

2020-2021 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

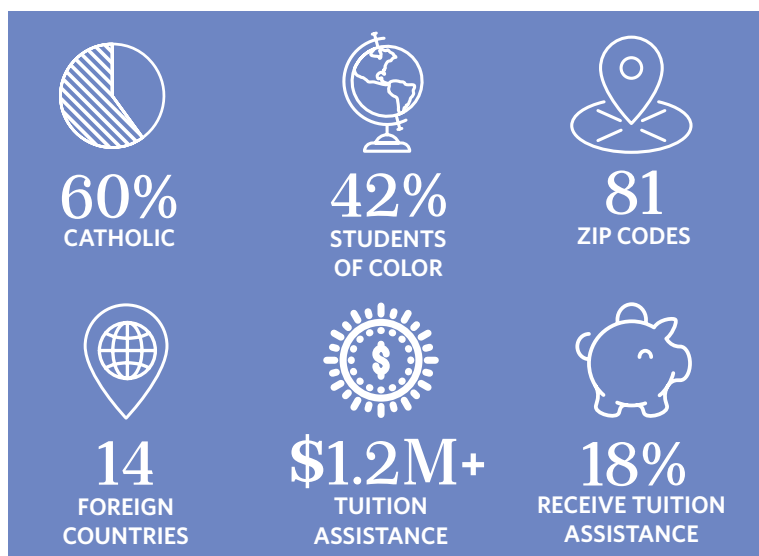


GOAL 5
PERSONAL
GROWTH

Meet Our Students

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

- Total Enrollment: 700
- Upper School Enrollment: 245
- Freshmen: 74
- Sophomores: 66
- Juniors: 57
- Seniors: 48



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 (19)*	Advanced Courses (14)
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 Comparative Government	Advanced French II
AP U.S. History	Advanced French III
AP Calculus AB	Advanced French IV
AP Calculus BC	Advanced Spanish II
AP Statistics	Advanced Spanish III
AP Biology	Advanced Spanish IV
AP Chemistry	Advanced Choir
AP Environmental Science	Advanced Dance
AP French Language and Culture	Advanced Theatre Production
AP Physics I	
AP Spanish Language and Culture	
AP Studio Art: 2-D Design	
AP Studio Art: 3-D Design	
AP Studio Art: Drawing	

*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	104
AP exams taken	252
Scores 3 or above	74%
Scores 4 or 5.....	45%
AP Scholar	27
AP Scholar with Honors.....	6
AP Scholar with Distinction	11
National AP Scholar.....	2

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

- Civil Disobedience
- Imaging Female Futures in Global Speculative and Science Fiction

Math

- When Will I Need to Know This Math Concept?

Science

- Sharks and Fire
- Epidemiology

Social Studies

- Genocide Studies: Overview of the 20th Century in Conflict
- Open Your Own Business

World Languages

- French IV/V: Join the Cannes Festival
- American Sign Language

Theology

- Justice and Morality

Computer Science

- Game Design

Physical Education

- Zumba

Fine Arts

- Cake Art
- Musical Theatre

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 2021 Highlights

48 Students

- **Duchesne Academy does not report rank.**
- **Grade distribution:** Grade point average is cumulative and weighted through sixth semester June 2020. Transfer students are not included in the distribution.
- **Top decile:** 4.21 – 4.19 **Second decile:** 4.17 – 4.12
Top quartile: 4.21 – 4.00 **Top half:** 4.21 – 3.72
- *Due to the impact of COVID-19 on standardized test administrations, test score mid ranges will not be reported this year.*

Student Activities

School Clubs

- o AcaBellas
- o Art Club /NAHS
- o Athletes in Action
- o Badminton Club
- o Black History and Culture Club
- o Campus Ministry Club
- o Catholic
- o Chai Club
- o Classic Film Club
- o DA Poets' Society
- o Debate
- o Duchesne Spirit
- o French Symposium
- o International Thespian Society
- o Iron Plaid Robotics
- o Junior Achievement Club
- o Mandarin Club
- o Middle Eastern Cultures
- o Model UN/World Affairs
- o Muslim Student Association
- o Newsletter
- o Ocean Life Preserve Club
- o Photography Club
- o Ping Pong Club
- o Wildlife Conservation Group
- 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
(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 (2017 - 2020)

Schools in **bold** signify Class of 2020 matriculation

Allegheny College
Arizona State University
Austin Community College
Babson College
Baylor University (3)
Belmont University
Benedictine College
Berklee College of Music
Blinn College
Boston College
Boston University
Bucknell University
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
Colorado School of Mines
Columbia University
Concordia University, Wisconsin
Cornell University
Creighton University
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 (2)
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University New Orleans
Marquette University
New Mexico Junior College
New York University
Northeastern University
Oklahoma State University
Ottawa University, Phoenix
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Saint Louis University
Santa Clara University

School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Seton Hall University
Sewanee: The University of the South
Southern Methodist University
Southwestern University (3)
Saint Edward's University (3)
St. John's University
St Lawrence University
Stephen F Austin State University
SUNY College, Brockport
Sweet Briar College
The London School of Economics and
Political Science
The University of Alabama
The University of Texas, Arlington
The University of Texas, Austin (5)
The University of Texas, San Antonio
The University of Texas, Tyler
Texas A&M University (3)
Texas A&M University, Galveston
Texas Christian University (3)
Texas State University
Texas Tech University (4)
Trinity University
Tulane University (3)
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 Illinois,
Urbana-Champaign
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri, Columbia
University of Notre Dame (4)
University of Oklahoma
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of St Andrews
University of St Thomas
University of the Incarnate Word
University of Virginia
Villanova University
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St Louis (2)
Wellesley College
Williams College

46%

IN STATE

54%

OUT OF STATE

59%

PRIVATE

41%

PUBLIC