



VILLA DUCHESNE 2026-27 Profile

Our Mission

Villa Duchesne is a Catholic, independent, college preparatory school located on a 60-acre wooded campus in Frontenac, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis. Founded in 1929 by the Religious of the Sacred Heart, Villa offers a co-ed education for junior kindergarten through fifth grade and all-girls sixth through twelfth grade.

Inspired by the vision of Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat, foundress of the Society of the Sacred Heart, Villa Duchesne strives to educate the heart and mind of each child in a nurturing and challenging environment. We are dedicated to educating the whole child and preparing our students for lives of faith in God, integrity, leadership, and service to others.



To influence our world, we must understand it.

- MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT, RSCJ

As a part of a worldwide network of more than 150 Sacred Heart schools in more than 40 countries, our students embrace a global view, demonstrate social awareness, and share a hopeful vision for an unfolding future. Students are encouraged to participate in national and international exchange and service opportunities in conjunction with the Network of Sacred Heart Schools. Students from Sacred Heart schools around the world also attend Villa Duchesne and live with host families.

Through our service learning program, each Villa graduate fulfills a rigorous service requirement. Opportunities for direct service in our local community are provided frequently throughout the year. Villa students performed **7,500** service hours in 2025-26.

Course Offerings

Villa offers a rigorous college preparatory curriculum with a broad emphasis in the liberal arts. Honors courses, Advanced Placement (AP) courses, dual enrollment courses through Saint Louis University, and elective courses are available in each core discipline to challenge each student as she discovers and develops her individual talents. A minimum of 26 credit hours is required for graduation, and most students exceed this requirement.

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Student Body

Class of 2027 | 65 students
Grades 9-12 | 229 students
JK3-12 Total | 591

Faculty

39 Full-time Upper School Faculty
87% Faculty with advanced degrees
7:1 Student-Faculty Ratio

At-A-Glance

Students from more than
65 zip codes
37% of Villa families receive Family
Individualized Tuition (FIT)

Grade Distribution

(Class of 2027 through May 2026)

GPA	# of Students
4.3 or above	12
4.0 - 4.29	16
3.7 - 3.99	21
3.4 - 3.69	9
3.39 or below	7

Cultural Immersion Trips

- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Japan
- Portugal
- Santa Fe, NM

Service/Justice Trips

- Chicago, IL
- Ocuituco, Mexico
- El Paso, TX
- Seattle, WA
- Ghana, West Africa

Graduation Requirements and AP & Honors Courses

English: 4 years

AP English Language*
AP English Literature*
Honors Foundations of
Literature & Composition
Honors Themes in World Literature
Honors Literary Magazine
Honors Newsmagazine
Honors Yearbook

Math: 4 years

AP Calculus AB & BC
AP Statistics
Honors Algebra I
Honors Algebra II/Trigonometry
Honors Geometry
Honors Precalculus

Science: 3 years

AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
(every other year)
AP Physics (every other year)
AP Psychology
Honors Chemistry

Social Studies: 3 years

AP European History
AP US Government & Politics
AP US History*
AP World History

World Language: 2 years

AP French Language*
AP Spanish Language*
Honors French IV*
Honors Spanish IV*

Fine/Performing Arts: 2 years

Honors Fine Arts
Honors Painting & Drawing III

Theology: 4 years

God-Talk*

Physical Education: 2 years

Community Service: 4 years

10 hours in 9th & 10th
15 hours in 11th
20 hours in 12th

*Grades of C+ or higher in all AP and
dual enrollment courses earn an
additional .5 GPA point.*

** Indicates dual enrollment option
through Saint Louis University*

AP/HONORS COURSE PARTICIPATION

for the 2026-27 School Year

96% Juniors and seniors are taking or have taken
one or more AP courses

72% Juniors and seniors are taking or have taken
one or more honors courses

School policy limits the number of AP classes to three for all juniors
and seniors, unless the student receives administrative approval.

Matriculation List

Classes of 2022-2026

223 students attending 87 institutions

Appalachian State University	Saint Louis University
Arizona State University	San Diego State University
Auburn University	Santa Clara University
Baylor University	South Dakota State University
Bellarmino University	Southern Methodist University
Belmont Abbey College	St Louis Community College
Belmont University	Syracuse University
Berklee College of Music	Texas Christian University
Boston College	The Ohio State University
Butler University	The University of Memphis
Centre College	The University of Tampa
Clemson University	The University of Texas at Austin
Creighton University	Trinity College Dublin
Denison University	- The University of Dublin
DePauw University	Truman State University
Emory University	University of Alabama
Fairfield University	University of Arizona
Fisk University	University of Arkansas
Fordham University	University of Chicago
Georgetown University	University of Colorado Boulder
Grinnell College	University of Dayton
Howard University	University of Denver
Indiana University Bloomington	University of Florida
Lindenwood University	University of Georgia
Long Island University	University of Kansas
Louisiana State University	University of Kentucky
Loyola University Chicago	University of Louisville
Loyola University Maryland	University of Miami
Loyola University New Orleans	University of Michigan
Lynn University	University of Mississippi
Marquette University	University of Missouri
Maryville University	University of Notre Dame
Miami University	University of Oklahoma
Mississippi State University	University of Pittsburgh
Murray State University	University of Rochester
Nova Southeastern University	University of Southern California
Pace University	University of St. Thomas
Pratt Institute	University of Tennessee Knoxville
Princeton University	University of Toronto
Providence College	University of Washington
Purdue University	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Rhodes College	Wake Forest University
Rollins College	Washington University in St. Louis
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	Xavier University

Nearly 100% of graduates attend four year colleges and universities.

PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

Villa Duchesne Graduates...

Are strong in faith and secure in their foundation. Our graduates know they are loved by God and go out into the world grateful for their education, self-aware, and prepared to find their purpose!

Love as God loves. Our graduates see the dignity in all, build relationships, and advocate passionately for those who do not have a voice.

Are confident and creative. Our graduates are creative problem solvers and confident learners who persevere through adversity, ask hard questions, and actively pursue opportunities for growth.

Forge life-long friendships and are positive forces in their communities. Our traditions and shared experiences bind our graduates together and to Villa Duchesne forever. The relationships fostered here empower our students to be their best for the world.

Embrace a global view. Our graduates seek to understand the world, demonstrate social awareness, and share a hopeful vision for an unfolding future.



**Your example, even more than your words,
will be an eloquent lesson to the world.**

- MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT, RSCJ

ACCREDITATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

- Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools
- Independent Schools Association of the Central States
- Independent Schools of St. Louis
- Missouri Association for College Admission Counseling
- International Coalition of Girls' Schools
- National Association for College Admission Counseling
- National Association of Independent Schools
- National Catholic Educational Association
- Network of Sacred Heart Schools/Sacred Heart Commission on Goals

