



Student - Parent Handbook

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Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to the Duchesne High School community. You are joining a tradition of excellence in Catholic education that traces back to 1924. We are proud of all our school has to offer and encourage each of you to become fully involved in our programs and activities.

The Duchesne Student-Parent Handbook sets out our philosophy and beliefs. This Handbook provides important information about our policies, procedures, and programs. A student's enrollment at Duchesne High School is contingent on their parents' agreement to support our mission, observe the guidelines included, and meet all obligations to the school.

While the handbook focuses on specific areas of concern, it is written with the belief that our parents and students are partners in our school's educational, spiritual, and developmental goals. The school reserves the right to change the handbook as necessary, while committing to notifying our parents and students of any amendments.

Please read the handbook and keep it as a reference throughout the school year. This handbook is also available on the school website: www.duchesne-hs.org.

We thank you for your involvement and trust. May God bless the Duchesne community throughout this new school year.

Shaping leaders in mind, body, and spirit

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This Student/Parent Handbook contains established policies and procedures for the 2026-27 school year. Since it is not possible for a Handbook to address every situation that may arise during a school year, the Administration reserves the right to amend or revoke the policies and procedures in this Handbook at any time, as circumstances may require. When changes are made to the Handbook, parents and students will be promptly informed in writing, including a statement about when the change will take effect.

ABOUT DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

Duchesne High School is a Catholic, college-preparatory school that embraces each student's unique, God-given gifts and educates the student as a whole person: mind, body, and spirit.

Mind: We challenge students with a rigorous curriculum and develop discerning, responsible leaders to impact a rapidly changing global community.

Body: We cultivate good stewards of God's creation by developing respect for the human body and instilling a positive approach to a healthy lifestyle.

Spirit: We continue the evangelizing mission of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne - to nurture love of God and His Church, to serve others, and to inspire moral excellence.

OUR SCHOOL HISTORY

In the fall of 1924, St. Peter High School opened its doors to a class of 14 students. It would have been difficult for them to imagine that the tiny parish school on Clay Street in the small town of St. Charles would one day become a college preparatory school of several hundred students, called Duchesne Catholic High School. St. Peter became a four-year school in 1929, and, in 1934, with an enrollment approaching 100, was accredited by the State of Missouri. Although most students were from the parish grade school, teens from the neighboring St. Charles Borromeo parish and from parishes in surrounding communities also attended St. Peter High School because of its reputation for quality Catholic education.

By the 1950s, the flourishing St. Charles population pushed St. Peter High School to maximum capacity, and the need for a regional Catholic high school to serve the broader community was evident. In 1956, a new high school was built at our current location and was named in honor of Blessed Rose Philippine Duchesne.

While the school's physical structure bears little resemblance to its parent school, the commitment to educational excellence in a faith-filled atmosphere remains as strong today as when St. Peter High welcomed its first class more than 80 years ago.

Duchesne High School is fully accredited through Cognia. As a member school, Duchesne High School focuses on a continuous process of school improvement.

DUCHESNE CHARISMS

At Duchesne High School, the life and witness of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne inspire the formation of our entire school community. Her deep love for Jesus, commitment to Catholic education, service to others, and perseverance through hardship provide a model for how we seek to live and grow together. The four Duchesne charisms—Prayer, Missionary Discipleship, Community, and Pioneer Spirit—serve as foundational pillars of our school culture, guiding students, parents, faculty, and staff as we strive to follow Christ, support one another, face challenges with faith, and become the people God created us to be.

These charisms are more than ideals—they are lived values that shape the daily experience of every Pioneer. The following page describes each charism and invites every member of our school community to embrace them as we work together to foster a culture rooted in faith, service, belonging, and courageous leadership.



The Charisms of Duchesne High School

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne — A Model of Holiness

“He who has Jesus has all.” — St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne’s words reveal the heart of our heroic patroness. She was devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, tireless in her prayer, zealous for the salvation of souls, filled with charity, patient through suffering, and humble of heart. She played a pivotal role in bringing devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Catholic education to our region.

As a Catholic high school and neighbors of her shrine, we have the privilege of continuing work dear to Philippine’s heart: the education of young people. What better can we offer our students than an education animated by the Sacred Heart of Jesus, modeled on the example of our patroness? After much prayer and careful study, four charisms from the life of Philippine stand out as pillars of the formation we seek to offer our community.

THE FOUR CHARISMS

1. Prayer

Duchesne Pioneers pray without ceasing.

Philippine is a testament to the transformative power of prayer. Her heart was constantly aflame with love of God and love of neighbor, which would be impossible without her deep relationship with Jesus through prayer. Her devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament, and Mary stand out as key elements of her spirituality. By her example, we learn that prayer is the place where we experience intimacy with God.

2. Missionary Discipleship

Duchesne Pioneers follow Jesus and bring others to Jesus.

As a young girl, Philippine felt the call to become a missionary. She had a deep desire for others to encounter the love of Jesus, and she understood that the best way to bring others to Jesus was to follow Him closely. She stands witness to the many ways we can live out the Gospel and bring others to Jesus: by bearing wrongs patiently, enduring hardship, teaching others about the faith, and serving the poor.

3. Community

Duchesne Pioneers love one another as Christ loves us.

Jesus established His followers as a special community, the Church. Philippine shows us how to live as a genuine Christian community. She often sacrificed her own comforts for the good of others, as we see when she slept under the staircase, or when she would eat the scraps from the school children’s meals so her sisters could have enough food. Like Philippine, we seek to create a welcoming environment to learn and grow.

4. Pioneer Spirit

Duchesne Pioneers rely on God to persevere through challenges.

As a pioneer in the New World, Philippine displayed incredible trust in God, patience, and perseverance. She endured constant hardships, whether it be sickness, extreme weather, lack of funds, or inadequate food. Her grace-filled, pioneer spirit teaches us a great deal about reliance on God amidst trials, perseverance through suffering, patience, grit, creativity, and determination.

Foundations of Holiness

These charisms are intended to be the foundation of the culture and education at Duchesne High School. We aim to inspire all members of our community to embrace these charisms in order to become the saints God created them to be.

OUR PATRON SAINT

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne was born August 29, 1769, in Grenoble, France. She was the daughter of Pierre Francois Duchesne, a successful lawyer and a leader of the French Revolution, and Rose Perier, an intelligent, practical Christian woman.

When Philippine was twelve, she was sent to boarding school at Ste. Marie d'en Haut. Here she was educated by the Visitation nuns and drawn to their life of contemplation. She entered their congregation at eighteen, but shortly afterward, the Revolution in France forced the nuns to disperse. For eleven years, Philippine nursed prisoners, found shelter for orphans and helped get food to the poor. Finally, she gained title to their old convent and, with several others, opened a boarding school. In December 1804, she joined the Society of the Sacred Heart upon meeting Madeleine Sophie Barat, the foundress of this Society.

Many times, during the next eleven years, Philippine shared with Mother Barat her dream of becoming a missionary to the American Indians. The dream was ignited when Bishop DuBourg visited the mother house in Paris to beg the nuns to establish schools for Indian and French children in his diocese of St. Louis. Mother Barat gave consent to Philippine, who pleaded on her knees for this mission.

On March 14, 1818, Philippine left Bordeaux with four other nuns on the sailing vessel Rebecca, which has an immortal place in the story of her life. The Atlantic crossing lasted 70 days, a stormy, hazardous journey. Philippine Duchesne compared the noise, confusion, and terror to Judgment Day. Finally, on May 29, 1818, they anchored in New Orleans. After spending several months with the Ursulines there, they sailed up the Mississippi River on the steamboat Franklin to St. Louis, a trip which took forty days.

Upon arriving in St. Louis, they discovered that Bishop DuBourg had rented a frontier home for them in St. Charles, a settlement of about 500 families. Here Philippine opened a school in a log cabin, the first free school west of the Mississippi. The school at St. Charles did not meet with much success, as parents were reluctant to send their children to school in this remote village. After a year at St. Charles, the Bishop moved them to Florissant, where he assured them they would obtain students. For three months until their new house was ready for occupancy, the nuns and five children who had accompanied them lived on the Bishop's farm in a log cabin far more miserable than their home in St. Charles.

Progress was made at Florissant. Both a free school and a boarding school, and later a novitiate, were established. Life in these schools was much like that of the schools in France. Although, Philippine realized that life on the American frontier differed from life in Paris, exceptions had to be made. With an increased religious community, new schools were established: Grand Coteau, Louisiana, in 1821; St. Michael's in Louisiana in 1825; City House in St. Louis in 1827; and, in 1828, St. Charles was reopened.

Even though her schools were prospering, Philippine did not forget her desire to work with the Indians. Finally, in June 1841, at the age of seventy-one, she had the opportunity for real mission work with the Indians and went to serve the Potawatomi at Sugar Creek, Kansas. She was old, in poor health, and unable to learn the language, but made a deep impression on the Potawatomi who named her "the woman who prays always." Frail health forced her to return to St. Charles, where she spent the last decade of her life.

In her 34 years on the American frontier, Philippine undertook the hardest tasks in addition to teaching and administrative duties. She tended livestock, chopped wood, dug potatoes, mended shoes and clothing, nursed the sick, and made soap and candles. She survived loneliness, yellow fever, and persistent feelings of failure.

Her biographer, Sister Catherine Mooney, R.S.C.J., suggests it was not her extraordinary accomplishments but the way Philippine dealt with failure and isolation that makes her a model for modern Christians, especially in America. This country finds difficulty in coping with failure.

Mindful of the pioneering spirit of Saint Philippine Duchesne, the Duchesne High School Community asks her intercession in meeting the challenge of being "Pioneers."

PRAYER TO ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE

Philippine Duchesne,
You were a pioneer woman,
called to join a pioneer endeavor -
to explore, to begin,
to expand the educational frontiers of a new world.

Each of us, as a Duchesne Pioneer, asks that, through your intercession,
We will be able to face our 'frontiers'
and meet the challenge of being 'pioneers.'
As boundaries appear before us,
Help us to step gently over despair
and fashion a resurrection realm,
a hope-hallowed world.

Help us follow your model, as we
strive for a world that we cannot explain,
Risk our lives to find new life,
challenge social patterns that give false comfort,
enter the Heart of the One who is Beginning and End,
share in the restlessness of the Spirit,
and become instruments of peace.

Amen

DUCHESNE PIONEERS VICTORY SONG

Let's give a big hooray for Duchesne
We are the winningest team in the land.
Let's give a big hooray for Duchesne
We're going to be #1 if we can.
We're going to fight, fight, fight.
You can really rely
Fight, fight, fight
For a V-I-C-T-O-R-Y
A big hooray for Duchesne
We're going to win the game tonight.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP

CRITERIA FOR ENROLLMENT IN DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

In accepting students, we look for young people who can profit from and contribute to the educational and Catholic mission of Duchesne High School. We admit students based on academic, behavioral, and disciplinary records from the previous school, as well as the recommendation of the elementary school's pastor and/or principal. We do not discriminate based on race, color, or national/ethnic origin. We prioritize those whose families have supported our school and Catholic education in general, as well as students of faculty and staff. A student's education is a partnership between the parents and the school. We expect parents to cooperate with the teachers and administration in their children's intellectual, physical, emotional, spiritual, and social development. Likewise, families must meet all financial obligations associated with attending Duchesne High School. Just as the parent has the right to withdraw a child if desired, the school administration reserves the right to require a student's withdrawal if the administration determines that the partnership is irretrievably broken. We also expect that all parents will volunteer to help at the various events and times when volunteer assistance is needed (i.e., dinner auction, fundraising events, Open House, chaperoning social events for students, workdays at school, ticket taking, concessions for athletics, and serving refreshments at events are some of the opportunities).

WITNESS STATEMENT: FOR THOSE WHOSE CHILDREN ATTEND CATHOLIC EDUCATION

One of the supreme gifts of marriage is bringing forth new life. God entrusts children to parents, who have a primary right and duty to educate them in the practice of their faith. Parents carry out this responsibility by creating a home full of love, forgiveness, respect, and fidelity. The family is the community in which, from childhood, one honors God and learns moral values.

In the rite of the sacrament of Baptism, parents receive the call from God to evangelize their children, as here summarized:

You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so, you are accepting the responsibility of training him (her) in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him (her) up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor...You will be the first teachers of your child in the ways of the faith. May you also be the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what you say and do, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

No wonder, then, that the Church understands the home to be the domestic church. It is in the intimate environment of the family that parents are, by word and example, the first heralds of the faith with respect to their children. This environment is enhanced and deepened by the parish Eucharistic community, which is the heart of the spiritual life for Christian families.

Catholic schools and parish religious education programs partner with the family in proclaiming and witnessing to the person and life of Jesus Christ. They assist parents in fulfilling their responsibility as the primary religious educators of their children.

PARENT PLEDGE

Aware, then, of the dignity of this holy parental call, and with reverent awe for that responsibility, which is mine, I commit myself to be, in word and deed, the first and best teacher of my children in the faith. Practically, this means I should:

- Regularly participate in the Sunday Eucharist (if not Catholic, regularly participate in worship and prayer) with my family.
- Commit to speaking more with my children about God and to include prayer in our daily home life.
- Participate in and cooperate with the Duchesne High School programs that enable me as a parent to take an active role in the religious education of my children, including sacramental preparation for Catholic children.
- Support the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church to ensure consistency between home and school.
- Teach my children by work and example to have a love and concern for the needs of others.
- Meet my financial responsibilities in supporting Duchesne High School.

(From the Archdiocese of St. Louis)

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CUSTODY

Divorced or separated parents must file a court-certified copy of the custody and educational obligations sections of the divorce or separation decree with the principal's office. The school will not be held responsible for failing to honor arrangements that have not been made known. Any changes to such decrees or documents must be filed with our office for recognition.

The decree and documents must clearly stipulate custody arrangements and responsibility for financial liability. Enrollment is not final until all necessary parties have completed the appropriate registration and financial obligation forms as well. Changes in custodial and/or financial obligation documentation may affect student enrollment until all documents and forms are adjusted accordingly. Duchesne reserves the right not to enroll a student in cases where the custodial or financial agreements do not allow us to provide the educational partnership required.

Students without an approved guardian will not be allowed to remain at Duchesne High School.

QUICK REFERENCE

ROLES IN THE SCHOOL

All administrative team members share responsibility for working to create a climate and programs that foster Catholic growth and formation within the school community.

The **President** is the chief executive officer of the school. They are responsible for maintaining the Catholic mission and identity, administering the financial aspects of the school, supervising the maintenance and use of the facilities, hiring and supervising all personnel, and directing the activities of the Advisory Board, Endowment Board, and the school's development and public relations.

The **Principal** is the chief operating officer of the school. They are responsible for the day-to-day operations of the school and for the administration and supervision of the academic program, collaboration with the president on the hiring and supervision of teachers, the creation of staff development programs, and the maintenance of appropriate records and completion of forms.

The **Assistant Principal of Student Life** is responsible for assisting the principal in providing school-wide leadership and performing administrative duties. They will work closely with student discipline and assist teachers with classroom management. Likewise, the Assistant Principal of Student Life works closely to ensure that all students achieve the fullest benefit from the various activities Duchesne offers.

The **Director of Athletics** is a member of the administrative team whose responsibilities include administering and supervising the athletic program, scheduling competitions, transportation, and facility use, ensuring the maintenance of appropriate records and completion of forms, working with the Boosters, collaborating with the president and principal on the hiring and supervision of coaches, and managing the athletic finances.

The **Director of Advancement** works directly with the President and the Administrative team on all enrollment and fundraising efforts. Those responsibilities include Golf Tournaments, Trivia Nights, the Duchesne Gala, Pioneer Fund, Alumni Nights, Open House, Pioneer Spirit nights, and more. The Director of Advancement will collaborate with the Principal and Assistant Principal for Freshmen Registration Night, Baccalaureate Mass, and Graduation. The Director of Advancement will also oversee the Student Ambassadors and all High School Nights. In this role, the Director will also maintain the volunteer program.

The **Dean of Student Services** supports a positive, safe, and engaging school culture by overseeing student conduct, attendance, and discipline, and by consistently enforcing school expectations. The Dean works closely with students, families, faculty, and administration to address behavioral concerns, strengthen student accountability, and promote student growth and success.

The **Director of Community and Student Engagement** supports student engagement efforts and helps expand outreach through the admissions department, ensuring that Duchesne is a school where every student feels seen, supported, and encouraged to grow in faith and character.

The **Director of Campus Ministry** works with the president and principal to coordinate spiritual activities that provide for the Christian growth of students and staff. Responsibilities include planning faculty faith development and prayer experiences; assisting with student retreats and days of prayer; liturgy planning; student prayer groups, the Campus Ministry student program; reconciliation services, daily prayer, and prayers for special events; and spiritual counseling. They also monitor the Christian Service Program, including identifying and informing the students, faculty, and staff about service opportunities, providing experiences and opportunities for reflection, and validating and recording service hours.

The **Counselors** work to help the students develop academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. Their responsibilities include college planning, career information, testing, student personal concerns and problems in school, class scheduling, NCAA and NAIA Clearing House, credit checks, and helping with credit deficiencies, parent consultations, and referrals to outside resources. Counselors have responsibility for all class levels. The Principal and the Assistant Principal of Student Life direct the activities of the guidance personnel.

The **Learning Consultants** are a resource for teachers, parents, administrators, and students regarding services for students with mild or moderate special needs. Responsibilities include reviewing diagnostic and evaluation reports, developing student profiles and IEPs, meeting with teachers, students, and parents, communicating with tutors and other specialists who work with students outside the classroom, admitting students with special needs, coordinating special testing, and being an advocate for students and parents. The principal directs the activities of the learning consultant.

The **Academic Deans** assist the Principal in developing, evaluating, and supervising the instructional program and teachers. The Deans work collaboratively with the teachers in curriculum and classroom management matters. The Deans will work with teachers to ensure a teaching and learning environment where all students are given the educational opportunity to reach their highest potential. The Deans will also assist in Departmental curriculum and budget planning.

The **House Director** works with the Principal and the Assistant Principal of Student Life to coordinate the House Program for the students. Responsibilities include sorting students, tracking points, supervising house deans, working with faculty to implement student training, and budget matters with the House Program.

The **House Deans** coordinate the student House Captains and Officers. The House Dean's responsibilities include mentoring students and teachers in their House, coordinating with the House Director on all things related to the House Program, supervising House activities, and working with the House budget.

DAILY SCHEDULES

Monday & Tuesday

7:45 – 8:35	Period 1
8:40 – 9:30	Period 2
9:35 – 9:50	Communio
9:55 – 10:45	Period 3
10:50 – 11:40	Period 4
11:45 – 1:00	Period 5/Lunch
11:45 - 12:08	Lunch A
12:11 - 12:34	Lunch B
12:37 - 1:00	Lunch C
1:05 – 1:55	Period 6
2:00 – 2:50	Period 7
Drop	Period 8

Mass & Assembly

7:45 – 8:20	Period 1
8:25 – 9:00	Period 2
9:05 – 9:40	Period 3
9:45 – 11:00	Mass/Assembly
11:05 – 11:40	Period 4
11:45 – 1:00	Period 5/Lunch
11:45 – 12:08	Lunch A
12:11 – 12:34	Lunch B
12:37 – 1:00	Lunch C
1:05 – 1:55	Period 6
2:00 – 2:50	Period 7

Wednesday & Late Start

9:15 – 9:55	Period 1
10:00 – 10:40	Period 2
10:45 – 11:25	Period 3
11:30 – 12:10	Period 4
12:15 – 1:30	Period 5/Lunch
12:15 - 12:38	Lunch A
12:41 - 1:04	Lunch B
1:07 - 1:30	Lunch C
1:35 – 2:10	Period 6
2:15 – 2:50	Period 7
Drop	Period 8

Half Day

7:45 – 8:18	Period 1
8:23 – 8:56	Period 2
9:01 – 9:34	Period 3
9:39 – 10:12	Period 4
10:17 – 10:50	Period 5
10:55 – 11:28	Period 6
11:33 – 12:06	Period 7

Thursday & Friday

7:45 – 8:30	Period 1
8:35 – 9:20	Period 2
9:25 – 10:00	Communio
10:05 – 10:50	Period 3
10:55 – 11:40	Period 4
11:45 – 1:00	Period 5/Lunch
11:45 - 12:08	Lunch A
12:11 - 12:34	Lunch B
12:37 - 1:00	Lunch C
1:05 – 1:55	Period 6
2:00 – 2:50	Period 7
Drop	Period 8

Half Day - All Classes Meet

7:45 – 8:16	Period 1
8:21 – 8:49	Period 2
8:54 – 9:22	Period 3
9:27 – 9:55	Period 4
10:00 – 10:28	Period 5
10:33 – 11:01	Period 6
11:06 – 11:34	Period 7
11:39 - 12:05	Period 8

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Duchesne High School offers a college preparatory program with an emphasis on the liberal arts. This program is committed to educating the whole person according to his abilities and needs.

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

The following graduation requirements include the minimum requirements of the State of Missouri, those of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, and those specific to Duchesne High School. Course descriptions and other curriculum information can be found in the Course Selection Guide on the school website.

Theology	4 credits	Science*	3 credits
English	4.5 credits	Fine Arts**	1 credit
Social Studies	3 credits	Practical Arts***	1 credit
World Language	2 credits	Physical Education	1 credit
Math	3 credits	Health	.5 credit
Electives	5 credits		

**Two of the Science courses must be considered Lab courses.*

***The Fine Arts requirement is fulfilled by one credit in the visual, musical, or dramatic arts.*

****Practical Arts is fulfilled by credit from business, computer science, or yearbook courses.*

Special Notes regarding Credit Requirements

1. Missouri requires all students to have completed a course in which the Federal and State Constitutions are part of the course material.
2. At least one English class is required each semester.
3. Only one Unscheduled Time can be taken per semester.
4. A maximum of two Physical Education courses can be taken in one semester.
5. For a student to be classified as a sophomore, they must have earned at least 7.0 credits by the beginning of the school term; to be classified as a junior, they must have earned at least 14.0 credits by that time; to be classified as a senior, they must have earned at least 21.0 credits and have all failed credits made up by that time.
6. Most courses grant credit by the semester. It should be noted that any two Fs in a course during a semester (quarter and/or exam) would ordinarily result in a semester failure.
7. In a few skill/progressive courses, such as math, chemistry, accounting, and world language, a student may make up for a first-semester failure by earning a satisfactory grade for the second semester.

CREDIT RECOVERY

If a student fails a required course, they must retake and pass the course during summer school or through a correspondence course. The principal must approve any arrangement to make up the credit before the course is taken. A make-up course added to the regular school year schedule may require a fee comparable to summer school. This fee is added to the tuition statement. A student who has not made up failed required courses would not participate in the graduation ceremony. (Note: Driver education during summer school does not satisfy as a makeup for a failed credit, or portion thereof.)

1. If a student is to graduate with the class, that student must provide the school office with a **written official** record of all credits made up through summer school or correspondence courses. This record must be on file with Duchesne High School one week before the date of graduation.
2. The right to waive any credit requirements (except those mandated by the State of Missouri) is reserved by the school's principal.

CREDIT EARNED OUTSIDE DUCHESNE'S ON-SITE PROGRAM

Duchesne High School may accept transfer credits from transfer students (fulfilling Duchesne's graduation requirements as listed above) earned in another school or program accredited by Cognia or another accrediting association. MoVip courses must be approved in advance to count toward graduation requirements.

Duchesne may accept, but is not obligated to accept, credit from a non-accredited institution or for coursework from a homeschool situation. Duchesne may require student competency assessments. Home-schooled students must, in addition, provide materials required by the Archdiocese and the Missouri State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for credit consideration (e.g., lesson plans, portfolios of work, etc.). Students from non-accredited schools or home-schooled students will not be accepted into the senior year at Duchesne except under extraordinary circumstances as determined by the administration.

DROPPING/ADDING CLASSES

Class changes are only allowed **for one week** after the semester begins. Students will only be allowed to transfer into a class if there is room. Once a class is full, no more students will be added. During the next school year, the only changes allowed to a student's schedule would be those initiated by a teacher, counselor, or administrator. *No changes will be made to a schedule to merely change sections of a class.*

To add or drop a course during the school year, a student needs to obtain a Schedule Change form from their Counselor. The Counselor will check class availability and advise whether the class change can proceed. If the change is approved by the teachers and principal, the student will be notified of the change and when to start the new schedule. Students are responsible for any missed work when not in class.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS

Students regularly have homework assignments for their classes, which will vary from class to class and course to course. In many courses, the quality and punctuality of the student's completion of assignments is a percentage of the student's quarterly grade.

GRADING PROCEDURES

Students receive the following academic grades for courses taken:

A = superior	P = pass
B = above average	N = none
C = average	R = credit
D = below average	E = excused
F = failure	I = incomplete

GRADING SCALE

A = 90 – 100%
B = 80 – 89%
C = 70 – 79%
D = 60 – 69%
F = 59% and below

Conduct grades are as follows:

S = satisfactory conduct
P = conduct is poor, needs improvement (similar to a D)
U = conduct is unsatisfactory (similar to a F)

Current grades are available at any time in Blackbaud. Parents are asked to check the academic status and communicate with the teacher via email.

ACADEMIC PROBATION

The Duchesne High School administration may place a student on academic probation if that student's credit standing is such that his or her accumulated credit may be or is below what's needed to be classified for advancement to the next class. This can be determined and evaluated at any time. For example:

- A student should accumulate 7.0 credits by the end of freshman year.
- A student should accumulate 14.0 credits by the end of sophomore year.
- A student should accumulate 21.0 credits by the end of junior year.

The goal of recovery credits is to give the students a chance to catch up to their required total. This should not be a recurring fix for failing the regular courses. *The Administration reserves the right at any time to determine whether a student can earn enough credits to remain at Duchesne.*

ACADEMIC HONESTY STATEMENT

Students have an obligation to be honest when completing their academic assignments. Academic dishonesty or academic misconduct is any type of cheating that occurs in relation to a formal academic exercise. It can include the following:

- **Plagiarism:** The adoption or reproduction of ideas, words, or statements of another person without due acknowledgment
- **Fabrication:** The falsification of data, information, or citations in any academic exercise. Buying or obtaining work that was not originally created for the assignment. Fabrication includes the use of artificial intelligence to generate ideas, compositions, presentations, papers, or any other type of assessments.
- **Deception:** Providing false information to an instructor concerning an academic exercise—e.g., giving a false excuse for missing a deadline or falsely claiming to have submitted work.
- **Cheating:** Any attempt to give or obtain assistance in an academic exercise without due acknowledgment.
- **Sabotage:** Acting to prevent others from completing their work. This includes destroying others' work or willfully disrupting their experiments or work.
- **Facilitating Academic Dishonesty:** Aiding another person in an act that violates the standards of academic honesty; allowing other students to look at one's own work where collaboration is not allowed; providing information, material, or assistance to another person. Viewing, photographing, recording, copying, selling, or acquiring a teacher's academic materials without permission. Tampering with an instructor's records of grades, scores, or materials.

Duchesne High School upholds the highest standards of academic excellence and therefore expects academic integrity of all students. Academic dishonesty is a violation of personal integrity and contrary to Christian values.

It is the student's responsibility to understand academic dishonesty in all its forms. When in doubt, students should consult with the teacher in advance of the due date of the assignment. Students who violate this policy will be held accountable in class, as well as reported to the Assistant Principal of Student Life for detention. Multiple infractions will lead to more severe penalties, even if they occur in different courses in different years.

Consequences for violations of academic honesty will include notification of parents, detention, and loss of credit on the assignment. Additional infractions will result in more severe penalties, up to academic probation and withdrawal for cause.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Certain academic responsibilities must be met before a student may participate in co-curricular activities at Duchesne High School. Academics are a priority, and therefore, a student must be performing at an acceptable level in their academic studies and be making satisfactory progress toward graduation, as determined by Duchesne policy, before they may participate.

1. **Cumulative Studies:** Students cannot be more than $\frac{1}{2}$ credit deficient towards the minimum requirement for graduation in their academic career. This is calculated at 3.5 credits per completed semester. (For example, a student just completing their sophomore year should have accumulated a minimum of 14.0 credits. If that student has successfully completed 13.5 credits, they are eligible for co-curricular activities. If they have successfully completed 13.0 or fewer, they are academically ineligible to participate in co-curricular activities.

Also, students wishing to participate in co-curriculars and are behind in the minimum graduation requirements must also have an approved plan in place with the Principal to make up those credits.

2. *Current Studies:* For Co-curricular activities, students must maintain grades in good standing. If a student has two "D's" or one "F," they are required to attend Power Hour Wednesdays in order to participate in activities. Power Hour schedules are available on our website. Students required to attend will receive an email indicating the need to be present.

Students who do not attend the ZSH will receive a detention and be ineligible for contests, performances, or similar activities at the discretion of the administration.

If a student fails a semester class, they will be ineligible for the first two weeks of the next semester. Failing a semester course may put in jeopardy the student's ability to participate in co-curricular activities, depending on the number of credits they need to remain eligible.

POWER HOUR

Student quarter grades will be checked every Monday starting three weeks into the first and second semesters. If a student has any grades of "F" or two grades of "D's," they will be required to attend the next pre-scheduled Power Hour from 8:00-9:00 on Wednesday mornings until the grade(s) are raised. This time will be an opportunity for students to work on their schoolwork and receive support from student tutors.

If a grade improves in Blackbaud before the scheduled Power Hour, they will no longer need to attend. They will need to talk to the counselor to be sure they are notified of the grade change. Students who do not attend the required Power Hour will receive a detention and be ineligible for contests, performances, or similar activities at the discretion of the administration. Students must talk to their coach or moderator to determine what practices or activities they need to attend.

The Power Hour will also be available for teachers to send students to do make-up work or take assessments they may have been absent from, even if grades are in good standing.

EXAMS/CULMINATING PROJECTS

1. Each course has a semester exam. If this happens to take some form other than a test which is to be administered during the scheduled exam time, the students NEED NOT BE PRESENT for the scheduled exam time. If the exam is designed to take longer than the scheduled time, the teacher makes the necessary arrangements for the additional time needed.
2. All students are to be in the classroom during the ENTIRE length of the scheduled exam time.
3. Students who are unscheduled during the semester do not need to be in school during those periods. If unscheduled time falls between two exam periods, students should go to the Cafeteria; they are not to be in the corridors, outside, on the parking lot, etc.
4. Only Seniors may be exempt from course-ending exams. Exemptions are made at the discretion of the teacher and under the following conditions:
 - The student must have a "B" semester average, with either the 2nd or 4th quarter grade not below a "B"
 - The student must have an "S" for the conduct grade.
 - Students taking ACC courses for college credit MUST take the final exam to earn the credit from the university.
 - Seniors, who have the required grades and are eligible for exemption but would like to raise a "B" average to an "A" by taking the exam, may do so. If such a student makes less than a "B" on the exam, that grade is disregarded. Students who choose this option must inform the teacher in advance that they wish to take the exam.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

- A student's Grade Point Average (GPA) is cumulative throughout the student's entire school career at Duchesne High School and is recalculated at the end of each semester.
- The GPA is based on the semester average of each course taken, except correspondence courses and those taken in summer school. The semester average for the course is determined as follows.
 - Each quarter grade is 40% of the semester average.
 - The semester exam grade is 20% of the semester average.
- The GPA is calculated by dividing the student's total grade points earned by their total attempted credits. Grade points are earned as follows:
 - Most courses are granted grade points as follows: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0.
 - Duchesne uses a system of weighting certain courses. Such courses are more difficult in terms of subject matter, content, and the number and types of reports required. These weighted courses are granted grade points as follows: A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, F=0.

ACADEMIC HONORS

The Duchesne emphasis on academic excellence is represented by three levels of honor roll distinction based on grades and the cumulative grade point average (GPA), calculated after seven semesters. The standards are:

Cum Laude (with honor): for a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 with no grade lower than "C" and without a "U" in conduct.

Magna Cum Laude (with great honor): for a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.75 with no grade lower than "C" and without a "U" in conduct.

Summa Cum Laude (with highest honor): for a minimum cumulative GPA of 4.00 without a grade lower than "B" and without a "U" in conduct.

This broad approach to recognizing the effort and achievements of DHS students will reflect only the grades earned on semester report cards. Quarter grades alone will not determine academic achievement levels.

SENIOR ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Duchesne will not recognize a Valedictorian or Salutatorian. Senior recognition will follow the academic recognition guidelines each semester and cumulatively, culminating in awards presented prior to and worn at graduation exercises.

ADVANCED CREDIT COURSES

Advanced Placement (AP) courses require students to take the College Board exam in May to qualify for AP credit. Those scores do not affect the grade earned in the course during the school year. Students are not required to take the AP test as part of the course for credit at Duchesne. Colleges and universities have different methods of accepting and using AP credit. It is important for students to check with their prospective schools to find out what is required.

Saint Louis University 1818 Advanced College Credit is college credit offered through the university to juniors and seniors in selected courses. In order to achieve credit for any course in the 1818 ACC program, a student must achieve a grade of "C" or above. However, if a student earns a "D" or "F" in these courses, the grades will be permanently recorded on the student's University transcript. SLU assesses the charges for these credit hours. In order to register with SLU for 1818 courses, a student must have an unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Saint Louis University will grant only 11 credit hours per semester and no more than 30 credit hours toward graduation. Colleges and universities have different ways of accepting and using ACC credit. It is important for students to check with their prospective schools to find out what is required.

The **University of Missouri - St. Louis Advanced College Credit** program offers college credit in Spanish, French, and Anatomy/Physiology. In order to register with UMSL ACC courses, a student must have an unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. These classes are typically only open to juniors and seniors, but some sophomores may qualify. Their standards require a 3.5 grade point average to enroll. UMSL assesses the charges for these credit

hours. Colleges and universities have different ways of accepting and using ACC credit. It is important for students to check with their prospective schools to find out what is required.

SENIOR STUDY HALL

Unscheduled Time during study hall is a senior privilege. Seniors meeting the criteria below may leave the classroom (unscheduled) during study hall, but must remain in the building. Seniors who do not have the grades or self-discipline to manage being unscheduled will stay in the assigned Study Hall.

Earning Senior Study Hall: Each senior with a Study Hall will be assigned a classroom. Once the D/F list is generated on Monday of week four of the semester, a senior who does not have two D's or an F can be unscheduled. Unscheduled seniors should check in with their study hall teacher each day. If a senior is on the list, they will be scheduled for that week (even if grades improve). A new list is not generated until the next Monday, so the minimum time a student will be scheduled is one week. Seniors on Disciplinary or Academic Probation will not have Unscheduled Time even if they have acceptable grades.

Any senior who causes problems in the halls or disrupts ongoing classes may lose unscheduled time. Any teacher who believes that a student is not using the unscheduled time appropriately can notify the Assistant Principal of Student Life, and the student will be restricted for a minimum of one week. Any senior who loses their unscheduled time a second time will be scheduled to their Study Hall for the rest of the semester. The cell phone and other school policies are still in effect, even during unscheduled time.

Areas Available for Unscheduled Students:

- Classrooms
- Cafeteria
- Fine Arts Commons
- Trading Post Commons
- Guidance Office
- Main Lobby
- Strauss Hall
- Duchesne Hall
- Courtyard (weather permitting)

Students are not allowed in:

- Gym
- Stadium
- Fitness Center/Mezzanine
- Gym Lobby
- Locker Rooms
- Gym Hall
- PAC
- Fine Art Hall
- 310 Building

ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

ATTENDANCE

Being at school is an intrinsic part of the learning process. Good attendance and punctuality are important life skills valued by Duchesne High School. Students are considered absent whenever they are away from school during school hours except for school-sponsored or school-sanctioned co-curricular activities. Students who must be excused from school during school hours for medical, dental, funeral, or other reasons are considered absent. For these types of absences, a parent/guardian should send a written notice to the school in advance/guardian stating the time, length, and reason for the absence.

Students are expected to attend all classes and school activities (including, but not limited to, standardized testing, sports programs, and field trips) on days scheduled by the school as days of student instruction. A student who is not present at the appointed times is designated "absent." Duchesne keeps an accurate and complete record of attendance and tardiness for every student. This record is a part of the regular report to parents/guardians and part of the student's cumulative active file. If a student's attendance in any class falls below 80%, the administration reserves the right to determine if the student qualifies for credit in the course.

ABSENCES

Students are considered absent whenever they are away from school during school hours except for school-sponsored or school-sanctioned co-curricular activities (e.g., field trips, enrichment, remedial programs, etc.) Students who must be excused for medical, dental, funeral, or other reasons during school hours are considered "absent, excused". For this type of absence, a parent/guardian should send a written notice to the school in advance/guardian stating the time, duration, and reasons for the absence. Seniors and juniors can be pre-approved for college visits and have those absences not count toward their absence total. Abuse of this policy could result in college visits being counted as absences.

If a student will be absent from school, *the parents are required to call the school office before 7:30 a.m. to explain the reason for the student's absence that day.* In cases of prolonged illness, parents must send a note from the student's physician. Before a student returns from a non-medical hospitalization, a report from an attending medical doctor or health care case manager is required. Serious reasons for missing school include illness, a death in the family, and serious personal reasons. For any absence, a student must have a documented parent phone call or note on file, or the student's absence will be considered truancy.

EARLY DISMISSAL

When absolutely necessary for a student to leave early, they must follow the procedure outlined below:

- For appointments: a student should bring a note from parents stating the reason and time of dismissal to the main office before the start of the school day to receive a checkout pass. The student must check out with the main office personnel prior to exiting the building.
- When a student is ill at school and feels they need to leave, they must report to the main office, contact a parent, and have a parent speak with one of the office personnel.

No student may leave school for any part of a school day without first receiving permission from the parent and the main office. Students not following this policy will be considered truant and will receive no credit for work missed and must make up the time missed at the discretion of the Administration.

ELIGIBILITY FOR CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WHEN ABSENT

A student may not attend any event at Duchesne or any other site, either as a participant or fan, unless they meet the criteria below.

To be eligible to participate in co-curricular activities, a student must be present at school and in class for a minimum of 5 full periods in a 7-period day. In the event that a student-athlete must miss academic time for doctor's appointments, etc., students must meet the 5 of 7 required class periods for participation and attendance in co-curriculars. A student may not leave early to go home ill and then participate in or attend an activity. This participation policy includes all practices, rehearsals, dances, plays, games, etc. Exceptions may be made in the event of extraordinary circumstances and must be pre-approved by the Assistant Principal of Student Life. The administration will determine participation eligibility.

If a student misses class(es) on the day of a contest without being excused by the Assistant Principal of Student Life (or Principal in his/her absence), the student shall not be considered eligible on that date. Further, the student cannot be certified eligible to participate on any subsequent date until the student attends a full day of classes (or has an excused absence(s) from class) without an unexcused absence. (By-Law 212.0 MSHSAA)

EXCESSIVE ABSENCE

Earning credit in any course requires regular attendance and a passing grade. Class participation is a valid component of a grade given for class work. After 5 absences in a semester or a particular course, the student and parents may be contacted to discuss appropriate action. After 10 absences in a semester or in a particular course, the Assistant Principal of Student Life will meet with the student and a parent; the student may be placed on probationary contract, and/or denied credit. Excessive absences without substantial cause can be a factor in determining a student's continued enrollment in the school. Special consideration will be made for students with a verified serious illness. For this policy, absence in a class due to another school-sponsored activity – i.e., field trip, etc. – will not be included in the count of absences. If a student's attendance in any class falls below 80%, the school administration reserves the right to determine if the student qualifies for credit in the course.

EXTENDED ABSENCE

Because daily attendance is so crucial to a student's academic success, we strongly discourage students from taking absences for vacations, hunting/fishing trips, etc. However, when it is absolutely necessary for a parent to request a student's extended absence from school (three days or more) for reasons other than illness, please contact the Principal.

SENIOR FLEX SCHEDULE - LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DISMISSAL

Any senior whose unscheduled time occurs during the first or last period of the day, and whose name is on the approved list (parental permission, passing all courses, service hours, etc.), may arrive after the first period or leave school during the last period. Seniors wishing to apply for this privilege receive a special form to be signed by their parents and returned to the Assistant Principal of Student Life by a designated time. The permission applies for the semester, with grades evaluated each quarter – students with the privilege can have no D's or F's in any class. Senior privilege at the start of the year is based on second-semester grades from junior year.

TARDY TO SCHOOL

Students who are not present in their first class by 7:45 am are considered tardy. If a student arrives after 8:15 am, they will be issued an automatic detention. They must first report to the Main Office to check in and receive an admit pass. There will be no excused tardy to school except when a student is late due to a doctor or dental appointment. In those instances, students need to present a signed note from their doctor or dentist indicating the appointment date and time when they arrive.

Students will receive a detention for their fifth tardy of the quarter. Students will receive a second detention after their eighth tardy of the quarter. After eight tardies, students will receive a detention for each additional tardy that quarter.

TRUANCY

A student is truant if he/she is absent from school for a day or portion of the day without the knowledge and/or consent of the parent/guardian and school officials. If a student is not in their assigned place during the school day, they may also be considered truant. If a student misses a full class or more of the school day, consequences may include a conference with the parents, out-of-school suspension, and a probationary contract. Classroom time will be made up in detention. Should the student repeat the truancy, there will be a conference with parents and Administration, and ultimately the student may be considered for withdrawal for cause.

HEALTH ISSUES

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

In a Catholic school, compassion for the sick should be evident, as should concern for their psychological and physical well-being. In addition, the school has an obligation to seek a balance between its obligation to the welfare of the infected individual and its duty to the welfare of the larger school community of students and staff. Catholic schools of the St. Louis Archdiocese will follow the recommended policies and procedures on communicable diseases established by the Missouri Department of Health.

HEALTH RECORDS

A record of a physical exam within two months prior to a student's entering 9th grade and an official immunization record showing compliance with Missouri law **MUST** be on file at Duchesne at the time the student begins attendance. The State of Missouri mandates this requirement. For students intending to participate in athletics while at Duchesne, they will need to refer to the section titled "Physical exam requirement - athletics" in the Athletic Program Guidelines of this handbook.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Missouri State law prohibits any student from attending school unless immunizations are current and filed in the main office. For the protection of all students, Duchesne High School will strictly enforce this law. Students will be sent home if documentation of immunizations is not sent to the school. The Health Department monitors this process.

ILLNESS OR INJURY DURING THE DAY

Students who become too ill to remain in class report to the Main Office. The parents/guardians will be called. As a matter of safety, students are urged not to text or call parents on their own. Parents'/guardians' work phone numbers should also be on file in the school office.

MEDICATION

Duchesne High School follows the Archdiocesan policy on dispensing all medications (over-the-counter and prescription) to students during school hours by faculty and staff.

- Medication **MUST** be in its original container with the student's name clearly visible.
- The Archdiocese's form on dispensing medication must be completed by the parent/guardian before faculty/staff will dispense medication to a student.
- A copy of the signed doctor's prescription and a signature of the parent/guardian with the time(s) of each dosage must be given and kept on file for each student. Medication will be locked and kept in the office.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

VISION

The office of Campus Ministry at Duchesne High School seeks to follow the vision of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops by:

- Empowering our students to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today
- Drawing young people into responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic Church
- Fostering the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person (*Renewing the Vision*, USCCB, 1997).

Primarily, the office of Campus Ministry exists to nourish the sacramental and devotional life of the whole school. Further, under the direction of the Campus Minister, all faculty and students work together to strengthen the faithful service of our Catholic school community.

PRAYER

The Campus Minister coordinates the school's daily prayer, emphasizing the liturgical seasons and the Catholic Church's calendar. Two student groups offer prayer opportunities in the Chapel. *Radiate* is a student-led prayer organization that meets once a week for intercessory prayer, and the *Pro-Life Club* prays the weekly Divine Mercy Chaplet for greater respect for life. All students are welcome to join these groups. Soul Officers from our four Houses lead the school in morning and afternoon prayer.

RETREATS

The office of Campus Ministry offers an annual retreat for each grade level, providing students with an opportunity to reflect and make resolutions to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors participate in a one-day retreat during school hours, and Seniors go on an overnight retreat. These are all required for graduation. The Duchesne faculty also goes on an annual retreat and engages in a spiritual development program throughout the year.

SACRAMENTS

The office of Campus Ministry coordinates at least six all-school Masses throughout the year, as well as two Reconciliation services. Further, Mass is celebrated at 7 a.m. each Friday in the Duchesne chapel for all who wish to attend. Eucharistic Adoration is offered at least twice a year during Advent and Lent.

SERVICE

As a Catholic educational community, Duchesne not only educates students to high secular standards but also to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and participate in the traditions of the Catholic Church. This spiritual education includes an education in service, which was taught and exemplified by Jesus Christ.

Duchesne requires that each student perform a minimum of 100 hours of service for graduation. We suggest that you work at a pace of at least 25 hours per year to reach the requirement. Most students do well beyond this number of service hours.

Students will record their hours using the MobileServe service-tracking app. These hours will be reviewed by the Campus Minister, and a current record total for each student will be kept on file. Please note that students may receive a maximum of 20 hours of service for managing a sport for a Duchesne team.

SENIOR YEAR SERVICE BENCHMARKS

Seniors who do not meet the minimum service levels will be ineligible for activities and privileges until the required hours are completed and approved. Activities include athletics, plays, clubs, dances, and other co-curricular organizations.

Senior Class	Hours Due	Ineligible for...
End of First Week	50%	Senior Privilege Quarter 1 + Activities*
End of Q 1	60%	Senior Privilege Quarter 2 + Activities*
Start of Sem 2	70%	Senior Privilege Quarter 3 + Activities*
End of Q 3	80%	Senior Privilege Quarter 4 + Activities*
Mid Q 4	90%	Prom
End of Exams	100%	Graduation

*Activities = Athletics, Performances, Clubs, Dances, etc.

A Junior will need 25% of their hours by the end of Quarter 1.

What is Service?

At Duchesne, we define Christian Service as any activity done without payment that assists another human being to fulfill a basic human need. A basic human need is one of the Corporal or Spiritual Works of Mercy (CCC 2447): life, health, food, shelter, clothing, and education. Please note that life, health, food, and education can be interpreted at both the physical and spiritual levels.

What is not Service?

While we cannot come up with a comprehensive list of activities that do not count as service, some common ones that we often receive questions about that we do not accept are:

- Any work (babysitting, yard work, etc.) done for a family member or relative (grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin) is not service. The reason for this is because family obligation coincides too closely with the service work for us to assess the activity as service.
- Babysitting, dog-sitting, or house-sitting is typically not service unless it is a response to a medical emergency or an extreme situation.
- Yard work or shoveling snow is not service unless the person for whom you are working cannot shovel or mow the yard themselves due to old age or disability.
- Any activity that earns money for an organization that is not a service organization, such as a club sports team, is not considered a service. If you are participating in a fundraiser and want to apply for service hours, please state explicitly on the form where the money is going.

*Please note that a team manager for any Duchesne team may receive a maximum of 20 hours per sport, per season.

Common Examples of Service

Hours accepted: Working at a fundraising event for a charity or non-profit organization

Hours declined: Working at a fundraising event to pay for your soccer team's tournament

Hours accepted: Mowing the lawn for your handicapped neighbor

Hours declined: Mowing the lawn for your parents or another family member

Hours accepted: Time spent working at an overnight service project

Hours declined: Time spent sleeping or in recreation at an overnight project

Hours accepted: Working after school in the office of a charity or non-profit organization

Hours declined: Working for free instead of taking a paycheck at your after-school job

AWARDS

While 100 service hours are required, many students perform more than the minimum. Students who perform more than 150 service hours during their four years at Duchesne will be recognized at the Baccalaureate Mass and in the graduation booklet. Those with more than 150 service hours will receive the Bronze Certificate; more than 250 hours will receive the Silver Certificate; and 350 hours or more will receive the Gold Certificate and be given red and silver cords to wear at Graduation.

There are three service awards handed out to exemplary seniors to recognize the service they have done for their school and local community.

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for exemplary service that addresses a social inequity
- Archbishop May Service Award for making service a way of life in school, community and the world
- Light of Christ Award, for exemplifying the charisms of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne by witnessing to the love of Christ through service to the Catholic Church

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

The philosophy of the Counseling Department flows from the philosophy of the school, which recognizes the uniqueness of each individual and seeks to develop a Christian learning community.

The Counseling Department:

- Afford students an opportunity for personal counseling.
- Fulfills the role of facilitator between faculty and students.
- Broadens the student's knowledge of present-day careers.
- The PSAT is an optional test available to all juniors and sophomores on the Saturday date established by the College Board.
- Juniors are encouraged to take the ACT in the spring of their junior year. One ACT is provided by the school in the spring of their Junior year. This is a mandatory test and counts as a school day.
- Offers academic advisement and college placement service to the students.
 - Students encountering academic difficulties are sometimes referred to their counselor.
 - Students who do not meet academic standards are seen by their counselor at the end of the semester and assisted in arranging a makeup program.
 - College-planning workshops are held yearly for the juniors and their parents to begin the college selection process.
 - A financial aid workshop is held yearly for juniors and seniors to review the financial aid process.

HOUSE PROGRAM

GOALS

- To assure greater individual care by providing each student with additional faculty support
- To develop stronger student bonds across divisional levels
- To create more opportunities for student leadership
- To develop a stronger relationship with the larger community through acts of service
- To enhance in all students a closer relationship with God

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Duchesne High School students will be divided into one of four houses named after a North American saint (de Veuster, Drexel, Jogues, and Kateri).

On the faculty level, a House Director will coordinate with the four House Deans. The four House Deans will work with the additional faculty members in the House, serving as Communio teachers and mentors, to implement programming, oversee activities, and mentor students.

On the student level, each house will elect two students to serve as House Captains in their senior year. House Captains will meet weekly with the House Dean and House Director to plan and implement programming for their House and the overall House System. Each House will have an additional four officers. These officers will coordinate and lead activities in the following areas: Mind, Body, Spirit, and Soul. They will also lead sub-committee meetings and serve as the daily leader in their Communio.

Underclassmen in the house system may be asked to serve as mentors to incoming freshmen or transfer students. They may also be asked to serve on sub-committees.

ELIGIBILITY FOR LEADERSHIP

To serve as House Captain: The prospective student must be in good standing with Duchesne High School and their House. Each House may determine and administer higher standards for its own governance.

To serve as a House Officer: The prospective student must be in good standing with Duchesne High School and their House. Each House may determine and administer higher standards for its own governance.

Each House will determine the voting method and criteria for students to be eligible for office. The Administration will work with the House Director and House Deans to ensure fairness in the process. The House Leaders have the ability to remove a student leader after discussion with the House Director.

HOUSE ASSIGNMENTS

The House Director determines House assignments, which are approved by the Administration. Assigning students to a House is random, within the constraints of keeping houses balanced in terms of male/female students and grade levels. Consideration will be given to students with a Legacy Claim and to siblings in the same grade level.

A Legacy Claim will be considered when a sibling or parent is currently enrolled or graduated from Duchesne. Students can request to be placed in the same house as their family member. The House Director will attempt to honor all Legacy Claims, but a balanced House System is the first priority.

Students cannot switch their house assignments. A student may be moved to another Communio at the determination of the House Director and Administration.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Students will be required to be present in Communio. They will be encouraged to participate in a variety of activities throughout the semester, including the leadership education program, service opportunities, and house challenges.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

A student's enrollment at Duchesne High School is an expressed agreement on his or her part and the part of his or her parents or guardians to observe the student guidelines. Both parents/guardians and students commit to the goals and ideas of Catholic education, as well as the philosophy and mission of Duchesne High School.

Acceptance as a student at Duchesne is a privilege. In all disciplinary cases, both the student's welfare and the school's welfare are of paramount concern. The school reserves the right to review a student's individual performance in accordance with these expectations. The purpose of this review is to determine if the student and the school can continue to benefit one another by allowing the student to continue at Duchesne.

NOTE: The administration of Duchesne High School reserves the right to review any student's behavior it believes is detrimental to the good name of the school, or the well-being of the school community, and to act upon it in a manner it deems appropriate and consistent with the philosophy and objectives of the school.

Duchesne High School is a tobacco and weapon-free campus. Absolutely no tobacco, firearms, explosive devices, or weapons of any kind, including pocketknives or items that could be used in a threatening manner, will be tolerated at school functions or on the premises. Serious consequences include suspension, withdrawal for cause, and/or legal action. Book bags, handbags, lockers, and vehicles are subject to searches at the Administration's discretion.

ABUSE: PHYSICAL OR VERBAL TO FACULTY OR STAFF

Action against any teacher or staff member: Any intentional, willful threat or attempt to do bodily harm; a written or verbal threat; written or verbal comments that may jeopardize a reputation; the unwanted touching or application of force.

First Offense

Minimum: Suspension

Maximum: Withdrawal

Repeat Offense

Minimum: Suspension

Maximum: Withdrawal

ALCOHOL, DRUGS, AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Duchesne High School believes that the use and abuse of drugs poses a threat to young people. The use and abuse of alcohol and drugs inhibit the attainment of potential and create an obstacle to full development as Christian people. Duchesne High School strives to provide a safe, drug-free school environment. We believe that the use and abuse of alcohol and drugs are destructive not only to students and their families but also to the entire Duchesne community.

Under present federal and state laws, the possession and use of alcohol and certain non-prescribed drugs, including narcotics, depressants, stimulants, inhalants, marijuana, and hallucinogenic drugs, are illegal. Duchesne High School prohibits the possession, use, sale, or transfer of any of these substances. Duchesne High School also prohibits the possession, use, sale, or transfer of any counterfeit controlled substances, synthetic drugs, or any person's prescribed medication. Possession of drug paraphernalia is also prohibited. The policy will be enforced on school property, within the close proximity of the school, at all school-sponsored activities, and in the transportation of students to and from any school-sponsored activities.

WELLNESS MODEL

Duchesne High School strives to be a community where our students are empowered to make responsible choices concerning the role of alcohol and drugs in their lives. Our desire is for a drug- and alcohol-free student body. Because of this, all students at Duchesne High School are subject to mandatory random drug/alcohol testing throughout their enrollment at the school. The information gathered will be shared with parents and used to help students make positive choices. A positive test result from the random testing will not lead to automatic disciplinary consequences. It is our hope that students who test positive will receive the support they need to return to good health.

PROCESS OF THE WELLNESS MODEL

- Throughout the school year, Duchesne High School will randomly choose a group of students to submit for drug testing. DHS students will submit a hair sample for drug testing. The school has employed a third party to determine which students will be randomly tested and to analyze the hair samples. Testing will begin at the start of the school year and continue until the last day of the academic calendar.
- All samples will be sent to the third party for analysis, and the results will be sent to the Assistant Principal of Student Life.
- For those students whose results are negative, the Assistant Principal of Student Life will send a "Letter of Negative Status" home to the parents with the date of testing indicated. The student will reenter the random pool for possible future testing.
- For those students whose results are positive for drug use, the Assistant Principal of Student Life will request an immediate meeting with the students and parents, and the First Positive procedures will be initiated.
- Due to the randomness of the selection, students may be tested multiple times over the academic year.

First Positive

- If test result is positive OR if student admits to using drugs
 - Meeting with the Assistant Principal of Student Life and at least one parent
 - No disciplinary consequences at this time (school or co-curricular)
 - The student will be required to enroll in and complete the Prevent+Ed online program
 - Students with a first positive will be tested again in 90 calendar days
 - If the first positive RE-test results are negative, the student will be placed back in the random pool of test participants.
 - If the first positive RE-test results are positive, the student will move to the "second positive" category.
 - Please note: all testing required after the initial random test will be invoiced to the family.

Second Positive

- If after the 1st positive test, results are again positive for drugs, it will be considered a 2nd positive.
 - Upon notification of the 2nd positive, the Assistant Principal of Student Life will conduct a full examination of the student's academic, discipline, and attendance records.
 - It may be determined that it is impossible for the student to remain at Duchesne.
 - The 2nd positive results will be reported to the administration, including the Athletic Director. The student will be ineligible for co-curricular activities until the student tests negative.
 - Students who have a 2nd positive and are permitted to remain at Duchesne must commit to a treatment program. Documentation of attendance at a program will be shared with the Assistant Principal of Student Life.
 - Failure to follow through with the agreed-upon treatment program may jeopardize a student's continued enrollment at Duchesne.
- Students with a 2nd positive will be tested again in 90 calendar days at the family's expense.
 - If the 2nd positive 90-day re-test results are negative, the student will be released from all therapeutic obligations and tested again in 45 days (at the family's expense). Eligibility for co-curricular activity is reinstated at this time.

- If the 45-day re-test results are also negative, the student will be placed back in the random pool of test participants
- If either the 2nd positive 90-day or 45-day re-test results are positive, the student will be placed in the 3rd positive category.

NOTE: Students who successfully complete a drug intervention program and who maintain a negative status as described above will be placed back in the random pool for future testing. If these individuals test positive at any time during their remaining years at Duchesne, they will be considered a disciplinary risk and placed in the category of a 3rd Positive. A student is given only one opportunity to successfully complete the drug remediation program.

Third Positive

- If after the 2nd positive, the test results are again positive for drugs, it will be considered a 3rd positive.
 - The school will have no choice but to assume that, despite nearly a year of evaluation and support given to them, the family and the student are not making a good faith effort to improve
 - A 3rd positive will move the conversation from one of Health and Wellness to discipline. A 3rd positive will indicate to the school the unwillingness on the part of the family and student to seek the help needed to remain drug-free.
 - A 3rd positive will likely lead to dismissal from Duchesne

Alcohol testing will be conducted at all school dances and may be conducted at additional activities. Anyone found under the influence or in possession of alcohol will be refused entrance, parents will be contacted, and disciplinary action will be taken. Vehicles may be searched while on school property.

If the school becomes aware, in any way, of students using or possessing alcohol or drugs, or being present at an outside-of-school event where drugs and alcohol are being used, then it will be investigated, and consequences may follow.

Tobacco Products: Smoking, vaping, or the use of smokeless tobacco products in any form is prohibited by all Duchesne High School students on the premises and at any school function.

Parent-Sponsored Parties: Parents put themselves at risk when sponsoring overnight parties, especially where alcohol is present. Taking students' car keys and allowing them to use alcohol in personal homes or on personal property is not a wise choice. In addition to the moral and ethical problems, parents put themselves at risk of a lawsuit or criminal prosecution. Parents' sponsoring such activities with minors is not consistent with the partnership we require.

The Administration of Duchesne High School will confront all rumors of such overnight parties, before and after the fact, inform parents of such rumors, and take appropriate action as deemed necessary in a given situation. If the school becomes aware, in any way, of students using or possessing alcohol or drugs, or being present at an outside-of-school event where drugs and alcohol are being used, then it will be investigated, and consequences may follow.

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are planned for the students. Proper behavior and a respectful attitude are expected. This means attentive listening and having no disrespectful attitudes toward anyone involved.

CAFETERIA CONDUCT

Students using the cafeteria before or after school or during lunch periods are asked to follow these common courtesies:

- Follow the rules of good manners
- Clean off your table and pick up items on the floor around your chairs.
- Put trash into the trash receptacles, and soda cans and bottles into recycling containers.
- No backpacks are permitted in the food serving lines.
- Arrive in the cafeteria within five minutes of the start of the lunch period.
- Stay in the cafeteria until the bell rings to move to class.
- Ordering food and having it delivered or brought to campus by family or friends is prohibited.
- Leaving campus for lunch at any time is not permitted.
- Students should attend their assigned lunch period.

NOTE: Students are not allowed in the halls, gyms, parking lot, etc. during their lunch periods.

Action: Any intentional violation of good conduct and common courtesy while using the cafeteria:

First Offense

Minimum: Warning

Maximum: Detention

Repeat Offense

Minimum: Detention

Maximum: Suspension

CLASSROOM

All students are expected to be in class and ready to work when the bell rings. The names of students who are absent from a particular class during the day and are not listed as absent will be reported to the office.

Students are to be courteous, cooperative, and attentive in class. Consistent disruption, disrespect, or lack of cooperation could result in the student being reported to the Assistant Principal of Student Life. The student may also be asked to leave the class. At that time, the student should report immediately to the Assistant Principal of Student Life. Failure to do so will result in additional disciplinary action. At the administration's discretion, and taking into account the teacher's recommendation, the student may be permitted to return to the class. Any further instance of removal from that class could result in a failing grade for that marking period and, at the discretion of the administration, the student could be removed permanently from the class and face further penalty.

Action: Any intentional acts, behavior, or conduct in the classroom that interferes with an orderly educational environment:

First Offense

Minimum: Warning

Maximum: Withdrawal

Repeat Offense

Minimum: Detention

Maximum: Withdrawal

CO-CURRICULAR EVENTS

Students at Duchesne High School are expected to conduct themselves in a Christian manner in all their activities, scholastic and otherwise, during school hours. These same requirements are the obligation of Duchesne students at all Duchesne-sponsored co-curricular events on Duchesne property or at any other location. If a student is asked to leave any co-curricular activity for inappropriate behavior, the parents of that student will be called, and the student will be sent home. Other consequences, as outlined in the handbook, will follow. Acting in a non-Christian

and selfish manner, disregarding the rights, health, and safety of others, can result in withdrawal from Duchesne High School.

CROSSWALK

To cross the street between the 310 building and the main campus, students should use only the designated crosswalk. For safety, the pedestrian needs to stop and check for traffic before crossing the crosswalk.

The City of St. Charles regulations for crosswalks include the following from Article VIII of Chapter 18 of the City code: “a driver shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection. However, the pedestrian is required to use due care for his or her own safety. No pedestrian shall suddenly leave the curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.” Remember, for safety, students must use care and cooperation when moving between the two campuses.

DAMAGE TO SCHOOL PROPERTY

Students are expected to show respect for school property at all times. Should damage occur, whether willful or not, the consequences will include parent contact, restitution for damages, and possible service to the school, suspension, or withdrawal for cause. If vandalism or fighting caused the damage, disciplinary action will result as described in the appropriate section of the handbook.

DANCE POLICY

Students will not be allowed into the dance after the designated beginning time. Students will not be allowed to leave until the time designated by the sponsor. Once students have left the event, they may not return. Students must be off the school premises 15 minutes after the dance is over. Any exception to these policies must be approved in advance by the Assistant Principal of Student Life.

There will be a breathalyzer at all dances, and students and guests will be tested. No one will be allowed into the dance under the influence of any drug/alcohol. Students who test positive for alcohol will have their parents called to come and pick them up from Duchesne High School. These students will be contacted by the Assistant Principal of Student Life for appropriate consequences. The Administration may search any vehicles transporting students to a dance.

All guests attending any Duchesne dance must have permission from the Duchesne Assistant Principal of Student Life and a Guest Form signed by their parent granting permission, and a signature from their current principal confirming they are students in good standing academically and disciplinarily.

DETENTION

Detentions will be utilized for class disruptions, misbehavior, not following proper procedures, tardiness, misuse of a pass, or any violation of a faculty member’s classroom or activity rules or regulations. Detention will be scheduled by the Detention Administrator and will supersede any co-curricular activity. The student will be notified of the time and location of their detention and should report to the Detention Administrator unless told otherwise. Students may be given a work detail for the time. Unless otherwise noted, detention will last 1 hour.

An absence from detention may result in additional detentions or suspension. Excessive school detentions may result in suspension(s) and/or being placed on disciplinary probation.

DISCIPLINARY PROBATIONARY CONTRACT

Students with more serious or repeated conduct, disciplinary, attendance, or academic issues may be placed on a probationary contract. The Principal or the Assistant Principal of Student Life issues this contract. The contract is intended to clarify Duchesne High School’s expectations for the student and to assist the student and family in meeting them. The student, the student’s parents/guardian, the Principal, and the Assistant Principal of Student Life must sign the contract. Failure to meet the conditions of the contract may result in suspension or withdrawal for cause.

DISRESPECT/DISHONESTY TOWARD FACULTY OR STAFF

Action: Any act of disrespect directed at a teacher or staff member, including obscene or insulting remarks, gestures, or written statements. Any act of lying or deceiving a faculty or staff member:

<u>First Offense</u>	<u>Repeat Offense</u>
Minimum: Detention	Minimum: Suspension
Maximum: Suspension	Maximum: Withdrawal

FACILITY USAGE

Students are not allowed to use the school facilities without authorized adult supervision. This includes the use of the gym in the evenings and weekends. Each student is expected to assume the responsibility for the care of all school property. Damage of a malicious nature is a serious offense and will be treated accordingly. Repairs must be paid for, and disciplinary action will be taken.

All use of the facility must be approved in advance by the President. The field, PAC, and gym are available for rental. Policies are maintained in the President's office. Unauthorized use of the facilities will be reported to the appropriate legal authorities.

FIGHTING

Fighting is defined as physical abuse or other acts of violence in which both parties have contributed. Every student is encouraged to respond to verbal and physical aggression by seeking help from school authorities to resolve problems in a rational, civilized, and Christian manner. Students are not to act in ways that are perceived as threatening. Verbal "baiting," provocation, challenges, etc., are also unacceptable and feed into the cycle of aggression and violence. If students do become involved in a verbal or physical fight, the following will occur in this order:

1. Students involved in aggressive behavior will be suspended immediately.
2. A conference with the students and their parents will be held at a time established by school authorities.
3. Students who are involved in aggressive behavior will be placed on a behavioral contract, and/or could result in withdrawal for cause.

FINES

Parking/driving violation: \$25.00 fine for first offense, \$50 for second offense,

Unpaid fines and charges will result in the withholding of report cards and/or transcripts.

FOOD, DRINK, AND GUM

Students may have water bottles/containers. Students are responsible for cleaning up any spills and are subject to having contents checked at any time. Violation of these guidelines may result in the revocation of the privilege and/or detention.

Students are allowed to chew gum; however, individual teachers may not allow gum in their classrooms. Retention of this privilege lies solely with the students, and decisions will be based on their ability to dispose of gum properly and follow any other outlined restrictions. This privilege may be revoked due to problems regarding maintenance/clean-up.

Recognizing their wellness and learning needs, students will be allowed to have healthy snacks or food during their Communion time. This privilege may be revoked due to problems regarding maintenance/clean-up. This policy is subject to evaluation during the school year and may be expanded or contracted as appropriate.

GAMBLING

Gambling of any kind, by a student, is prohibited on school premises. Possible disciplinary actions are detention, parent contact, and/or out-of-school suspension.

HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION

Harassment is defined as any unwanted and unwelcome behavior that interferes with a student's performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive learning environment. Harassment includes conduct that is verbal, physical, visual, and/or electronic. Students are not to act in ways that could be perceived as threatening or harassing. All persons have the right to be treated with dignity, and any demeaning behavior is prohibited. Possible disciplinary actions for students who violate this rule are parent contact, out-of-school suspension, probationary contract, and/or removal from school/withdrawal for cause. Students are expected to seek assistance from a teacher, guidance counselor, coach, or administrator when they feel threatened or harassed.

INSUBORDINATION

Action: The failure to comply with reasonable requests from school personnel.

First Offense

Minimum: Warning

Maximum: Suspension

Repeat Offense

Minimum: Suspension

Maximum: Withdrawal

LOCKS

Students may use only school-issued combination locks. Locks must remain on hallway lockers and PE lockers, meaning some students may have two school locks. Students are strongly encouraged to keep the combination private for their own protection. Replacement locks are available in the Trading Post. Students will be responsible for keeping their locks for the duration of their time at Duchesne High School. If a student loses his/her lock, they must purchase a new lock from the school.

LOCKERS

Students are provided a locker for their personal use during the school year. They are responsible for keeping their lockers clean and locked. Locker changes are not to be made unless approved by the Assistant Principal of Student Life. Students may not share lockers in any building. Students taking Physical Education will be assigned another locker for their personal use. Students may receive detention or suspension for tampering with or damaging lockers. Duchesne High School cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items. Since all lockers are the property of Duchesne, the Duchesne High School administration reserves the right to search lockers upon reasonable suspicion that the locker may contain dangerous or illegal items or substances. Searches will be conducted by school administration or by law enforcement officers acting at the request of Duchesne High School.

LUNCH

Students may bring lunch from home or purchase food served in the cafeteria. No birthday cakes or food from outside restaurants may be delivered to students. Only brown-bag lunches will be accepted in the office if a student forgets their lunch (no food delivery services are allowed). Students may not leave campus for lunch. All students are expected to behave appropriately and keep their places clean.

OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL CONDUCT

Students are expected to act in ways that uphold Duchesne High School's reputation and code of conduct while outside of school. When it comes to the attention of the Administration, parents will be notified of concerns about student behavior even when the behavior occurs off campus. Inappropriate or irresponsible conduct outside of school that detracts from the school's reputation or defames others in the school community may result in disciplinary action. Disciplinary actions may include parent contact, probationary contract, detention, suspension, or withdrawal for cause.

INTERNET/ELECTRONIC MEDIA: Out-of-school conduct includes internet and electronic media usage. Policies in this manual, such as those on harassment and technology usage, will also apply in these circumstances. Our primary concern is the safety of all our students and maintaining a safe learning environment.

PRIVACY/PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND SPACE

All students are expected to show respect for the personal belongings of all members of our Duchesne community. Private offices are off limits to students unless a faculty member is with them. Also, teachers' desks, cabinets, personal workspace, and other designated faculty-use areas, such as faculty lounge, mail room, faculty lunchroom, printer room, mechanical/technology rooms, and storage areas, are off-limits to students at all times. Consequences for noncompliance may include detention, suspension, or withdrawal for cause.

PROFANITY

The use of profanity is disrespectful, offensive, and contrary to Christian values. Students are expected to refrain from using abusive language. Serious violations should be referred to the Assistant Principal of Student Life.

Action: The use of language, act, remark, or expression, including obscene gestures, which is offensive to modesty or decency.

First Offense

Minimum: Warning

Maximum: Detention

Repeat Offense

Minimum: Detention

Maximum: Suspension

PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION/SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Christian standards of morality and appropriate public conduct are a must at Duchesne High School. Actual or simulated conduct, which violates the standards of Christian sexual morality or any inappropriate displays of public affection between students, is not tolerated on the school campus or at any school-sponsored activity/event.

SEARCH & SEIZURE

School officials with sufficient reason may search a student's locker. Lockers are school property provided to students for their use and are subject to search by school officials for proper reasons. A student's jacket, purse, backpack, and the like are personal property. With good reason, school officials could request that a student empty the contents of their pockets, purse, or backpack. If the student refuses, disciplinary action, such as suspension, could be taken as a result. School-wide searches of lockers may be employed without prior notice to parents or students.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Students and parents attending Duchesne sporting events, both at home and away, should conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the school's Christian philosophy. Regardless of the opposing team's conduct, students and parents should limit their activity to the bounds of good sportsmanship. All cheers and activities must reflect an attitude of "pro Duchesne" and cheer for our team, and not against or contrary to our opponents. Those who do not do so will be asked to leave the sporting event. See more about this important topic in the Athletic Program Guidelines section of this handbook.

SUSPENSION

For a grave infraction or frequent disciplinary infractions, students may be suspended or asked to withdraw. In the case of suspension, the student's parents will be contacted and may be required to meet with the Administration.

In-School Suspension: Typically lasting from one to three days, the student will remain in school during regular hours but will not attend classes or use their iPad. The student will not be allowed to attend any school-sponsored event or participate in any co-curricular activities, such as practices, rehearsals, or games, while suspended. They will be fully responsible for contacting the teacher and getting the assignments that are missed on the day(s) of the ISS. To receive full credit, all work must be turned in by 7:45 a.m. on the day they return to regular classes. No extra time will be given for completion or to delay the taking of a test, quiz, etc., on the day of return. If the suspension is not directly related to a specific course, major assessments may be made up for full credit.

Out-of-School Suspension: Typically lasting from one to five days, the student may not return to school until a mutual agreement is reached among the Assistant Principal of Student Life, the student, and the parents. The

student will not be allowed to attend any school-sponsored event or participate in any co-curricular activities such as practices, rehearsals, or games while suspended. They will be fully responsible for contacting the teacher and getting the assignments that are missed on the day(s) of the OSS. To receive full credit, all work must be turned in by 7:45 on the day they return to regular classes. No extra time will be given for completion or to delay the taking of a test, quiz, etc. on the day of return. Major assessments may be made up for full credit.

THEFT

A student found stealing or in possession of stolen property will be required to return or replace the property immediately. In addition to restitution, the consequences will include parent contact and likely one of the following: withdrawal for cause, out-of-school suspension, probationary contract, and possibly the involvement of law enforcement officials.

VANDALISM

Vandalism occurs when a student willfully or maliciously destroys or defaces the property of another student, faculty or staff member, or the school. In addition to restitution, the consequences will include parent contact, out-of-school suspension, and probationary contract. Repeat offenses may include withdrawal for cause and/or legal action.

VIOLENCE POLICY

It is the policy of Duchesne High School to maintain a learning environment that is safe for all members of the school community. The school strictly prohibits any form of harassment, bullying, or violence. Violence consists of words, gestures, and actions that result in or have the potential to result in hurt, fear, or injury. This may include sexual harassment, threats of injury or violence, possession and/or use of a weapon, theft, or vandalism of personal or school property. A weapon is anything used or intended to be used to threaten, intimidate, and/or harm persons. The possession or use of firearms, other weapons, or explosive devices on school premises is not permitted. When an allegation is reported and found to be reliable, the school will take appropriate disciplinary steps, which may include a warning, suspension, or withdrawal for cause.

WITHDRAWAL FOR CAUSE

Withdrawal for Cause is the permanent end of enrollment of a student at Duchesne High School. A student could be subject to withdrawal for cause if there has been a period of suspension or formal probation, and the consequences of further infractions are clearly communicated to both student and parents/guardians. A student may also be subject to withdrawal for cause as a result of a single, extremely serious conduct violation or action contrary to the mission and purpose of Duchesne High School.

When a student's disciplinary situation is so serious that school officials consider removing/withdrawing the student from Duchesne High School, the student will be placed on indefinite suspension, and a Disciplinary Review Board will be convened. The Disciplinary Review Board is comprised of the Dean of Students, Assistant Principal of Student Life, and the Principal. A scribe will be present at the meeting for the sole purpose of dictating notes for the Disciplinary Review Board process. The Disciplinary Review Board will meet with the student and the student's parents/guardians to review information regarding the student's overall record and the student's present situation. The Disciplinary Review Board will then reach a decision. The Disciplinary Review Board's decision is then passed on to the President of the School, who will either approve it or make their own decision. The decision may include removal from school or placement on a probationary contract. In extreme cases, the President, in consultation with the entire Administrative Team, may decide on the immediate removal of a student if the situation warrants such action. Students who have been withdrawn for cause are banned from the campus and all school activities.

Just as a parent has the right to withdraw a child if desired, the school administration reserves the right to require the withdrawal of a student if the administration determines that the partnership is irretrievably broken.

DRESS CODE EXPECTATIONS

The purpose of a dress code, as with all school policies, is to create a learning climate in the school, which will foster self-esteem, self-discipline, and a sense of responsibility in each student. A dress code also gives a school a sense of identity, thereby promoting school pride as well as personal pride. Dressing appropriately for specific occasions is a lifelong lesson that we try to instill in our students. Proper school attire is not the same as evening wear, party wear, recreational, or play wear.

Studies show, and Duchesne High School believes, there is a direct correlation between appearance and an individual's overall behavior and attitude towards self and others. Reasonable care and neatness regarding dress and appearance are required of Duchesne students to reflect this basic respect at school.

It is the students' and parents' responsibility to ensure proper attire before arrival at school. If in doubt about acceptability, do not wear it. All students are to be fully dressed and in dress code upon entering the building in the morning, and remain in dress code until 2:50 p.m.

General Points: *No dress code can possibly cover all eventualities or possibilities. It should be understood that the Assistant Principal of Student Life would ultimately decide what apparel is acceptable and what is unacceptable.*

- Students not complying with the dress code will be asked to notify parents to bring proper clothing to school or receive other penalties such as detention or, in extreme cases, suspension.
- All clothing should be of proper fit and should be clean and neat at all times
- Clothing that promotes drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or other contraband is not permitted.
- Regardless of the style of fashion, immodest dress will not be tolerated at any school function.
- The dress code applies to arrival and departure from school, unless the student is engaged in special school activities that demand a change of clothes, which is authorized by the school administration.
- If any student must be out of uniform for any reason, a note from the parents must be presented to the Assistant Principal's office before school on that day to obtain a uniform pass for the day. The substitute dress should be as close as possible to the dress code.
- "Event Fridays" – Students may wear their house t-shirt with uniform bottoms.
- Students participating in Co-Curriculars may wear apparel highlighting upcoming events in accordance with the agreement made between the Assistant Principal of Student Life and the team/club moderator.

Action: Any violation of the letter or spirit of the school dress code will need to be corrected, and certain disciplinary actions may be imposed:

First Offense

Minimum: Warning

Maximum: Detention

Repeat Offense

Minimum: Detention

Maximum: Suspension

ACCESSORIES

All jewelry must be modest and contain no inappropriate symbols. Only ears may be pierced: no other body piercings are allowed (tongues, eyebrows, noses, etc.) Chains around the neck, wallet chains, spiked collars, etc. are not allowed. No caps, hats, or head coverings of any kind are allowed. Scarves are also not allowed during the school day.

COATS/JACKETS/SWEATSHIRTS

Coats/Jackets may not be worn in school at any time. Only Duchesne Trading Post or other school-issued over-gear (hoodies, zip-up jackets, sweatshirts, fleeces, etc.) may be worn over school shirts. No blankets are permitted.

DRESS DOWN DAY – DRESS CODE

When Duchesne allows students to "dress down," the clothing should be in good condition, clean, and appropriate for school. Excessively tight or short clothing of any kind is not appropriate. Shirts must have sleeves, may not have any advertising that is vulgar or alcohol- or drug-related, and must be modest and appropriate for school.

HAIR/SHAVING

All hair must be neatly trimmed, clean, and combed. Hairstyles, which draw excessive attention to oneself (e.g., unusual color or style), are not allowed. Boys must be clean-shaven, and sideburns must be neatly trimmed and not extend below the earlobe. A repeat offense will result in the student being asked to shave and receiving a dress code infraction.

PANTS/SHORTS

Traditional cut or pleated khaki or navy dress pants of the “Dockers style” must be worn. Students may also wear khaki or navy “Dockers” style shorts or walking shorts. The regulation shorts must be of modest length and must cover all undergarments. When standing with arms resting at sides, the shorts must reach the fingertips. If the shorts are of modest length but do not cover all undergarments when sitting or standing, they are considered out of dress code. Belts must be worn- no draw-string pants are permitted. They must be neat and clean at all times. Seams must not be slit or torn at the bottom. No “hip hugger” or “low rise” pants may be worn. Pants with elastic at the ankle will not be permitted. No pants or shorts of any kind may be worn with patch (outside) or cargo pockets. The following may not be worn: jeans of any color (jeans are usually of a style and cut made of heavy strong twilled cotton or denim; jeans are frequently characterized by reinforced double external seams and similarly by external pockets often reinforced with metal rivets), any style work pants, overalls, sweatpants, stretch pants, yoga pants, cargo pants, corduroy, pants with pockets on the legs.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM

All students in gym classes must wear a Duchesne t-shirt, gym shorts of a school-appropriate length, and athletic shoes. Several appropriate t-shirts and shorts are available through the Pioneer Trading Post, as well as the required lock for PE lockers.

SHIRTS

Only Duchesne Pioneer polos purchased from Fischer’s School Uniforms are to be worn. Shirts are to be tucked in at all times.

SHOES

Dress shoes or athletic shoes with non-marking soles may be worn. Shoes must be tied. Combat-style boots, Crocs, sandals, open-toed sandals, slippers (hard or soft sole), or flip-flops are not permitted. Shoes must have a closed heel.

SKIRTS

The regulation plaid skirt must be of modest length and properly hemmed. When standing with arms resting at sides, the skirt must reach the fingertips. Skirts may be purchased through Fischer’s School Uniforms. Skirts are not to be rolled or worn unzipped.

SOCKS/TIGHTS/LEGGINGS

Socks must be worn. Leggings or tights of a solid white, navy, black, or gray color may be worn under the uniform skirt. No patterns or mesh windows will be permitted. Long pants or joggers may not be worn with the uniform skirt.

TATTOOS

Tattoos are not permitted at school or while representing Duchesne at extracurricular activities.

TECHNOLOGY USAGE**ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**

The school provides computing and network resources for use by students, employees, and others affiliated with the school. Duchesne High School provides internet access to all students and staff. Internet access allows classrooms and individuals to access information, software, news, opinions, and electronic mail from any point in the world. Members of the school community are encouraged to use electronic devices, software packages, and email for educational or school-related activities and to facilitate the efficient exchange of useful information.

However, the equipment, software, and network capacities provided through the school computer services are and remain the property of the school.

Communications or depictions through e-mail, text messages or web site postings, whether they occur on the school computer network or through private communications, which: (1) are of a sexual nature; (2) threaten, libel, slander, malign, disparage, harass or embarrass members of the school community or (3) in the administration's discretion, cause harm to the school or school community (collectively "Inappropriate Electronic Conduct"), shall be subject to the full range of disciplinary consequences, including withdrawal for cause.

This agreement applies to all electronic devices used at school. Users consent to the confiscation and/or search of their devices by the Administration or their agents, should any suspicion of inappropriate or unacceptable uses arise. The decision of Duchesne High School regarding the inappropriate use of technology or telecommunications resources is final. Monetary remuneration will be sought for damage necessitating the repair or replacement of equipment.

Students may not make audio or visual recordings of lectures or class presentations without the instructor's prior written consent. Recording of lectures or class presentations, with the instructor's advance consent, is authorized solely for individual or group study by students enrolled in the same class, unless the instructor has given explicit written consent for other uses. The recording may not be reproduced or distributed in any manner, including on the Internet, without the instructor's written consent.

COMPUTER/INTERNET USAGE

Only students who have agreed to the Acceptable Use Policy are permitted to use any electronic device, including iPads and devices owned by Duchesne High School. Students must be working on a school-related assignment to be able to use any electronic device, either provided by the school or brought from home. Any violation of the Acceptable Use Policy may result in the student losing the privilege to use the device and/or the network on our campus. This would cover electronic devices used both during unscheduled time and in any academic course in which the student is enrolled and in which the teacher has integrated technology into the curriculum. The computer lab is available to students and faculty for educational purposes only.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

iPads are required at Duchesne High School to work on and complete school assignments, research, and collaborate with other students. In addition to teacher expectations for iPad use, school messages, announcements, independent reading, calendars, and schedules may be accessed using the iPad. Students are responsible for bringing their iPads to all classes. Student iPads need to be fully charged at the beginning of each school day.

iPads must be used properly at all times. The misuse, including but not limited to: gaming, messaging, watching shows/movies, or any illegal or unethical activities such as cheating on assignments or tests, will result in disciplinary action. The disciplinary action for students violating this rule is normally confiscation by a faculty member, parental notice, and detention the next day. However, for more serious offenses, it could include confiscation for the day, the device turned in to the Assistant Principal of Student Life, suspension of use, detentions, or suspension from school.

Cell phone and Ear Buds, wi-fi hotspots and any other non-approved electronic devices should be turned off and stored in a locker or backpack during class. Students will be allowed to check their cell phones during passing period only. The disciplinary action for students violating the phone usage rule in the classroom is:

- First offense: detention, phone to Assistant Principal of Student Life
- Second offense: detention, phone to Assistant Principal of Student Life, parent contact
- Third offense: detention, phone to Assistant Principal of Student Life, parent must pick up phone

ELECTRONIC USAGE AND CONDUCT

A safe environment and one that emphasizes the dignity of and respect for all persons is a hallmark of Duchesne High School. **Words, actions, or depictions that violate the privacy, safety, or good name of others are inconsistent with that goal. Whether occurring within or outside of school, when students jeopardize the safe environment or act contrary to those Gospel values, they can be subject to disciplinary action.** All users are expected to conduct their online activities in an ethical and legal fashion. The use of these resources is a privilege, not a right. Misuse of

these resources will result in the suspension or loss of these privileges, as well as disciplinary, legal, and/or monetary consequences

Inappropriate or unacceptable uses of these resources include, but are not limited to, uses that violate the law or network etiquette, or that hamper the integrity or security of any network connected to the internet. Some unacceptable practices include the following:

- Transmission of any material in violation of any federal or state law, including, but not limited to: copyrighted material; threatening, harassing, pornographic, or obscene material; or material protected by trade secret is prohibited. The transmission of copyrighted materials without the written permission of the author or creator through school email or other network resources in violation of US copyright law is prohibited. As with all forms of communication, email or other network resources may not be used in a manner that disrupts the work or educational environment. The display or messages that are sexually explicit constitute harassment, which is prohibited by this school. It is also illegal for anyone to knowingly allow any telecommunications facility under their control to be used to transmit illegal material.
- Cyberbullying is prohibited. Antibullying Policy--**Missouri Law 160.755**
"Bullying" means intimidation or harassment that causes a reasonable student to fear for his or her physical safety or property. Bullying may consist of physical actions, including gestures, or oral communication, cyberbullying, electronic, or written communication, and any threat of retaliation for reports of such acts. Harassment is defined as any spoken, written, or graphic attacks against a person's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, medical condition, and/or disability. Students subjecting other students or faculty to harassment will be subject to disciplinary and/or possible legal action.
- Sexting is not permitted. Pornography and Related Offenses--**Missouri Law Chapter 573**
Sexting is the taking, sending, forwarding, or asking to receive messages, photos, or videos of persons who are partially or completely undressed or are pretending to or actually performing a sexual act. Students participating in these activities will be subject to disciplinary and/or possible legal action.
- The use for personal, financial, or commercial gain, product advertisement, political lobbying, or the sending of unsolicited junk mail or chain letters is prohibited.
- Vandalism is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, any attempt to harm or destroy the data of another user, the network/internet, or any networks or sites connected to the network/internet. Attempts to breach security codes and/or passwords will be considered a form of vandalism.
- The creation, propagation, and/or use of computer viruses is prohibited.
- The forgery, reading, deleting, copying, or modifying of electronic mail of other users is prohibited.
- Deleting, examining, copying, or modifying files and/or data belonging to other users is prohibited.
- Anonymous or forged messages will be treated as a violation of this policy.
- Unauthorized attempts to access another person's email or similar electronic communications or to use another's name, email, or computer address or workstation to send email or similar electronic communications are prohibited and may subject the individual to disciplinary action.
- All users must understand that the school cannot guarantee the privacy or confidentiality of electronic documents, and any messages that are confidential as a matter of law should not be communicated over email.
- The school/institution reserves the right to access email to retrieve school-institution information and records, to engage in routine computer maintenance and housekeeping, to carry out internal investigations, or to disclose messages, data, or files to law enforcement authorities.
- The recording, electronic posting, photographing, and/or video recording of students, faculty, staff, or administrators, without permission, is strictly prohibited and is, in many cases, illegal. Violations may result in a loss of privileges as well as disciplinary, legal, and/or monetary consequences.
- School users are expected to demonstrate the same level of ethical and professional manner as is required in face-to-face or written communications.

Willful destruction of computer hardware or software, or attempts to exceed or modify the parameters of the system, is prohibited. Nothing in this policy shall prohibit the Administration or Network Administrator from intercepting and stopping email messages, and/or reviewing information stored on the system to determine whether it is being used properly.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

BUILDING/FACILITY HOURS

On school days, students will have access through the front lobby doors by 6:30 a.m. Their access will end at 6:30 p.m. Students entering or leaving at any other time will need to be with a teacher or an administrator.

During the school day, access to the school, multipurpose building and fine arts building can only be made through the front lobby doors of the main building. All visitors, parents and vendors must sign in at the main office when entering the school. They will receive an identification badge that must be worn while in the buildings and returned when they leave campus.

When it is necessary for students to remain in the building after dismissal (i.e. waiting for a ride home), they should remain in the front lobby or student common areas. Students are not allowed in classrooms, athletic areas, fine arts areas, labs or offices unless accompanied by a teacher or administrator. Similarly, students should not be in the 310 building unless they are with a teacher or being supervised in the STEM Lab or E-Sports Center.

DELIVERIES

If a student receives birthday gifts, flowers, balloons, or any other commercial delivery to the school office, those items will be stored in the office, space permitting. The student will be notified of the delivery, but the items must remain in the office until dismissal. This policy applies also to the delivery of food by a parent/guardian or food delivery service.

EMERGENCY PLAN

Duchesne High School believes the safety and health of the students, employees, and visitors are primary concerns in the operation of the school. Duchesne High School is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment in which all can work together most effectively to accomplish the school's mission. Duchesne High School is committed to a safety program that complies as completely as possible with standards recommended and recognized by those agencies that exist to protect the common good.

Therefore, Duchesne High School has on file and in effect an AHERA Management Plan for asbestos and a comprehensive incident response plan, and is in full compliance with the recommendations of local fire and law enforcement officials and risk management personnel to ensure the safety of the school community. Duchesne High School has constant radio and internet access to emergency and weather information broadcast facilities. Students routinely receive required disaster, safety, and evacuation instructions. All staff members fully comply with the Missouri Department of Family Services screening requirements as defined by the Archdiocese of St. Louis policy.

In cases where the school is in an emergency situation, we will notify parents as quickly as possible. Instructions regarding any early dismissal or release of students will be provided once the emergency is over and/or once we are able to relay that information.

Earthquake: Students will follow directions from their instructor/supervisor. If inside, students will take cover under tables, desks, or counters. If such is not available, move to an inside wall away from windows, bookshelves, etc. Kneel alongside the wall with head close to knees, cover the side of the head with elbows, use notebooks or jackets to shield the head from flying glass and debris; in science labs, turn off any burners before taking cover; in science, move away from lab stations to minimize danger from chemicals, gas lines, etc. If outside, move to an open space away from buildings, trees, power lines, etc. Lie down or crouch close to the ground.

Fire Drills: Every room has a chart indicating what route to take in case of fire. The signal for a fire drill is the sounding of the fire alarm and flashing lights. When the first signal is given, students will promptly clear the building by the prescribed route. Students are not permitted to talk during a fire drill and are to remain outside the building until a signal is given to return inside. A student is to report his presence to a teacher if he is not in class when the drill begins. The student should be with his subject teacher during a fire.

Intruder/Lockdown: In the event of an intruder or lockdown, students, faculty, and staff will close and lock all doors. Students will be moved to locations where they are not visible from the outside. No access will be allowed to any

visitor at this time. Duchesne will cooperate fully with all law enforcement personnel and policies in these circumstances. Full details of our intruder and lockdown procedures are in the emergency handbook found in each classroom. Students should be familiar with the intruder drill process.

Tornado: When the announcement is made concerning a tornado, the student is to listen carefully to directions given over the PA and/or by his teacher. Students will be asked to go to a safe interior hallway of the building, crouch on the floor, and cover their heads. If there is no room in the corridor or time does not permit, then you are to go as far away from the windows in the room as you can. Turn a desk or chair on its side to serve as some protection, and crouch down and cover your head.

ENGAGEMENT/MARRIAGE

In accordance with the Archdiocesan High School Policy, there shall be no public or formal announcement of engagements to marry during the time of enrollment in high school. Married students are not permitted to attend Duchesne High School

FACILITY USE

Duchesne High School and all its facilities, furnishings, etc., are owned by the Archbishop of the St. Louis Archdiocese and operated under the policies and direction of the Catholic Education Office. When these facilities are not needed for the school's programs and maintenance/upkeep can be performed in a timely fashion, the facilities may be rented to groups on an occasional basis. All use of the facility must be approved in advance by the President. Unauthorized use of the facilities will be brought to the attention of the proper legal authorities.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are valuable parts of a well-rounded school experience. Certain procedures must be followed to ensure the privilege of participation in any school-sponsored activity. Prior to the activity, the student:

- Is required to get any assignments from classes that will be missed due to the field trip
- Is to arrange times for making up any material missed during the field trip.
- Must complete the field trip permission form.

Students who fail to meet these responsibilities may lose the privilege of participation. Factors that may render a student ineligible for the participation privilege include failing any class to be missed, not completing previously assigned work, unsatisfactory conduct, or failing to have the permission form completed. Telephone calls will not be accepted in lieu of permission slips. Emailed permission slips may be permitted.

FUNDRAISING

Students and parents are expected to help defray the cost of education by actively participating in the major fundraising activities of the year, which include the Pioneer Expedition Gala and Dream Home Sweepstakes. No fundraising programs (by students, staff, or parents) may take place at Duchesne High School or under the auspices of Duchesne High School without the expressed permission of the President. We greatly respect the limited resources available to the school and want to maximize the benefits for all our students

LEGAL ISSUE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Child Abuse: Duchesne follows the policies and procedures regarding child abuse, as set down by the Archdiocese of St. Louis. This policy in its entirety is on file in the administrator's office.

Police Contact: The administration of Duchesne High School will make every reasonable effort to cooperate with civil authorities while protecting both the student's rights and the school's privacy. The administration will make every reasonable effort possible to contact the student's parents. Before the administrator permits a law enforcement officer to question a student, the administrator will obtain: the officer's name and title; the reason for the questioning; and Proof that a juvenile authority will be present during questioning if the student is less than 17 years of age. No student will be questioned by law enforcement authorities or officials of other public agencies unless a school Administrator or parent is present. If a student is subject to arrest or apprehension by a law enforcement officer, the administrator will request to see the summons or warrant and will deliver the student into the officer's custody.

LOST AND FOUND

There is a lost and found in the main office. Students may also check with the Assistant Principal of Student Life and the athletic office for lost or misplaced items.

MESSAGES

Only phone messages received directly from parents or guardians will be relayed to students. The student is not called from class for such messages unless the situation is an extreme emergency. The school cannot relay messages between students. The phones in the office may be used only in case of illness or emergency. Please go through the office to contact your student when necessary. Do not contact them on their cell phone.

PARKING LOT

Students driving to school are required to park in the school lot and must register their vehicles with the Assistant Principal of Student Life. Parking on the Duchesne lot is by issued permit only. Students driving to school may use only their assigned parking space. Cars parked in the lot must display a Duchesne parking permit on the rear-view mirror. Parking passes are sold at the end of each school year for the following school year at a cost of \$50. Seniors are given priority for parking, then juniors, etc. Any violation of the assigned spaces or careless and imprudent driving on the parking lots will result in a \$25.00 fine and a possible loss of parking privileges. Students may not park on the adjoining streets during the school day.

Students are not allowed in the parking lot during the school day. Should a student find it necessary to go to his/her car during the school day, including lunch shifts, he/she is to obtain permission from an Administrator. The school parking lot is off-limits to students whenever school is not in session, day or night, unless there is a school-sponsored activity involving students.

Students who leave their cars in the parking lot do so at their own risk. Duchesne is not responsible for damages to vehicles in the parking lot and urges students to take appropriate security measures.

PETS

No pets are allowed on the campus.

PREGNANCY

A student who becomes pregnant may continue in school. A conference needs to be held with the Administration. A doctor's note is required to indicate the student's ability to continue in school and participate in school activities. When a student cannot continue in school, according to the judgment of the Administration, arrangements will be made for the student to continue courses outside the regular school setting. No parties or baby showers are to take place on school premises.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE POLICY

In accordance with the Catholic tradition, we will keep Sunday as a day for God and family. This would also include Christmas Day and the Easter Triduum (beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday). Individual moderators or coaches must ask the President to make an exception. Anyone granted an exception must present a plan and timeline to eliminate the need for an exception.

SEVERE WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSING

Our primary concern is always for the safety and well-being of students and staff. Parents have similar concerns and may keep a student home when they deem the conditions warrant such action. Because our students come from many areas, conditions in one area are not always the same as conditions in the others.

In the event of overnight bad weather, we will use SwiftReachK12, a phone and email communication system, to notify faculty, staff, and students when school is called off or there is a late start. We will continue to post school closings on KMOX radio and TV channels KMOV and KSDK. This information will also be posted on our social media outlets.

We will use the late-start schedule when conditions are not severe enough to close school. In that case, school will start at 9:15 a.m. The building will be open at the regular time to accommodate those who need to come earlier.

If the weather becomes problematic during the day, we may close school early so that students can reach home before it becomes dangerous. Again, we will use SwiftReachK12 for phone and email communication. We will also put the message on our website.

If we cancel school, athletic contests, practices, and other events are also automatically canceled. If the weather clears early enough, the Administration may allow an event to occur in the late afternoon or evening. However, student participation may not be mandatory.

SHADOWING

Shadowing is an opportunity for students considering enrollment at Duchesne High School to see the school in action on a regular school day, not on days when special activities are taking place. Students may shadow generally one time, either during eighth grade or the second semester of seventh grade. Contact for shadowing must occur by the parents at least one week prior to the visit. Shadow forms are obtained from the main office, the website, through a current student, or a parent phone call.

TEXTBOOKS

If a faculty member is using a textbook, they will distribute it to the students. The student is responsible for the textbook assigned to them. If it is damaged, lost, or stolen, the student whose name the book was issued in will be fined the book's replacement cost. Students should write their names in the space provided in the book. At the completion of the course, the books must be returned to Duchesne in the same condition as they were received.

EBOOKS

Most eBook needs will be covered with the iBooks or iPad apps. Specific information is made available at the beginning of each school year. Students will receive validation codes for classroom required eBooks via their school email accounts at the beginning of the school year. Families may be responsible for purchasing additional course materials. Costs will be kept to a minimum.

UNAUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES

At times, some Duchesne students participate in activities that may appear school-related but are, in reality, neither sponsored nor authorized by the school. Because of the unpredictability of such activities, the school does not always issue a statement concerning them. The absence of such a statement does not imply that the school sponsors, authorizes, or approves of the activity. Therefore, the school does not assume responsibility for the students at such an activity even if a Duchesne teacher is present. Such activities include out-of-school parties, picnics, pre- and post-prom parties, etc. This list is not all-inclusive. However, if participation by Duchesne students in such an activity is detrimental to the school in any way, it may be necessary for Duchesne High School to take disciplinary action, even to the extent of criminal prosecution, against such students.

VISITORS

All visitors must report to the office and procure a visitor tag. Students may not have friends from other schools meet them in the building at dismissal or at any other time, without permission from the office.

WEAPONS OR OTHER DANGEROUS DEVICES

In order to provide a safe environment, the carrying or possession of any type of firearm or other dangerous weapons on the premises of Duchesne High School is strictly prohibited. This prohibition expressly includes those persons licensed to carry concealed firearms. A weapon is anything used or intended to be used to threaten, intimidate, and/or harm persons. Absolutely no firearms, explosive devices, or weapons of any kind, including pocketknives or other items that could be used in a threatening manner, will be tolerated at school, school functions, or on the premises. Verbal threats suggesting the possible use of such items will be taken seriously. Consequences may include suspension, withdrawal for cause, and/or legal action.

STUDENT CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

PHILOSOPHY

Duchesne provides a broad spectrum of student activities beyond the classroom as one means of implementing our core mission. "Duchesne values the uniqueness of each student and makes a commitment to educate body, mind, and spirit as one. It strives to bring each student to full potential in a Christian atmosphere that promotes self-expression and the discovery and acknowledgment of strengths and weaknesses." Likewise, the activities program is designed to fulfill this particular Duchesne objective: "We encourage each person to cultivate personal qualities and to share talents in school and community." The classroom environment alone cannot accomplish all of the above goals and objectives. Therefore, Duchesne offers a wide range of co-curricular activities to enable each student to have the opportunity for development in all the above-mentioned areas.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN CO-CURRICULARS

Rationale: We maintain that academic pursuits must be the first pragmatic priority for students attending Duchesne High School. Yet, to achieve a well-rounded education, students are encouraged to participate in activities beyond the classroom, according to their talents and time. To assist students in achieving the desired priority in their education, we abide by certain requirements for a student to be eligible to participate in activities.

Application: The following are the student eligibility standards for all student activity organizations unless the moderator, with the approval of the administration, has set different standards for a particular organization. Such standards are written, approved, and published prior to the semester in which they become effective.

Academic Standards:

Students wishing to be eligible to participate in co-curricular activities must be making satisfactory progress toward graduation, as determined by Duchesne policy.

1. *Cumulative Studies*: Students cannot be more than $\frac{1}{2}$ credit deficient towards the minimum requirement for graduation in their academic career. This is calculated at 3.5 credits per completed semester. (For example, a student just completing their sophomore year should have accumulated a minimum of 14.0 credits. If that student has successfully completed 13.5 credits, they are eligible for co-curricular activities. If they have successfully completed 13.0 or fewer, they are academically ineligible to participate in co-curriculars.) Also, students wishing to participate in co-curricular activities who are behind on the minimum graduation requirements must have an approved plan with the Principal to recover the credits.

Service Requirement:

Juniors and Seniors who do not meet the minimum service levels will be ineligible for activities and privileges until the required hours are completed and approved. Activities include: Athletics, Plays, Clubs, and any other co-curricular organizations. Refer to the CAMPUS MINISTRY section of the Handbook for the specific levels and consequences.

Conduct Standards:

Although a student's behavior problem might not automatically restrict his or her participation in student activities, it must be kept in mind that participation is a privilege, not a right. It is possible that a disciplinary process would affect a student's participation in student activities. For example, involvement with alcohol and/or other controlled substances could result in a period of probation, suspension, or dismissal from an organization or activity.

Since participation in high school activities is a valuable educational experience, it is not typically the primary channel for addressing student behavior problems. A student whose behavior is problematic will be addressed through other appropriate school channels.

Student athletes and parents are representatives of Duchesne High School. There is always an expectation of Christian language and behavior. Any deviation from this standard is never acceptable and will not be tolerated.

Student spectators and fans are expected to cheer for their team and never against the other team or individuals. Isolating a member of another team through taunting or cheers is never acceptable in any athletic contest and will

not be tolerated. Students, parents, and fans are there to support the school's mission and uphold the highest expectations of Duchesne High School.

Student social media must always reflect the values and teachings of the Catholic Church. Social media is a vehicle for communicating information about and promoting an athletic program or team. Postings should be informative and positive in nature, and they should never engage another school or student from an opposing school in a manner that does not uplift or celebrate the gifts and talents of others. Duchesne students are always representing the school through their social media posts, and these posts should always represent the mission of the school.

Determination of eligibility:

Student eligibility is determined immediately preceding each semester. Each moderator verifies that each participant in his activity meets the eligibility requirements by checking students' records in the office prior to the beginning of each semester.

PARENT ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

One of the primary ways we advance the Duchesne mission and vision is by cultivating a parent-school partnership. Duchesne High School values our supportive parent community because we know that parent involvement directly benefits our students. Volunteers of the Archdiocese working with or near minors are required to follow the archdiocesan policy and complete the Protecting God's Children program.

A thriving parent-school partnership assists our school financially, brings families closer to the Duchesne community, and allows all to share in our school's success. We depend on the parents, students, faculty, alumni, and alumni parents who give their time, talent, and treasure so generously to Duchesne, and there are a wide variety of ways to provide support! Below are some of the ways that parents can become involved at Duchesne.

For more information, please visit the Duchesne website at www.duchesne-hs.org or call the Office of Advancement at 636.757.6931.

Duchesne Athletic Boosters Club

The Duchesne Athletic Boosters (DAB) is a group of parents and friends who support Duchesne athletes, from all sports, for all seasons. DHS friends, parents, alums and alumni parents are invited to join us in the challenge of raising half of the Duchesne athletic budget on an annual basis. Nominal membership dues are charged per member each year. General meetings are held during the year and feature interesting guest speakers, coaches' reviews of their teams' season, food, refreshments, and the opportunity to visit with fellow Pioneer supporters.

Advisory Board Committees

The Duchesne School Board seeks parents to lend their expertise and advice by serving on several Committees: Governance, Advancement and Admissions, Catholic Identity, and Finance. Each of these committees have at least one board member and one faculty/staff member.

The Duchesne Gala

The Gala is an annual fund-raising gala that supports Duchesne's operating budget and helps keep tuition affordable. The dinner/auction gives parents a chance to become involved in their child's school and provides a venue for fellowship with other Duchesne parents. Parent volunteers serve on many committees, including decorations, raffles, registration, and set-up/clean/up. Please call the Office of Advancement or get involved in this exciting event.

Class Parent Representative

A class parent representative fulfills many important duties for the faculty and staff throughout the year, such as Catholic Schools' Week and Teacher Appreciation Week. They also help plan a class basket for the gala each year. They help send out communications on social media class pages and work alongside the Office of Advancement.

SUPPORT OF DUCHESNE

As part of the partnership that exists between Duchesne High School and our families, it is an expectation that parents volunteer and contribute to help promote the school in the community and in volunteer efforts. Advancement is a process that identifies, coordinates, and expands on all the positive factors – people, events, programs, and activities – at work within Duchesne High School for the purpose of meeting the needs of our families and advancing the mission of the school.

The participation of parents, students, faculty, alumni, and friends in the community – as volunteers, as donors, as ambassadors – is critical to the advancement process.

The Office of Advancement staff concentrates efforts on student recruitment, communications, community relations, alumni relations, and fund development. The Duchesne Gala, the Pioneer Fund annual appeal, Giving Day, Queen of Hearts, and the Dream Raffle are among the special projects that generate vital funds.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Recognizing that strong enrollment spells stronger programs, Duchesne parents have established a tradition of sharing their experiences with prospective parents. Whether on the telephone, at special events, or at Open House, word-of-mouth is powerful. You, as a parent, are an especially credible source of information.

Every day, you have opportunities to boost Duchesne High School. Lean across the backyard fence or take a moment after Mass to let family, friends, and associates know what pleases you about the school. The school's website, www.duchesne-hs.org, provides comprehensive information about our school, events, curriculum, publications, and more.

ENDOWMENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Tuition assistance and scholarships for students are funded almost entirely with income generated by the Duchesne High School endowment. Currently, the growth of this critical resource comes from tributes, memorials, and special fundraising events.

PIONEER FUND

Duchesne's Pioneer Fund is the cornerstone of the school's fundraising. The fund includes unrestricted gifts intended for the sole purpose of supporting the school's daily operations and immediate classroom needs.

DREAM RAFFLE

Each ticket provides the buyer with a chance to win a fabulous cash prize or \$150,000 in credit toward a new home. The Dream Raffle Sweepstakes also boasts great incentives for ticket sellers, including cash, gift certificates, and the chance to win free DHS tuition.

GIVING DAY

Giving Day is vital to fulfilling our campus needs. This special day ensures our facilities are maintained and kept up-to-date with the latest technology, trends, and curriculum. Giving Day happens once a year, during the first week of December. It is a day to celebrate Duchesne!

QUEEN OF HEARTS

The Queen of Hearts raffle is a shared experience with our Knights of Columbus #823 chapter. The Queen of Hearts helps the immediate needs of our school while bolstering a relationship with our community. Alumni, family, and friends are encouraged to volunteer and participate in this wonderful game of chance.

TUITION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

DELINQUENCY OR NON-PAYMENT

Transcripts will not be sent unless tuition and fees are current. Payment in full must be made for all financial obligations to the school before the day of graduation. Within the 10 days prior to graduation, the President has the right to require a specific method of payment. Students who do not meet these requirements may not participate in the graduation ceremony.

Non-payment of other fees: Families need to pay fees for various school activities (retreat, athletics, athletic equipment, musical participation, etc.). Fees must be paid or arrangements made with the appropriate person prior to participation.

Non-admission of student due to tuition delinquency: Families who fail to pay tuition according to the agreement they made, or who are unwilling to make suitable alternative arrangements, will be informed that their child/children will not be readmitted. All families must be current with their tuition payments by August 1. If not, students will not be admitted on the first day of school.

Late payments: It is the responsibility of each school family to keep the Business Manager informed of any need to change their preferred tuition payment plan or adjust the amount of tuition expected to be paid. Penalties for not paying on time are outlined in the payment options above and later in this section.

LATE REGISTRATION

Families registering after June 30 shall be expected to fulfill their tuition obligations in accordance with the tuition policy stated above.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

A limited amount of tuition assistance is available for school families with financial need. Normally, requests for such assistance should be made in March/April for the following year. However, since some circumstances are unpredictable, families should not hesitate to inform the Business Manager of their need whenever it may arise during the year. For the sake of a family's security and peace of mind, and for the general financial stability of the school, parents or guardians are encouraged to contact the school as soon as possible when they are experiencing economic difficulties.

TUITION REFUNDS

Families withdrawing students prior to the first day of school shall be refunded the entire amount of tuition which has been paid for the current school year. After the first day of school, tuition refunds shall be prorated over the number of school days each student was in attendance according to an established formula. Registration fees are not refundable.