

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between Duquesne University and York Catholic High School

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between **Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit** and **York Catholic High School**. This MOU affirms a shared commitment to Catholic education and a mutual desire to enhance opportunities for York Catholic High School graduates to continue their academic and spiritual development at Duquesne University.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to strengthen the longstanding relationship between Duquesne University and York Catholic High School (YCHS). Both institutions share a mission rooted in the values of Catholic education, and Duquesne recognizes the academic preparation and moral formation that YCHS provides to its students. Duquesne has historically welcomed and enrolled graduates from YCHS and seeks to deepen that tradition through this formal agreement.

2. Duquesne University Responsibilities

Duquesne University agrees to:

- i. Offer guaranteed admission to qualified York Catholic High School students as follows:
 - a. **Requirements of Admission**
York Catholic High School students who meet the following criteria:
 - i. Completion of high school diploma from York Catholic High School; and
 - ii. Final cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - b. **Nature of Admission**
Duquesne University guarantees general undergraduate admission to the university for programs in the School of Business and College of Liberal Arts. Admission to **specific competitive academic programs** (e.g., Nursing, Physician Assistant Studies, Engineering, Health Sciences, Music etc.) may be more selective and is **not** guaranteed under this agreement. Applications to these programs will be reviewed holistically by the corresponding School or College.
 - c. Admitted students will receive a minimum guaranteed 10% scholarship on the base tuition cost – noted on a scholarship letter as the “Catholic High School Award.” Students may be eligible for additional scholarships, and will receive an automatic and holistic scholarship review after acceptance. Special scholarships may require an additional application.
- ii. Promote this opportunity through its admissions staff and materials.
- iii. Provide admissions counselors to support YCHS students throughout the college application process.

- iv. Offer periodic outreach opportunities, including campus visits, admissions workshops, and financial aid education sessions.

Note: Duquesne's admissions policy is both test-optional and test-flexible. Students are encouraged to submit exam scores as part of the application process. If submitted, ACT, SAT, CLT, and any other standardized test scores such as AP, IB, CLEP, etc. will be considered

3. York Catholic High School Responsibilities

York Catholic High School agrees to:

- i. Share this opportunity with students and families through appropriate school channels.
- ii. Collaborate with Duquesne University to facilitate access to transcripts and academic information as needed for the admissions process.
- iii. Encourage eligible students to apply and take advantage of the resources and support offered by Duquesne University.
- iv. Display Duquesne information, including posters, pennants, and brochures, in the guidance office or elsewhere at the high school where college information is presented. In addition, the agreement with a Duquesne logo and profile will be displayed on the YCHS website.

4. Term and Termination

This MOU will take effect on the date of final signature and remain in effect for a period of **three (3) years**, with the option to review and renew upon mutual agreement. Either party may terminate the agreement with written notice at least **90 days** in advance.

5. No Third-Party Rights

This MOU does not, and should not be construed to, confer any rights on third parties.

6. General Provisions

This MOU is a non-binding expression of the intentions of both parties and does not create any legally enforceable rights or obligations. It is intended to guide collaboration and foster goodwill between Duquesne University and York Catholic High School in service of their shared Catholic mission.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding:

For Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit

For York Catholic High School

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Adrienne K. Doyle 1/28/2026
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Name: Adrienne K. Doyle Date

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