

SCHOOL PROFILE 2026-2027

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FACULTY PROFILE

36 full-time teachers
3 part-time teachers
40 master's degrees
3 doctoral degrees
Student to faculty ratio: **9 to 1**

ACCREDITATION

- Network of Sacred Heart Schools
- Nebraska State Department of Education
- Cognia accredited
- US Department of Education Blue Ribbon School
- US Department of Education Green Ribbon School
- National Association of College Admissions Counselors
- National Athletic Trainers' Association Safe Sports School

PHILOSOPHY

Founded in 1881, Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart is a Catholic, independent, college-preparatory school dedicated to providing young women with a rigorous and supportive atmosphere in which to best develop their moral, spiritual, and intellectual lives. It is one of 25 institutions comprising the Network of Sacred Heart Schools in the United States and Canada.

Schools of the Sacred Heart commit to educate to:

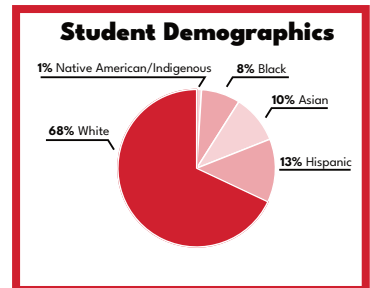
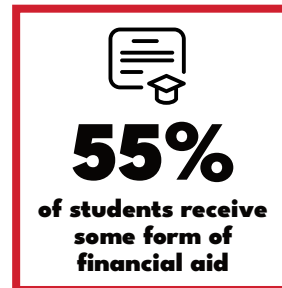
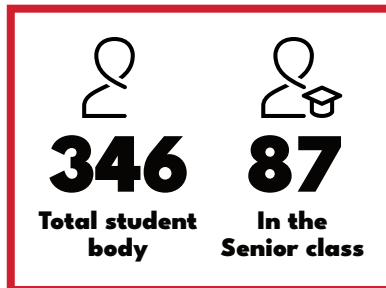
- A personal and active faith in God
- A deep respect for intellectual values
- A social awareness which impels to action
- The building of community as a Christian value
- Personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom

SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Freshman and sophomores complete a minimum of 25 hours of service for graduation. Juniors must engage in the seven Corporal Works of Mercy. Seniors complete a two-week, full-time service experience at one local community partner (approximately 60 hours).

ATHLETICS

Duchesne competes in Class B as a member of the River Cities Conference in 11 NSAA sponsored activities. We also offer six club sports. 78% of students participate in at least one sport. 41% of students participate in at least two sports.



SIGNATURE PROGRAMS



DURHAM MUSEUM INTERSHIP

Juniors and seniors may apply for this opportunity to explore the behind-the-scenes operations of Omaha's Durham Museum. Students work with Durham's extensive collections, photo archiving, conducting research, and assisting with curating new exhibits.



ZOO ACADEMY

Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo Academy offers a half day at Henry Doorly Zoo, either morning or afternoon, in two curricular experiences: Conservation or Animal Science. Credits and grades earned in Zoo Academy count towards graduation requirements for Duchesne. This opportunity is open to juniors and seniors.



GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATE

Students explore the complexities of the world, historical connections, and current issues: political, environmental, spiritual, and economic. Students must declare this track at the end of their freshman year and must remain on this track through graduation, with the successful completion of all requirements. There are 67 students in the program across 10th - 12th graders.



INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Duchesne is part of a global school network with 150+ campuses across six continents. Students can apply for two to four-week exchanges at other Sacred Heart schools worldwide. These exchanges are available between junior and senior year during the summer.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of **26.25** credits are required for graduation, which must include:

- English 4.0
- Math 4.0
- Theology 4.0
- Science 4.0*
- Social Studies 4.0
- Fine Arts 2.0
- IT .25
- International Language 2.0
- P.E. 2.0

*Biology + Chemistry + Physics + 1 credit Science or IT

PLACEMENT IN CLASS

Duchesne only admits students able to do college-preparatory work and because classes are small, there is generally a small range in students’ grade averages.

Duchesne does not report student rank.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

- Students may earn college credit for:
- AP Calculus and Honors Child Development through Creighton University
 - AP Physics and Honors Biomedical Physiology through the University of Nebraska Omaha
 - AP US History World Religions, Spanish IV, and Catholic Social Teaching, through Nebraska Wesleyan University

15 ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

- African American History
- American Government
- Calculus
- Chemistry*
- Computer Science A
- Computer Science Principles
- English Literature
- European History
- Physics*
- Pre-Calculus
- Psychology*
- Spanish
- Statistics
- Studio Art
- US History

Students are invited to take AP or Honors courses based on teacher recommendation, prior course grade, and relevant test scores.

*Offered every other year
**New course

20 HONORS COURSES

- Algebra II
- American Literature III
- Applied Engineering**
- Art History
- Biology
- Biomedical Physiology
- Calculus III
- Chemistry
- Child Development
- Cold War and the 21st Century
- International Relations
- Economics
- Freshman Literature
- Geometry
- Physics
- Pre-Calculus
- Research Methodology
- Sophomore Literature
- Spanish IV
- World Cultures

ACT SCORES FOR THE CLASS OF 2027
(as of July 2026)

Subject	Mean	Mid 50%-ile
English	26	21-31
Math	23	19-28
Reading	28	24-33
Science	26	23-29
Composite	26	22-30

CUMULATIVE GPA FOR THE CLASS OF 2027
for the 2026-2027 School Year

3.78

Mean

3.94

Median

AP/HONORS COURSE PARTICIPATION
for the 2026-2027 School Year

158

students taking one or more AP course(s)

256

students taking one or more honors course(s)

To promote student health, wellness, and academic balance, school policy limits students to a maximum of **four** Advanced Placement (AP) courses during a single academic year.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS 2025

71

students took at least one AP test

94%

of students scored a 3 or higher

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

PRIZE is awarded to the student(s) in an individual class who has the highest yearly average (with a minimum of 90%).

DISTINCTION is awarded to the student(s) with the next highest average in an individual class.

RECOGNITION is awarded to the student(s) who might not have the highest average but consistently worked hard.

Course grades reported on transcript are not weighted.

Letter grade	100pt scale	4.0 scale	Honors 4.5 scale	AP 5.0 scale
A	90-100	4.0	4.5	5.0
B+	87-89	3.7-3.9	4.2-4.4	4.7-4.9
B	83-86	3.3-3.6	3.8-4.1	4.3-4.6
B-	80-82	3.0-3.2	3.5-3.7	4.0-4.2
C+	77-79	2.7-2.9	3.2-3.4	3.7-3.9
C	73-76	2.3-2.6	2.8-3.1	3.3-3.6
C-	70-72	2.0-2.2	2.5-2.7	3.0-3.2
D+	67-69	1.7-1.9	2.2-2.4	2.7-2.9
D	63-66	1.3-1.6	1.8-2.1	2.3-2.6
D-	60-62	1.0-1.2	1.5-1.7	2.0-2.2
F	0-59	0	0	0

COURSE OFFERINGS BY GRADE LEVEL

SUBJECT	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
English <i>4 credits required</i>	Freshman Literature Honors Freshman Literature	Sophomore Literature Honors Sophomore Literature	American Literature Honors American Literature	Senior Literature AP Literature
Math <i>4 credits required</i> <i>Grade level when enrolled is based on accomplished pre-requisites</i>	Algebra I Honors Algebra I	Algebra II Honors Algebra II	Geometry Honors Geometry	Pre-Calculus Honors Pre-Calculus AP Pre-Calculus AP Calculus BC - DE AP Statistics Honors Calculus III
Social Studies <i>4 credits required</i> <i>To fulfill the Social Studies requirement, all students must earn 4 credits and complete a major research paper. The courses listed with a "+" here will fulfill that requirement</i>	World Cultures Honors World Cultures	Modern European History AP Modern European History	U.S. History AP U.S. History - DE	*U.S. Gov & Politics *AP U.S. Gov & Politics AP African American Studies+ Honors Cold War & 20th Century+ Honors Durham Museum Internship+ Honors Economics & Global Issues+
Science <i>4 credits required</i> <i>(Biology; Chemistry; Physics + 1 credit in Science or IT)</i>	Biology Honors Biology	Chemistry Honors Chemistry	Physics Honors Physics AP Physics AP Chemistry	Topics in Environmental Science Honors Biomed Physiology - DE AP Physics - DE AP Chemistry
World Language <i>2 years required</i>	French I Spanish I	French II Spanish II	French III Spanish III	French IV/V Spanish IV - DE AP Spanish
Theology <i>4 credits required</i>	Introduction to Scriptures	*Paschal Mystery *Church: Christ in the World	*Sacraments *World Religions - DE	*Christian Morality *Catholic Social Teaching - DE
Fine & Performing Arts <i>2 credits required</i>	Duchesne Choir Band Jazz Band String Ensemble *Art Foundations *Speech *Tech Theater *Acting	Duchesne Choir Band Jazz Band String Ensemble *Interior Design *2-Dimensional Art *3-Dimensional Art *Film Photography *Digital Photo *World Drumming *Songwriting 101 *Speech *Tech Theater *Acting	Duchesne Choir Select Choir Band Jazz Band String Ensemble *Interior Design *Adv 2-D Art *Adv 3-D Art *Film Photo II *Digital Photo II *World Drumming *Songwriting 101 *Speech *Tech Theater *Acting	Duchesne Choir Select Choir Band Jazz Band String Ensemble *Interior Design AP Studio Art *Film Photo III *Digital Photo III *World Drumming *Songwriting 101 *Speech *Tech Theater *Acting
Physical Education <i>2 credits required</i>	Foundations for PE	*Foundations for PE/ Fitness & Health *Intro Strength & Conditioning & Health	*Team Games *Lifetime Activities *Strength & Conditioning	*Team Games *Lifetime Activities *Strength & Conditioning
Information Technology	*Digital Citizenship (required) Programming in Python Robotics	Programming in Python Robotics AP Comp Sci Principles *Exploring Innovative Technologies Design/Innovative Technologies I	AP Computer Science A AP Comp Sci Principles Programming in Python Robotics *Exploring Innovative Technologies Design/Innovative Technologies I Design/Innovative Technologies II	AP Computer Science A AP Computer Science Principles Programming in Python Robotics *Exploring Innovative Technologies Design/Innovative Technologies I Design/Innovative Technologies II Advanced Innovative Technologies Applied Engineering
Electives	Academic Decathlon Creative Writing	Academic Decathlon Creative Writing Yearbook Journalism	Academic Decathlon Creative Writing Journalism Personal Finance Business & Accounting Management Lessons of Holocaust Indigenous History & Spirituality	Academic Decathlon Creative Writing Journalism Personal Finance Business & Accounting Management Lessons of Holocaust Indigenous History & Spirituality Ubuntu AP Psychology Honors Art History* Honors Child Development - DE Honors International Relations

DE indicates Dual Enrollment

**Indicates one semester course*

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

From 2023-2026, Duchesne Academy graduates matriculated
to the following colleges and universities:

American University	Johns Hopkins University	University of Alabama
Arizona State University	Kansas City Art Institute	University of Central Florida
Augustana College	Lawrence University	University of Chicago
Baylor University	Long Island University	University of Colorado (Boulder)
Beloit College	Loyola Marymount University	University of Dallas
Benedictine College	Loyola University Chicago	University of Delaware
Boston University	Marquette University	University of Denver
Brown University	Metropolitan Community College	University of Iowa
Buena Vista University	Miami University	University of Kansas
California College of the Arts	Midland University	University of Limerick
Carnegie Mellon University	Minerva University	University of Michigan
Chapman University	Montana State University	University of Mississippi
Clemson University	Mount Marty University	University of Missouri (Kansas City)
Coastal Carolina University	Nebraska Wesleyan University	University of Missouri
Colgate University	New York University	University of Nebraska (Lincoln)
College of Charleston	Northeastern University	University of Nebraska (Omaha)
College of Saint Benedict	Northwestern University	University of New Hampshire
College of Saint Mary	Oklahoma State University	University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Colorado State University	Olivet Nazarene University	University of Notre Dame
Columbia College Chicago	Penn State University	University of Oklahoma
Creighton University	Pepperdine University	University of Oregon
DePaul University	Purdue University	University of Puget Sound
DePauw University	Queens University of Charlotte	University of San Diego
Dordt University	Rockhurst University	University of Sioux Falls
Drake University	Saint Louis University	University of South Carolina
Eckerd College	Saint Mary's College	University of South Dakota
Flagler College	San Diego State University	University of Southern California
Florida Gulf Coast University	Santa Clara University	University of St. Thomas (Minnesota)
Florida State University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Texas (Dallas)
Fordham University	Soka University of America	University of Tulsa
George Washington University	South Dakota State University	University of Utah
Gonzaga University	St. Olaf College	University of Wisconsin
Grand Canyon University	Texas Christian University	University of Wyoming
Grinnell College	Truman State University	Vanderbilt University
Gustavus Adolphus College	Tulane University	Villanova University
Indiana University (Bloomington)	United States Naval Academy	Washington University in St. Louis
Iowa State University		Western Michigan University
		Wichita State University