



# 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 can trace its roots 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 you with important information about our policies, procedures and programs. A student's enrollment at Duchesne High School is based upon their parents and guardians 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 our parents and students are partners in the educational, spiritual, and developmental goals of our school. The school reserves the right to make changes to the handbook as necessary, while committing to notify 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](http://www.duchesne-hs.org).

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

Blessings in mind, body and spirit,  
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*This Student/Parent Handbook contains established policies and procedures for the 2018-2019 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 informed of the change in writing in a timely manner, and this will include 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.

### VISION

We strive to be a Catholic, co-educational, preparatory school community of students, parents, faculty and alumni.

- Where all members feel respected and valued as individuals, and where each has an opportunity to contribute their gifts; and
- Where we pursue excellence – academically, creatively, spiritually, morally, and physically; and
- Where our Christ-like attitude will be recognized through a reverence for God and courageous acts of charity; We do this in the hope of being the compassionate presence of Jesus in our world.

### PHILOSOPHY

Duchesne High School is a Catholic community in which education is based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the traditions of the Catholic Church. Education is both a humane and spiritual endeavor in which people teach people both through technique and through interpersonal influence and contact. Duchesne, as a school, has a unique spirituality engineered by a staff with a diversity of gifts and a unity of purpose (Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, 1965). We value the individual, and we encourage both teacher and student to explore opportunities and to develop personal values and resources, which allow interaction with a constantly changing world.

Catholic education encourages selflessness as well as personal academic excellence. The Duchesne faculty values the uniqueness of each student. They strive to educate mind, body, and spirit as one; they strive to bring each student to full potential in a Christian atmosphere that promotes self-expression and the discovery and acknowledgment of strengths and weaknesses; they strive to teach respect for every person; and they strive to develop a concomitant accountability and responsibility to one another, to DHS families and the greater community. In doing so, the school works in partnership with the family to stimulate and guide their son or daughter spiritually, intellectually, physically, emotionally, and socially.

In light of this philosophy, the Duchesne High School community works to instill the following values:

**Evangelization:** To exhibit reverence, devotion and honor to God and his creations; to express in words and actions a significant love for God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; to show respect for the Catholic faith and act in a manner exemplifying that we are alive in Christ's love.

**Excellence:** To establish exceptional standards for quality and achievement. To strive to meet and maintain these standards and be willing to contribute beyond expectations.

**Personal Development:** To actively become a leader, push oneself and others to try new things; to discover and appreciate other team members' gifts; to acquire new knowledge, energy, talents and skills to reach one's highest potential. To work with a team to define and accomplish common purposes; to look beyond personal needs to the needs of the group.

**Service:** To recognize the needs and contribute time to the welfare of other individuals, community organizations and school communities; to foster an environment of caring for others.

**Stewardship:** To give generously one's time, treasure and talents. To be responsible in the use and management of resources. To be trustworthy in caring for God's gifts; to encourage others in responsible use, sharing and management of anything entrusted to one's care.

**Innovation:** To introduce new ideas and novel methods of doing things that best contribute to an affinity for learning and student development. To encourage creativity, vibrancy and originality in students and others.

**Integrity:** To act according to one's word, be trustworthy and honest. To believe in, have faith and confidence in another institution, person or ideal. To inspire confidence that the job will be done and done well.

**Diversity:** To convey to each member of the school community his or her importance, dignity and value; to treat everyone with reverent respect. To advocate the value of working with people of all abilities, beliefs and backgrounds.

**Community:** To demonstrate an encompassing commitment to the success and well being of all students, faculty and staff, families, alumni and friends of Duchesne High School. To develop the citizenship skills, attitudes and practices characteristic of productive, community-minded individuals.

**Communication:** To provide timely, essential, dependable and helpful information; to listen and respond to all stakeholders invested in Duchesne High School for a greater understanding, including sharing information with the community at large.

## **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 of the students were from the parish grade school, teens from the neighboring St. Charles Borromeo parish, as well as parishes in surrounding communities, also attended St. Peter High School because of its reputation for a 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 of today bears little resemblance to its parent school, the commitment to educational excellence in a faith-filled atmosphere is as strong today as it was when St. Peter High welcomed its first class more than 80 years ago.

Duchesne High School is fully accredited through the AdvancED/North Central Association-Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA-CASI). As a member school, Duchesne School focuses on a continuous process of school improvement.

## **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 afterwards 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 for nuns to establish schools for the Indians 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 was a stormy and hazardous journey, which lasted seventy days. 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 their arrival in St. Louis, they discovered Bishop DuBourg had rented a frontier home for them in St. Charles, which was a settlement of about five hundred 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 was different from life in Paris, and exceptions had to be made. With an increase in 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, in addition to teaching and administrative duties, undertook the hardest tasks. 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, a country that finds difficulty in dealing 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 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 which we cannot explain,  
risk our lives to find new life,  
challenge social patterns which 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 on the basis of academic, behavior, and discipline records from the previous school, and the recommendation of the pastor and/or principal of the elementary school. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color or national/ethnic origin. We give priority to those whose families have supported our school and Catholic education in general and students of faculty and staff. The education of a student is a partnership between the parents and the school. We expect parents to cooperate with the teachers and administration in the intellectual, physical, emotional, spiritual, and social development of their children. Likewise, families need to 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 the withdrawal of a student 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, and 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 their children 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 be also 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 through the parish Eucharistic community that is the heart of the spiritual life for Christian families.

Catholic schools and parish religious education programs are in partnership 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 a 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 speak 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 in order for any changes to be recognized.

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 enrollment of the student until all documents and forms are adjusted accordingly. Duchesne reserves the right to non-enroll a student in cases where the custodial or financial agreements do not allow us to provide the educational partnership required.

*Students who do not reside with an approved guardian will not be allowed to remain at Duchesne High School.*

## **QUICK REFERENCE**

### **ROLES IN THE SCHOOL**

All members of the administrative team share the responsibility within their role of working to achieve a climate and create programs that foster Catholic growth and formation within the total school community.

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

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, creation of staff development programs, and maintenance of appropriate records and completion of forms.

The **Dean of Student Services** is a member of the administrative team whose responsibilities include: creating and maintaining a climate where teachers can teach and students can learn, coordinating student discipline and student activities, keeping records, assisting teachers with classroom management, and assisting with teacher supervision.

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 Campus Ministry** works with the president and principal to coordinate the spiritual activities, which 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, validating and recording of service hours.

The **Guidance Counselor** works 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 Dean of Student Services direct the activities of the guidance personnel.

The **Learning Consultant** acts as a resource to 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 IEP's, meeting with teachers, students, parents, communicating with tutors and other specialists who work with the students outside the classroom, admitting of students with special needs, coordinating special testing, 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 his/her highest potential. The Deans will also assist in Departmental curriculum and budget planning.

The **House Director** works with the Principal and the Dean of Student Services to coordinate the House Program for the students. Responsibilities include sorting students, tracking points, supervising House Deans, work with faculty in implementing student training, and budget matters with the House Program.

The **House Deans** coordinate the student House Captains and Officers. The House Dean 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
12:50 – 1:30	Period 5
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 emphasis on the liberal arts. This program is based on commitment to educate the whole person according to his abilities and needs.

### CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

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

Theology	4 credits	Science*	3 credits
English	4 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	5.5 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 the dramatic arts.*

*\*\*\*Practical Arts is fulfilled by credit from courses in business, computers, yearbook, or newspaper.*

### Special Notes regarding Credit Requirements

1. The state of Missouri requires all students to have completed a course in which the Federal and State Constitution are part of the course material.
2. At least one English class is required each semester.
3. Only one Study Hall 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, he or she must have earned at least 7.0 credits by the beginning of the school term; to be classified as a junior, he or she must have earned at least 14.0 credits by that time; to be classified as a senior, he or she 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 F's 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 a first semester failure by earning a satisfactorily high grade for the second semester.

### CREDIT RECOVERY

If a student fails a required course, he or she must retake and pass the course during summer school or through a correspondence course. Any arrangement for making up the credit must be approved by the principal prior to taking the course. 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 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 prior to the date of graduation.
2. The right to waive any credit requirements (except those mandated by the State of Missouri) is reserved by the principal of the school.

### CREDIT EARNED OUTSIDE DUCHESNE'S ON-SITE PROGRAM

Duchesne High School accepts transfer credits (fulfilling Duchesne's graduation requirements as listed above) earned in another school or program accredited by AdvancED or by another accrediting association. MoVip courses must be approved in advance to be applied to graduation requirements.

Duchesne may accept, but is not obligated to accept, credit from a non-accredited institution or for course work from a home-school situation. Duchesne may require student competency assessments. Home-schooled students

must, in addition, provide materials required by the Archdiocese and 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 in May, **for one week** after schedules are distributed. 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 availability of classes and advise whether the class change can take place. There is a \$20.00 fee for all classes wanting to be changed. If the change meets the approval of 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 missed when not in the class.

### **HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS**

Students regularly have homework assignments for their classes. The amount and length of these vary with each course. Some courses have long-range assignments, which may be given one week or one quarter in advance. 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 = 93 – 100%
B = 85 – 92%
C = 76 – 84%
D = 70 – 75%
F = 69% 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)

Report cards are issued quarterly. Parents are encouraged to review the report card with their sons and daughters and to confer with the teacher or principal if clarification is needed.

In order to facilitate communication among parents, teachers, and students, Duchesne uses PowerSchool. Parents are asked to check the academic status, especially if a student is struggling, and communicate with the teacher via e-mail or a phone call.

### **ACADEMIC PROBATION**

The Duchesne High School administration may place a student on academic probation if that student's credit standing at the end of any school year is such that his or her accumulated credit is below what's needed to be classified for advancement to the next class. (See section on credit requirements.) 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 academic probation will be to achieve the recovery of credits. *The Administration reserves the right, at any point, to determine whether a student may recover enough credits to remain at Duchesne.*

## ACADEMIC HONESTY STATEMENT

Students have an obligation to exhibit honesty in carrying out 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 or 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.
- **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 the work of others or willfully disrupting the experiments or work of others.
- **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 to the consequences in the class, as well as reported to the Dean of Student Services for detention. Multiple infractions will lead to more severe penalties, even if they occur in different courses in different years.

Consequences to 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.

	Minimum Consequences	Maximum Consequences
1 <sup>st</sup>	Call to parents, 2 detentions, loss of credit, successful completion of <i>Academic Honesty Packet</i>	and, "u" in conduct, removal from clubs or organizations, withdrawal for cause
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Call to parents, 4 detentions, loss of credit	and, "u" in conduct, removal from clubs or organizations, academic probation, withdrawal for cause
3 <sup>rd</sup> +	Call to parents, 8 detentions, loss of credit, academic probation	and, "u" in conduct, removal from clubs or organizations, withdrawal for cause

## ZERO HOUR STUDY HALL

Student quarter grades will be checked every Monday starting two 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 Zero Hour Study Hall (ZSHS) 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 school work and receive support from student tutors.

If a grade improves before Wednesday, they will no longer need to attend ZSHS. Students who do not attend the ZSHS will 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 ZSHS will also be available for teachers to send students to do make-up work or take assessments they may have been absent for, even if grades are good.

## **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 administrated 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 have study hall period during the semester do not need to be in school during the times scheduled for exams for that period, except when that period falls between two exam periods. If students are in school during those periods, they are to report to their study halls. They are not to be in the corridors, outside, on the parking lot, etc.
4. No one is exempt from first semester exams. Only seniors may be exempt from the second semester final exams, upon the discretion of the teacher and the following conditions:
  - A student must have a B average, with the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter grade of an A or B, and an S for the conduct grade.
  - Exceptions to this are the ACC courses. Students taking ACC courses **MUST** take the final exam to earn the college credit.
  - 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 of the subject 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 his total attempted credits. Grade points are earned in the following manner.
  - 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 with respect to subject matter, content, and number and kinds 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 grade point average (GPA) achieved cumulatively and calculated after seven semesters. The standards are:

Cum Laude (with honor): for 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 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 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 grades earned on semester report cards only. 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, and will culminate with awards presented prior to and worn at graduation exercises.



## **ADVANCED CREDIT COURSES**

**Advanced Placement (AP)** courses require a student to take the College Board test in May to qualify for AP credit. Those scores in no way impact 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 should earn 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 un-weighted cumulative GPA of a 3.0 or higher. Saint Louis University will grant only 11 credits a semester and no more than 30 hours' credit 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 un-weighted cumulative GPA of a 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.

## **ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Being at school is an intrinsic part of the learning process. Good attendance and punctuality is an important life skill, one 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 for medical, dental, funeral, or other reasons during school hours are considered absent. For these types of absences a written notice should be sent to the school in advance by a parent/guardian stating the time, length, and reason for absence.

Students are expected to attend all classes and school activities (including but not limited to standardized testing, sports programs, field trips, etc.) on days scheduled by the school as days of student instruction. A student who is not present at the appointed times is designated "absent."

An accurate and complete record of attendance and tardiness is kept by Duchesne for every student. This record is a part of the regular report to parents/guardians and part of the student's cumulative active file.

### **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 these types of absences a written notice should be sent to the school in advance by a parent/guardian stating the time, length, and reasons for absence. Seniors and juniors can be pre-approved for college visits and not have those absences counted as part of their absence total. Abuse to this policy could result in college visits being counted as absences.

If a student is going to 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 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.
- 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 for participation in co-curricular activities, a student must be present at school and in class a minimum of 5 whole periods out of a 7 period day. In the event that a student-athlete must miss academic time for doctor appointments, etc. students must meet the 5 of 7 required class periods for participation and attendance at co-curriculars. A student may not leave early to go home ill and then participate 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 Dean of Student Services. The administration will determine the extraordinary circumstances and participation eligibility.

If a student misses class(es) on the day of a contest without being excused by the Dean of Student Services (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)

Students with any combination of 10 attendance occurrences in a semester (for this policy an occurrence includes any tardy, early dismissal, late arrival, partial absence or full absence) are ineligible from participating in co-curriculars for the duration of that semester. If a student must miss class for a doctor appointment, he or she must present a note from the doctor's office confirming the time and date of the appointment to avoid an occurrence. If a student misses class time to attend a funeral, this does not count as an absent occurrence. Appeals should be made to the Director of Athletics or Dean of Student Services who will consult with the Principal to make a final determination.

## **EXCESSIVE ABSENCE**

Earning credit in any course requires regular attendance, as well as a passing grade. Class participation is a valid component of a grade given for class work. After 5 absences in a semester or in a particular course, the student and the parents may be contacted to discuss an appropriate action. After 10 absences in a semester or in a particular course, the Principal and Dean of Student Services 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 having 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.

## **EXTENDED ABSENCE**

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

## **SENIOR PRIVILEGE - LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DISMISSAL**

Any senior whose study period 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 first period or leave school during last period. Students who use this privilege are asked to leave campus, students remaining on campus must attend the study hall they are assigned to at that time. Seniors wishing to apply for this privilege receive a special form to

be signed by his or her parents and returned to the study hall moderator within 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.

### **TARDY TO SCHOOL**

Students who are not present in first 30 minutes of the beginning of the school day are considered tardy to school. 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 the doctor or dentist indicating the date and time of the appointment.

All tardies will be recorded on report cards and permanent records. NOTE: Students will receive a detention upon being late for the third-3<sup>rd</sup>, sixth-6<sup>th</sup>, and ninth-9<sup>th</sup> time per semester. When receiving the ninth-9<sup>th</sup> tardy in any semester, the student will be given a detention for each additional tardy after their ninth-9<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 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 is a conference with parents and Administration, and ultimately, the student may be considered for withdrawal for cause. If a student is not in an assigned place during the school day, detention will be given.

## **HEALTH ISSUES**

### **COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

In a Catholic school, compassion for the sick should be evident as well as a concern for their psychological and physical well being. In addition, the school has an obligation to seek balance between its obligation to the welfare of the infected individual and its obligation 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 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. Students are urged not to text parents from the classroom. 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 medication (over the counter & prescription) to students during school hours by faculty/staff personnel.

- 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 parent/guardian before faculty/staff will dispense medication to a student.
- A copy of the signed doctor's prescription and a signature of 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 daily prayer of the school by emphasizing the liturgical seasons and calendar of the Catholic Church. Two student groups offer prayer opportunities during the Advisory period in the Chapel. *Radiate* is a student-led prayer organization that meets once a week for intercessory prayer and the *Pro-Life Club* prays a weekly Divine Mercy Chaplet for an increased respect for life. All students are welcome to join these groups.

### **RETREATS**

The office of Campus Ministry offers an annual retreat for each grade level in order to offer students an opportunity to reflect and to 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 go on an annual day of Retreat and engage 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 educates students 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. For example, the 2013 Archbishop May Service Award winner from Duchesne completed almost 500 hours of service.

Students will record their hours on a Service Form (available on the Duchesne website under the tab for Campus Ministry.) They must turn it in to the Campus Minister, who confirms all submitted hours and maintains a current record total for each student.

### **JUNIOR SERVICE**

At the end of their Junior year, students will volunteer for an organization as part of a one week service immersion experience. All juniors will take their final exams at the same time as the seniors. This will allow students to work during the interim week between those exams and the end of the school year. Juniors will work at the organization from 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. for five days, to experience first-hand the great needs of so many in our community from the unborn to the elderly, the disabled to the disenfranchised, the neglected to the abused. There are activities and programs at school after the week of service.

## SENIOR YEAR SERVICE BENCHMARKS

Seniors who do not have minimum levels of service will be ineligible for activities and privileges until the hours are completed and approved. Activities include: Athletics, Plays, Clubs and any other co-curricular organizations.

Senior Class	Hours Due	Ineligible for...
End 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.

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

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### 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 on both a physical and spiritual level.

### 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 (grand-parent, 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 service. If you are participating in a fundraiser and you want to apply for service hours, please state explicitly on the form where the money is going.

### 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**

There are three service awards handed out to exemplary seniors to recognize the service they have done for their school and local community. All students to complete 150 hours during their four years at Duchesne receive the Bronze Certificate at graduation, 250 hours receive the Silver, and 350 hours or more receive the Gold Certificate and are given red and silver cords to wear at Graduation. There are also three awards for outstanding service.

- 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

## **GUIDANCE 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:

- Affords 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 at deficiency notice time.
  - Students not meeting 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 (a male and a female) to serve as House Captains 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 each of the following areas: Mind, Body, Spirit, and Soul. They will also lead sub-committee meetings and be the daily leader in the Communio.

Underclassmen in the house system may be asked to serve as a Mentor to an incoming freshman or transfer student. They will also be asked to serve on sub-committees.

#### **ELIGIBILITY FOR LEADERSHIP**

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

To serve as a House Officer: The prospective student must be at least a rising junior in good standing with Duchesne High School and their House. Each House may determine and administer higher standards for their 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 Administration has the ability to remove a student leader after discussion with the House Director.

#### **HOUSE ASSIGNMENTS**

The House Director determines House assignments and is approved by the Administration. Assigning students to a House is random within the confines of keeping houses even in the number of male/female students and grade levels. Consideration will be given to students with a Legacy Claim and for 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 assignment. 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 many activities over the semester, such as 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 welfare of the student and welfare of the school 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 pocket knives 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 discretion of the Administration.

#### **ABUSE: PHYSICAL OR VERBAL TO FACULTY OR STAFF**

Action: Any intentional, willful threat or attempt to do bodily harm to a teacher or staff member; the unwanted intentional touching or application of force to the person of a teacher or staff member.

##### 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 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.

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 parking lots.

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.

It is our hope that students and/or their parents/guardians who sense a problem with alcohol or drugs will confide in school officials. The students and the families have a right to expect confidentiality in these matters. In cases of self-reporting, Duchesne High School will provide information about community resources such as testing, assessment centers, counselors, and treatment facilities. The student will be required to begin treatment in order to remain in school. To verify treatment, a release form must be signed which allows consultation between the therapist and school counselor and the Dean of Student Services. A formal agreement between the student and parent/guardian and Duchesne High School must be signed. The terms of required treatment and drug-free school attendance are essential parts of this agreement. If this agreement is broken, the student will come under normal disciplinary procedures.

Teachers and other school staff should make a referral to administrators or guidance counselors when student involvement with alcohol or drugs is suspected. Parents/Guardians will be contacted if a student's behavior suggests alcohol or drug involvement. The student may be required to undergo testing with a school-approved agency at the family's expense. If a student tests positive, counseling and participation in a drug/alcohol education program may be required for the student to remain in school.

**Discipline:** Any student who illegally possess, distributes, or is under the influence of narcotics, marijuana, barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinatory drugs, alcoholic beverages, designer drugs or synthetic drug substitutes on school property during the school day or at any time is subject to a suspension from school for an indefinite period of time, disciplinary probation, and will be required to undergo a chemical dependency evaluation by professionals including a urine or hair sample and interview and results forwarded to the Dean of Student Services before returning to school. As a condition of continuing at Duchesne, parents and the student will be required to follow through with the recommendations in the report.

If any alcoholic beverage and/or controlled substance is discovered in an automobile on school property, each occupant of such automobile shall be considered to be in possession of the beverage and/or controlled substance and in violation of this policy. Any controlled substance and/or alcohol found in a student's locker is considered possession. Drug or alcohol violations may also result in more severe action, including expulsion from school and the involvement of civil authorities.

**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. Students who are found using or possessing cigarettes, pipes, cigars, e-cigarettes, Juuls, vaping products, or smokeless tobacco, are fined \$50.00, their parents are notified about the infraction and they are subject to co-curricular limitations as outlined in the Athletic



Handbook. In the case of a second offense, a conference with student, parent, and Administration is required in addition to a \$100.00 fine and additional co-curricular consequences.

**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 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, informing parents of rumors and taking 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 is 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 rules of good manners
- No breaking into line
- Have money ready
- 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 put in recycling containers.
- No backpacks are permitted in the food serving lines.
- Do not take food out of the cafeteria.
- Arrive in the cafeteria within five minutes of the start of the lunch period.
- Stay in 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.

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 on the attendance sheet 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 Dean of Student Services. The student may also be asked to leave the class. At that time, the student should report immediately to the Dean of Student Services. Failure to do so will result in additional disciplinary action. At the discretion of the administration, taking into account the recommendation of the teacher, 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 which 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. To act 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 main campus, students should use only the designated crosswalk. For safety, the pedestrian needs to stop and look for traffic clearance before proceeding into the crosswalk.

The City of St. Charles regulations for crosswalk 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 were the cause of the damage, disciplinary action will result as described under the appropriate section in 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 sponsor. Once students have left the event, they may not return. Students must be off school premises 15 minutes after dance is over. Any exception to these policies must be approved in advance by the Dean of Student Services.

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 Dean of Student Services 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 Dean of Student Services and a Guest Form signed by their parent indicating permission and signature of their current principal indicating they are students in good standing academically and disciplinarily.

*For Prom:* This end of the year dance is a special privilege reserved for juniors and seniors only. Freshmen and sophomores may not attend the prom. Once students have left the event, they may not return. A permission slip is required for any participant not attending Duchesne High School.

### **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 served within two days from when the detention is issued and will be served before or after school and will supersede any

co-curricular activity. Parents or guardians will be contacted of any detention period issued. The student will be notified of the time of their detention and should report to the Dean of Student Services unless told otherwise. Students may be given a work detail for the time.

An absence from a 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 Dean of Student Services issues this contract. The contract is meant to clarify Duchesne High School's expectations for the student and to assist the student and family in meeting these expectations. The student, the student's parents/guardian, the Principal and the Dean of Student Services, 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:

##### First Offense

Minimum: Detention

Maximum: Suspension

##### Repeat Offense

Minimum: 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 on 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 brought to the attention of the proper 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 aggressiveness by seeking school authorities to help 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 the aggressive behavior will be placed on a behavioral contract and/or could result in withdrawal for cause.

#### **FINES**

Tobacco (Smoking or smokeless): \$50.00 fine

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

Non-Approved electronic device:

- First offense: confiscation of the device and a \$25 fine.
- Second offense: confiscation of the device, a \$25 fine, and a Parent/Guardian of the student must make arrangements to pick it up.
- Third offense: confiscation of the device, a \$25 fine, a Parent/Guardian of the student must make arrangements to pick it up, the student may be prohibited from possessing a device at school or at school-related events, and may be subject to discipline action.

Unpaid fines and charges will result in withheld reports cards and/or transcripts.

## **FOOD, DRINK, AND GUM**

Students may have clear 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 revoking 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 advisory 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 or visual. 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 an 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 Dean's office or Trading Post. Students may be assigned detention or suspended for not having a lock, or tampering with other students' locks. Students will be responsible to keep their locks for the entire time they attend 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 to keep their lockers clean and locked. Locker changes are not to be made unless approved by the Dean of Student Services. 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 his/her lunch. 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 the reputation and the code of conduct of Duchesne High School 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 out of school that detracts from the reputation of the school 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 the use of abusive language. Serious violations should be referred to the Dean of Student Services.

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 are not tolerated on the school campus or at any school sponsored activity/event.

## **SEARCH & SEIZURE**

School officials with sufficient reasons to do so may search a student's locker. Lockers are school property provided to students for their use and are subject to search by school officials with proper reason. 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 pockets, purse or backpack. If the student refuses, disciplinary action such as suspension could be based on that refusal. School wide searches of lockers may be employed without prior notice to parents or students.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

Students and parents attending Duchesne sporting events, both home and away, should conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the Christian philosophy of the school. Regardless of the conduct of the opposing team, students and parents should limit their activity within the boundaries 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 not doing 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 for frequent infractions of discipline, students may be suspended or asked to withdraw. In the case of suspension, the parents of the student will be contacted and may have 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 have the use of 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 the day(s) of the ISS. In order to receive full credit, all work must be turned in by 7:45 a.m. 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 directly related to a specific course, major assessments may be made up for full credit. However, the student may only earn 69% of the credit for the homework or classwork missed during the time of the suspension in that course.

**Out of School Suspension:** Typically lasting from one to five days, the student may not return to school until a mutual agreement has been made between the Dean of Student Services, the student, and 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 the day(s) of the OSS. In order to receive full credit, all work must be turned in by 7:45 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. However, the student may only earn 69% of the credit for the homework or classwork missed during the time of the suspension in all courses.

#### **THEFT**

A student found stealing or in the 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 and 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 reliable, the school will take the appropriate disciplinary steps that may include a warning, suspension, or withdrawal for cause.

#### **WITHDRAWAL FOR CAUSE**

Withdrawal for Cause is the permanent end of enrollment of a student from 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 the 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 the Administrative Team will meet. The Administrative Team is comprised of the Dean of Student Services, the student's guidance counselor, and the Principal. The Board will meet with the student and the student's parents/guardians seeking input from them. They will also review information regarding the student's overall record and the student's present situation. The Board will then reach a decision. The Board's decision is then passed on to the President of the school who will either approve the decision or will make his/her 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 immediate removal of a student if the situation so warrants that action. Students who have been withdrawn for cause are banned from the campus and all school activities.

## 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 and thereby promotes school pride as well as personal pride. Dressing appropriately for specific occasions is a life-long 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 in regard to dress and appearance are required of Duchesne students to reflect this basic respect at school.

It is the student 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 completely dressed and in dress code upon entering the building in the morning and continue to remain in dress code till 2:50 p.m.

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

- 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 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 which demand a change of clothes that 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 Dean'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.
- "Activities Fridays" – Students may wear club or activity polos, such as for choir, band, clubs, drama. In-season jerseys or t-shirts may be worn, but must have school polo worn underneath. Uniform bottoms are required.

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 or 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 over-gear (hoodies, zip-up jackets, sweatshirts, fleeces, etc.) purchased through the Duchesne Trading Post may be worn over school shirts.

## DRESS DOWN DAY – DRESS CODE

When Duchesne allows students to "dress down", the clothing should be in good condition, clean, and be appropriate for school. Excessively tight or short clothing of any kind is not appropriate, i.e. yoga pants, leggings and high cut shorts. 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 styled and not to extend below the earlobe. Hair should not exceed the bottom of the shirt collar. Anyone not clean-shaven will be asked to do so at school. A repeat offense will result in the student being asked to shave as well as receiving a detention.

## **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. Shorts must touch the tops of the knees when standing. Belts must be worn. 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. 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 The Duchesne Trading Post are to be worn. Shirts are to be tucked in at all times. Duchesne club or activity polos, such as for choir, band, clubs, drama, as well as Duchesne sport jerseys, etc. are worn on Fridays only during the school year. T-shirts or jerseys must be worn over a school approved polo.

## **SHOES**

Dress shoes or athletic shoes with non-marking soles may be worn. Shoes must be tied. Combat style boots, hiking boots, sandals, open toed sandals or flip-flops are not permitted.

## **SKIRTS**

The regulation plaid skirt must be of modest length, properly hemmed and touch the top of the knee when standing. Skirts may be purchased through Fischer Parochial Fashions in St. Peters or Florissant. Skirts are not to be rolled or worn unzipped. They must fit or you will not be allowed to wear them.

## **SOCKS/TIGHTS/LEGGINGS**

Socks may be worn with pants, shorts or skirts. Leggings or tights of a solid white, navy, black or gray color may be worn under the uniform skirt. Long pants or loose sweats may not be worn with the uniform skirt.

## **SPIRIT WEAR**

Students, coaches, and advisors of any sport or organization must have all spirit wear, (i.e. t-shirts, hoodies, polo’s, etc.) approved by the Dean of Student Services. All items **must** be purchased through the Trading Post.

## **TATTOOS**

Tattoos are not permitted.

## **TECHNOLOGY USAGE**

### **ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**

The school provides computing and network resources for the use of the 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 have access to information, software, news and opinion, and communication by electronic mail that originates 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 device by the Administration or their agents should any suspicion of inappropriate or unacceptable uses arise. The decision of Duchesne High School regarding inappropriate use of the technology or telecommunication resources is final. Monetary remuneration will be sought for damage necessitating repair or replacement of equipment.

Students may not make audio or visual recordings of lectures or class presentations without the advance written consent of the instructor. Recording of lectures or class presentations made with the instructor's advance consent is authorized solely for the purposes of individual or group study with 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 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 of using the device and/or network on our campus. This would cover electronic devices used both during study hall time and during any academic course in which the student is enrolled where the teacher has integrated technology into the curriculum. The computer labs are available for students and faculty to use 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 to bring their iPads to all classes. Student iPads need to be fully charged at the beginning of each school day.

iPad's 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 faculty member, parental notice, and detention the next day. However, for more serious offenses it could include confiscation for the day, device turned in to the Dean of Student Services, suspension of use, detentions, or suspension from school.

Cell phones, and any other non-approved electronic devices should be turned off and stored in a locker or backpack while school is in session. The disciplinary action for students violating this rule is:

- First offense: confiscation of the device and a \$25 fine.
- Second offense: confiscation of the device, a \$25 fine, and a Parent/Guardian of the student must make arrangements to pick it up.
- Third offense: confiscation of the device, a \$25 fine, a Parent/Guardian of the student must make arrangements to pick it up, the student may be prohibited from possessing a device at school or at school-related events, and may be subject to discipline action.

### **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 which 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 on-line 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, those uses that violate the law, the rules of network etiquette, or 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 communications, email or other network resources may not be used in a manner that is disruptive to 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 for the transmission of 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 are 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 are 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 is 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 the 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 enforcements authorities.
- The recording, electronic posting, photographing and/or video recording of students, faculty, staff or administrator 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 review 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 library/media center or computer lab.

### 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 non-parent/guardian.

### 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 healthful environment in which all can best work together for the accomplishment of the school's mission. Duchesne High School is committed to a safety program which complies as completely as possible with standards recommended and recognized by those agencies which exist to protect the common good.

Therefore, Duchesne High School has on file and in effect an AHERA Management Plan for asbestos, a comprehensive incident response plan, and is in full compliance with recommendations of local fire and law enforcement officials and risk management personnel to secure 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 Missouri Department of Family Services screening requirements as defined by policy of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

In cases where the school is in an emergency situation, we will notify parents as quickly as possible. Instructions on any early dismissal or release of students will occur when 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 wall with head close to knees, cover side of 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 with a 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 requested to go to a safe inner hallway of the building, crouch down on the floor and cover their head. 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 occur in a timely fashion, the facility 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 insure the privilege of participation in any school-sponsored activity. Prior to the activity, the student:

- Is required to get any assignment 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 failing to follow these responsibilities may lose the participation privilege. Factors that may render a student ineligible for the participation privilege include failing any class to be missed, previously assigned work has not been completed, conduct is not satisfactory, or failing to have the permission form completed. Telephone calls will not be accepted in lieu of permission slips. Faxed 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 Dinner Auction 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 the civil authorities, while protecting both the rights of the student and the school's privacy. The administration will make every reasonable effort possible to contact the student's parents. Before the administrator permits the questioning of a student by a law enforcement officer the administrator will obtain: the officer's name and title, the reasoning 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 Dean of Student Services and in 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 on the school lot and must register their vehicles with the Dean of Student Services. Parking on the Duchesne lot is by issued permit only. Students driving a car to school may use only their parking space. Cars parked on 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 on 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 some school-sponsored activity which involves the students.

Students who leave their cars on the parking lot do so at their own risk. Duchesne is not responsible for damages to vehicles on 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 occur with the Administration. A doctor's note is required indicating the student's ability to continue in school and to 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 to keep Sunday as a day for God and family, no practices (sports or otherwise) or work should be scheduled. 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 for the elimination of 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 case of overnight bad weather, we will be using School Reach, 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.

We will utilize the late start schedule when conditions are not severe enough for school to be closed. 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 School Reach 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 automatically cancelled also. 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 who are considering enrollment at Duchesne High School to see the school in action on a regular school day, not on days when special activities are occurring. 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. The shadowing form must be completed and brought with the student on the day of the visit. Shadows are allowed only with freshmen or sophomore students. 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 them to the students. The student is responsible for the textbook assigned to them. If it is damaged, lost, or stolen, the student in whose name the book was issued will be fined the replacement cost of the book. Students should write their names in the book in the space provided. At the completion of the course, the books must be returned to Duchesne in the same condition as they were received.

## **EBOOKS**

Most eBooks 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 purchase of additional course materials. Costs will be kept to a minimal.

## **UNAUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES**

At times, some Duchesne students participate in activities which may appear to be school related but in reality are 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 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 pocket knives 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 acknowledgement 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 of the above-mentioned areas.

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION**

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

**Application:** 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 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-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:* Student grades will be checked on Monday, after two weeks of the first or third quarter. If a student has any grades of "F" or two grades of "D's" they will be required to attend Zero Hour Study Hall (ZSHS) from 8:00-9:00 on Wednesday mornings until the grade(s) are raised, but will be eligible to participate in activities and co-curriculars. This time will be an opportunity for students to work on school work and receive support from student tutors.

Grades will continue to be checked every Monday throughout the semester. If a grade improves they will no longer need to attend ZSHS. Students who do not attend the ZSHS will be ineligible to participate in activities or co-curriculars. If the student has an "F" or two "D's" at the end of quarter 1 or 3, the student will be required to attend Zero Hour Study Hall AND will be ineligible for activities or co-curriculars until the posted grade indicates they no longer have an "F" or two "D's".

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

### **Service Requirement:**

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

### **Conduct Standards:**

Though a student's behavior problem might not automatically restrict his or her activity participation, it must be kept in mind that participation in student activities 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 the usual channel through which student behavior problems are addressed. A student whose behavior is problematic will be dealt with through other appropriate channels in the school.

### **Determination of eligibility:**

Student eligibility is determined immediately proceeding 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 regarding child abuse.

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 Web site at [www.duchesne-hs.org](http://www.duchesne-hs.org).

### **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 each year per member. 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.

### **Pioneer Band Boosters**

The Pioneer Band Boosters promote camaraderie within the Pioneer band, actively advocate for the band program, supplement the band budget with fund raising efforts, and foster communication among band students, parents and the director.

### **Fine Arts Ambassadors**

The Fine Arts Ambassadors provide support for the Performing Arts Department events throughout the year by providing refreshments, greeting and ushering audience members, and assisting with set construction and costumes.

### **Advisory Board Committees**

The Duchesne Advisory Board seeks parents to lend their expertise and advice by serving on several committees, including Marketing and Recruitment, Advancement and Development, Technology, and Building and Grounds. Each of these committees has at least one board member and on faculty/staff member.

### **Pioneer Expedition Dinner/Auction**

The *Pioneer Expedition* dinner/auction 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 also provides a venue for fellowship with other Duchesne parents. Parent volunteers serve on many *Pioneer Expedition* committees, including gift acquisitions, decorations, advertising, invitations and reservations, dinner service, banking, and set-up/clean-up. Please call the Office of Advancement or get involved in this exciting event.

### **Dream Home Raffle**

Held in conjunction with *Pioneer Expedition* is the annual Dream Home Raffle. Each ticket provides the buyer with 20 chances to win a fabulous cash prize or \$150,000 in credit toward a new home. The Dream Home Sweepstakes also boasts great incentives for ticket sellers, including cash, gift certificates, and the chance to win free DHS tuition. Please call the Office of Advancement for more information about becoming a Dream Home Volunteer or buying and selling tickets.



## 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 which 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 developments. Last year, special events and fund-raising projects affected a total of \$300,000+ in revenue, much of which helped to bridge the “tuition gap,” that difference between the real cost of educating each student and tuition income. The *Pioneer Expedition* dinner/auction, the Pioneer Fund annual appeal, and the Dream Home 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 Web site [www.duchesne-hs.org](http://www.duchesne-hs.org), provides comprehensive information about our school, events, curriculum, publications and more.

### ENDOWMENTS

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 fund-raising events.

### PIONEER FUND

Duchesne’s Pioneer Fund is the cornerstone of all fund raising for the school. The fund includes unrestricted gifts intended for the sole purpose of supporting the school’s daily operations and closing that “tuition gap.” Without it, we would not be able to keep our doors open for the entire school year.

## TUITION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

### DELINQUENCY OR NON-PAYMENT

Transcripts will not be sent unless tuition and fees are current. Students will also not be able to take exams if tuition payment is delinquent. 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 activities in the school (retreat, athletics, athletic equipment musical participation, etc.) Fees must be paid or arrangements made with the appropriate person prior to participation.

**Report cards of students who owe tuition or fines:** Report cards of students who owe tuition, fees, or fines of any kind will not be sent home at the end of a grading period until the money has been paid. Parents will continue to receive all other necessary information.

**Non-admission of student due to tuition delinquency:** Families failing to pay tuition according to the agreement which they have made or who have been unwilling to make suitable alternative arrangements will be informed that their child/children will not be readmitted. All families must be current in their payment of tuition:

- By August 1: If not, students will not be admitted on the first day of school.
- By December 1: If not, students will not be eligible for semester examinations and will not be readmitted on the first day of class of the new semester. No grades/report cards will be released.
- By May 1: If not, students will not be eligible for semester examinations. Also, they will not receive report cards and permanent records/transcripts will not be released by the Administration. Seniors may not participate in graduation and related activities.

**Late payments:** It is the responsibility of each school family to keep the President/tuition accounts person informed of the need to make any changes in their preferred tuition payment plan or adjustments in 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 obligation according to 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 President 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.

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