory school serving age three through grade 12

- Total Enrollment: 755
- Upper School Enrollment: 271
- Freshmen: 73
- Sophomores: 63
- Juniors: 74
- Seniors: 61

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 (12)
AP Biology	Advanced Algebra II
AP Calculus AB	Advanced Chemistry
AP Calculus BC	Advanced Choir
AP Chemistry	Advanced French II
AP Comparative Government	Advanced French III
AP Computer Science A	Advanced Geometry
AP English Language	Advanced Physics
AP English Literature	Advanced Pre-Calculus
AP Environmental Science	Advanced Spanish II
AP European History	Advanced Spanish III
AP French Language	Advanced Spanish IV
AP Macroeconomics	Advanced Theatre Production
AP Music Theory	
AP Physics I	
AP Spanish Language	
AP Spanish Literature	
AP Statistics	
AP Studio Art	
AP United States Government	
AP United States History	

*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

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

- Shakespeare’s Friends (and Enemies)
- “Still I Rise”: Black American Women Writers

Math

- History of Mathematics
- More About the Matrix Than Keanu Reeves Could Teach You: Introduction to Linear Algebra

Science

- Ecology: In Your Own Backyard
- Epidemiology

Social Studies

- The Genius of Women
- Genocide Studies: Overview of the 20th Century in Conflict

World Languages

- American Sign Language I/II/III
- French IV/V: French Movies and Art

Theology

- Justice and Morality
- World Religions: Indigenous Traditions, Judaism, and Islam

Computer Science

- Digital Product Design
- Maker’s Arduino Applications

Physical Education

- Lawn Games
- Zumba

Fine Arts

- Theatre Technology and Design
- Music Video Dance

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 2023 Highlights

61 Students

- **Duchesne Academy does not report rank.**
- **Grade distribution:** Grade point average is cumulative and weighted through June 2022. Transfer students are not included in the distribution.
- **Top decile:** 4.21 – 4.13 **Second decile:** 4.08 – 3.99
Top quartile: 4.21 – 3.94 **Top half:** 4.21 – 3.73

Student Activities (2021-2022)

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 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 (TCCEB 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 (2019 - 2022)

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 2022 matriculations.

University of Alabama, Birmingham
The University of Alabama (2)
Allegheny College
Arizona State University
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
Austin Community College
Babson College
Baylor University (3)
Belmont University
Berklee College of Music
Blinn College (2)
Boston College
Bucknell University
The Catholic University of America
University of Chicago
Clemson University
University of Colorado, Boulder
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia University
Concordia University, Wisconsin
Cornell University
Dalhousie University
University of Dallas
Denison University
Lone Star College
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott
Emory University
The University of Findlay
University of Florida
Fordham University
George Washington University
University of Georgia
High Point University
Houston Community College
University of Houston
Johns Hopkins University
Kenyon College
Lafayette College
Lewis & Clark College
The London School of Economics and Political Science
Louisiana State University
Loyola University New Orleans
University of Miami
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Mississippi

University of Missouri, Columbia
Mount Holyoke College
New Mexico Junior College
University of New Mexico
New York University (2)
Northeastern University (2)
Northwestern University
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
Ottawa University, Phoenix
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College (2)
Rice University
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Santa Clara University
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Seton Hall University
Shenandoah University
University of Southern California
Southern Methodist University (2)
Southwestern University
Saint Edward's University
St. Lawrence University
Stephen F. Austin State University
SUNY College, Brockport
Sweet Briar College
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Texas A & M University, College Station (5)
Texas A&M University, Galveston
Texas Christian University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
The University of Texas, Arlington
The University of Texas, Austin (5)
The University of Texas, San Antonio
Culinary Institute of America
Trinity University
Tulane University
United States Military Academy
University of St. Thomas
University of the Incarnate Word
Valencia College
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St Louis (2)
Wellesley College
William & Mary
Xavier University of Louisiana

Class Of 2022

36% 62% 2% 53% 47%

IN STATE

OUT OF STATE

INTERNATIONAL

PRIVATE

PUBLIC