



Duchesne

School Profile 2025-2026

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Accreditation & Affiliations

Sacred Heart Commission on Goals (SHCOG)

Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (ISAS)

Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops Education Department (TCCB ED)

Southwest Preparatory Conference (SPC)

About Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart

Through the development of a personal and active faith in God, Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart engages, inspires, and empowers women leaders of the future with . . .

Courage to think critically

Confidence to face challenges

Compassion to change the world

Founded in 1960 and located in the Memorial area of Houston, Texas, Duchesne is part of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and a member of the Global Network of Sacred Heart Schools.

Goals and Criteria of Sacred Heart Schools

GOAL I

ACTIVE FAITH

GOAL II

INTELLECTUAL VALUES

GOAL III

SOCIAL AWARENESS

GOAL IV

BUILDING COMMUNITY

GOAL V

PERSONAL GROWTH

Meet Our Students

Rooted in a 200-year tradition of Sacred Heart education, Duchesne is a private, Catholic, all-girls college preparatory school serving students from age three through Grade 12. Beyond the classroom, our students participate in a wide range of co-curricular programs, including 40+ clubs, 15+ fine arts performances annually, championship athletics across 12 sports, award-winning Robotics, nationally recognized debate, and National Honor Society for seniors.

Current Enrollment: 796 • Upper School Enrollment: 317 • Seniors: 76

Facts and Figures from 2024-2025



15

COUNTRIES



76

ZIP CODES



45%

CATHOLIC



\$2.2M+

TUITION ASSISTANCE



26%

RECEIVE TUITION ASSISTANCE



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Signature Programs

Social Awareness

Goal 3 in Action - Service Learning Requirement

Duchesne's signature experiential program is rooted in the *Sacred Heart Goals and Criteria* that call 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, where they serve 10,000+ hours annually. The program includes a reflection component in which students assess their volunteer experience to instill a lifelong commitment to service.



CAVE (Computer Audio Visual Education)

IT Interns and Apprentices are responsible for staffing the CAVE help desk and for performing regular maintenance and service of campus computers and A/V equipment. They develop patience, independence, teamwork, and strong customer support skills helping faculty and students with technical issues. *IT Internship may be repeated as desired. IT Apprentices pursue a Microsoft or Test Out certification while working the helpdesk.*

Transformative Research

Beginning with an essential question of their choice, Grade 11 students embark on a journey of inquiry that culminates in a college-level argumentative research paper. This project not only develops critical skills in research, writing, and documentation, but also challenges students to engage deeply with global and social issues. Through guided exploration, students cultivate empathy, broaden their perspectives, and learn to articulate informed, ethical positions on complex topics that matter in today's world.

Academic Information

Class Of 2026 Grade Distribution

76 Students

- **Duchesne Academy does not report rank.**
- **Grade distribution (66 students):**

Grade point average is cumulative and weighted through June 2025. 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. *Transfer students are not included in the distribution.*

Top decile: 4.08 – 4.17

Top quartile: 4.0 – 4.17

Top half: 3.83 – 3.99

Advanced Placement Program

- Departmental approval required for enrollment
- Previous AP course enrollment limits: sophomore - 1, junior - 2, senior - 3. Enrollment limits have been released starting in '25-'26
- Students enrolled in an AP course must take the AP exam
- AP courses audited and approved by College Board
- 93% of AP students in the Class of 2026 earned scores of 3 or higher on their AP exams in 2025
- 29 students from the Class of 2026 have been recognized by College Board as AP Scholars

MOD Schedule

The Upper School operates on a six-term modular "MOD" schedule. Each MOD consists of 29 or 30 days. Classes last 80 minutes, a pace which allows concept and context to drive learning instead of content. Students take three to four courses per MOD and select classes from a combination of requirements and electives to complete up to 24 spaces each year. One course in a single MOD is equal to one credit, and three credits are equal to a full year course. In keeping with our philosophy of balance, this curricula emphasizes cognitive depth, critical thinking, and skill-building. Offering students more autonomy in choosing how they gain those skills fosters an intrinsic motivation to learn.



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Curriculum Summary

| Subject/ Required Credits | College Prep Courses | Advanced and AP Courses | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|------------------------------|
| English 12 credits 4 years | Unearthing Ideas Through Writing Demystifying the Essay Now Analyze This In Theory... it's Star Wars! Shakespeare: Time and Timelessness The Brontë Sisters Monsters, Inc. | I am Woman, Hear Me! Walk Two Moons in Her Moccasins Wilderness and the Soul Writing for Change An Unoriginal English Bin Home Free Still I Rise: Black Women Writers Shakespeare and Power | AP English Language & Composition AP English Lit: Studies in Africa AP English Lit: Shakespeare and the Meaning of Life AP English Lit: Blockbusters *No Advanced or AP available to grades 9 or 10 | | |
| <p><i>Courses are offered as topics. Students choose three topics to create a yearlong sequence that fulfills the English requirement. After Grade 9, any non-AP class may be added as an elective in addition to the required grade level courses.</i></p> | | | | | |
| Social Studies 12 credits 4 years | Introduction to Global Studies Modern World History 20th Century US History American Government Economics Interplay Between Government and Economy | AP World History: Modern Era AP United States History AP European History AP US Government & Politics AP Macroeconomics Advanced International Relations | | | |
| Math 9 credits 3 years | Algebra I Geometry Algebra II Precalculus Calculus Data Science | Advanced Geometry Advanced Algebra II Advanced Precalculus AP Precalculus* AP Statistics | AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC Beyond BC: Advanced Topics | *AP Precalculus is designed as a capstone math course for students who took Algebra 1 in Grade 9. | |
| Science 12 credits 4 years | Biology Chemistry Physics <i>After completing Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, students may choose three topics to create their final year of science. Any non-AP class may be added as an elective.</i> | <i>Topics (1 credit/MOD each):</i> Food and Chemistry Physics of Harry Potter Genetic Disorders Forensic Science Epidemiology Exploring Light & Color: Physics & Psychology Marine Biology Environmental Science (3 credits) | Advanced Chemistry Advanced Physics* AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Physics I AP Environmental Science | *Students who take Adv Physics may not enroll in AP Physics I. | |
| World Languages 9 credits 3 years | French I, II, III, IV/V Spanish I, II, III, IV American Sign Language I, II, III Spanish Literature for Spanish Speakers | Advanced French II, III Advanced French DELF IV/V AP French Language & Culture | Advanced Spanish II, III, IV AP Spanish Language & Culture | DELF students (Diplôme d'études en langue française) take the French Ministry of Education's diploma exam. French IV/V topics change each year. | |
| Theology* 12 credits 4 years <small>* All Theology classes are College Prep. No Advanced or AP classes are offered in this subject.</small> | History and the Bible Jesus' Message Ready, Set, Action Acts, Paul, and the Early Christians Restorative Justice & Redemption | The Gospel & What it Means for Us We Are the Sacrament of Christ Global and Social Awareness Justice and Morality Sacraments | 12th grade, Global and Social Awareness plus two of the following: Bioethics World Religions: Asian Traditions World Religions: | Judaism & Islam World Religions: The Americas Peacemaking Prayer and Worship Encountering the Divine Through Film | |
| Other | PE/Health: 3 credits Fine Arts: 3 credits Computer Science: 3 credits | Electives: 8 credits Research paper: 1 credit | AP Computer Science A AP Studio Art | AP Music Theory Advanced Choir Advanced Dance III | Advanced Theater Productions |

84 total credits required* For a comprehensive list of course offerings, please see the [Course Catalog](#).
 *100% of the Class of 2025 graduated with Distinguished Level of Achievement equivalency.

Online Courses

Students may enroll in an AP or elective course offered online through OneSchoolhouse if that course is not offered at Duchesne or is unable to be scheduled. These courses are intended to inspire specialized learning. (Grades not calculated into GPA.)

University Partnerships

Students receive elective credit at Duchesne and university credit at Rice University, University of St. Thomas, and other accepting universities for college courses successfully completed. (Grades not calculated into GPA.)

College Matriculations (2021-2025)

We proudly share this list in celebration of our graduates and the next chapter in their academic journeys. Wherever they go, they carry with them our Sacred Heart Goals—values they have embraced and made their own. **Schools in bold signify Class of 2025 matriculations.**

- Allegheny College
- Arizona State University (Tempe)**
- Auburn University**
- Babson College
- Baylor University**
- Belmont University**
- Blinn College**
- Boston College**
- Boston University
- California Polytechnic State University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Catholic University of America
- Claremont McKenna College
- Clemson University
- Colorado School of Mines
- Colorado State University
- Cornell University**
- Culinary Institute of America
- Dalhousie University
- Denison University
- DePaul University
- Drexel University
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Prescott)
- Fordham University
- George Washington University
- Holy Cross College
- Houston Christian University
- Howard University**
- Indiana University**
- Lone Star College System**
- Louisiana State University**
- Loyola Marymount University
- Loyola University Chicago
- Loyola University Maryland**
- Loyola University New Orleans
- Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich**
- Mississippi State University
- Mount Holyoke College
- New York University
- Northeastern University**
- Oberlin College
- Oklahoma State University**
- Purdue University
- Randolph-Macon College
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rhodes College**
- Rice University**
- Rollins College**
- Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- Saint Mary's College**
- Sam Houston State University
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- Seattle University
- Sewanee: The University of the South
- Shenandoah University
- Southern Methodist University**
- Southwestern University**
- St. Edward's University**
- Stephen F Austin State University
- Sweet Briar College
- Texas A&M University**
- Texas A&M University at Galveston
- Texas Christian University**
- Texas State University
- Texas Tech University
- The American University of Paris
- The University of Alabama
- The University of Findlay
- The University of Tennessee
- The University of Texas at Arlington
- The University of Texas at Austin**
- The University of Texas at Dallas
- The University of Texas at San Antonio**
- Trinity University
- Tulane University of Louisiana**
- United States Air Force Academy
- United States Military Academy at West Point
- Universidad de Navarra**
- University of Alabama at Birmingham
- University of Arizona
- University of Arkansas
- University of California (Davis)
- University of Chicago
- University of Colorado Boulder
- University of Dallas**
- University of Florida
- University of Georgia
- University of Houston
- University of Miami
- University of Minnesota
- University of Mississippi
- University of Missouri
- University of Navarra
- University of New Mexico
- University of North Carolina School of the Arts
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Oklahoma**
- University of Southern California**
- University of St. Thomas**
- University of Virginia
- University of Wisconsin
- Utah Valley University
- Valencia College
- Vanderbilt University
- Villanova University**
- Washington University in St. Louis
- William & Mary
- Wittenberg University
- Xavier University of Louisiana

Class of 2025

60%
IN STATE

40%
OUT OF STATE

6%
INTERNATIONAL

47%
PRIVATE

53%
PUBLIC