



# 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			
<b>English</b> 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  <i>*No Advanced or AP available to grades 9 or 10</i>		
<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>					
<b>Social Studies</b> 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		
<b>Math</b> 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
<i>*AP Precalculus is designed as a capstone math course for students who took Algebra 1 in Grade 9.</i>					
<b>Science</b> 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  <i>*Students who take Adv Physics may not enroll in AP Physics I.</i>		
<b>World Languages</b> 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
<i>DELF students (Diplôme d'études en langue française) take the French Ministry of Education's diploma exam. French IV/V topics change each year.</i>					
<b>Theology*</b> 12 credits 4 years	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
<small>* All Theology classes are College Prep. No Advanced or AP classes are offered in this subject.</small>					
<b>Other</b>	<i>PE/Health: 3 credits            Fine Arts: 3 credits            Computer Science: 3 credits</i>	<i>Electives: 8 credits            Research paper: 1 credit</i>	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	Mississippi State University	Trinity University
<b>Arizona State University (Tempe)</b>	Mount Holyoke College	<b>Tulane University of Louisiana</b>
<b>Auburn University</b>	New York University	United States Air Force Academy
Babson College	<b>Northeastern University</b>	United States Military Academy at West Point
<b>Baylor University</b>	Oberlin College	<b>Universidad de Navarra</b>
<b>Belmont University</b>	<b>Oklahoma State University</b>	University of Alabama at Birmingham
<b>Blinn College</b>	Purdue University	University of Arizona
<b>Boston College</b>	Randolph-Macon College	University of Arkansas
Boston University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of California (Davis)
California Polytechnic State University	<b>Rhodes College</b>	University of Chicago
Carnegie Mellon University	<b>Rice University</b>	University of Colorado Boulder
Case Western Reserve University	<b>Rollins College</b>	<b>University of Dallas</b>
Catholic University of America	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Florida
Claremont McKenna College	<b>Saint Mary's College</b>	University of Georgia
Clemson University	Sam Houston State University	University of Houston
Colorado School of Mines	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Miami
Colorado State University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Minnesota
<b>Cornell University</b>	Seattle University	University of Mississippi
Culinary Institute of America	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Missouri
Dalhousie University	Shenandoah University	University of Navarra
Denison University	<b>Southern Methodist University</b>	University of New Mexico
DePaul University	<b>Southwestern University</b>	University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Drexel University	<b>St. Edward's University</b>	University of Notre Dame
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Prescott)	Stephen F Austin State University	<b>University of Oklahoma</b>
Fordham University	Sweet Briar College	<b>University of Southern California</b>
George Washington University	<b>Texas A&amp;M University</b>	<b>University of St. Thomas</b>
Holy Cross College	Texas A&M University at Galveston	University of Virginia
Houston Christian University	<b>Texas Christian University</b>	University of Wisconsin
<b>Howard University</b>	Texas State University	Utah Valley University
<b>Indiana University</b>	Texas Tech University	Valencia College
<b>Lone Star College System</b>	The American University of Paris	Vanderbilt University
<b>Louisiana State University</b>	The University of Alabama	<b>Villanova University</b>
Loyola Marymount University	The University of Findlay	Washington University in St. Louis
Loyola University Chicago	The University of Tennessee	William & Mary
<b>Loyola University Maryland</b>	The University of Texas at Arlington	Wittenberg University
Loyola University New Orleans	<b>The University of Texas at Austin</b>	Xavier University of Louisiana
<b>Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich</b>	The University of Texas at Dallas	
	<b>The University of Texas at San Antonio</b>	

Class of 2025

**60%**  
IN STATE

**40%**  
OUT OF STATE

**6%**  
INTERNATIONAL

**47%**  
PRIVATE

**53%**  
PUBLIC

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