



NEW TRIER | MEDIA, SPEECH & THEATRE

Curricular Opportunities for Northfield Students

Media Production

This course introduces students to the world of media making and analysis. It is designed as an overview of the variety of media genres, disciplines, and formats. Units include Hollywood-style digital storytelling, the video gaming industry, sports and news broadcasting, print journalism and blogging, radio production, marketing and advertising, and legal and ethical practices in the industry. Students will develop skills to analyze and evaluate media messages critically as both consumers and producers. Students will contribute content to WNTH, New Trier's radio station as well as produce a TV show for the Northfield Campus. This course is recommended for students interested in the Film Production or Broadcast Journalism courses at the Winnetka Campus.

Freshman Speech and Debate

This course is designed to develop effective speaking and argumentation skills. The yearlong course emphasizes critical thinking, research, collaboration, analysis, and speech writing. Students will practice persuasive and informative speaking as well as several forms of debate: Policy, Public Forum, Lincoln-Douglas, and Congressional. Although students are not required to participate on the Speech and Debate team, several opportunities are available to those students who wish to attend competitions.

Theatre Technology and Design

This course is designed for students who are interested in the technical aspects of theatre. Students will learn about and develop skills in stagecraft and in scenic, sound, and lighting design. The course will focus on specialized design and construction in collaboration with school productions. The course will involve both practical, hands-on projects and design work. This course is structured to accommodate students with varying degrees of production experience, and it fulfills the Crew Apprenticeship Program expectation.

Theatre 1: Theatre Workshop

Theatre Workshop is the ideal class for students who would like to study, experience, and create live performances and theatrical stories for the stage. Students will explore many different character types through role playing, monologues and scene work from scripts. Students will also become stronger team players through improvisational and theatre games as well as learn how to audition effectively for plays and musicals. In addition, students may choose to perform as an ensemble member in the Freshman Play. Anyone who wants to act in plays or musicals on New Trier stages should take this class to develop confidence and performance skills.

All Media, Speech & Theatre Department courses fulfill the graduation requirement for Fine and/or Practical Arts

Please visit www.newtrier.k12.il.us/MST or contact us for more information.

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Extracurricular Opportunities for Northfield Students

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

No Questions Asked Improv

If you love “Second City” and sketch comedy, you’ll love learning, practicing and perfecting your improvisational skills with this group! NQA, New Trier’s after-school improv club and troupe, performs throughout the year. This short form improvisation group welcomes students who want to play improv games, meet other creative students, and build skills that lead to performance.

Speech Team

This is a group for those students who are passionate about specific issues, who are interested in performing poetry or prose, or who can think quickly “on the fly.” Members of the team have the opportunity to develop their skills and participate in local and national interscholastic competitions, performing in interpretive, public address, and limited preparation events. While most students who are interested in these events are enrolled in a Speech and Debate elective, we are always welcoming new members interested in joining our team!

Stage Crew

Stage Crew is the backbone of every play, musical, and dance production at New Trier. Crew members build sets, paint scenery, operate the sound and lights for all performances, and have a great time. No previous experience is necessary. This is a terrific hands-on activity for anyone from a master builder to someone who barely knows how to turn on a light switch. Visit the NTHS Performing Arts webpage for more information about the crew kickoff meetings.

WNTH

New Trier’s one and only student radio station has been broadcasting for over 50 years on radio waves, online, and now on app-friendly devices. Using state-of-the-art technology, WNTH broadcasts on 88.1 FM. All students are welcome on the staff and some apply to act as on-air DJs for weekly music, talk radio, and sports broadcasts. Students are trained on our control board and other equipment as part of their experience.

CAST OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS WITH CLASS ENROLLMENT

Students must be enrolled in Theatre 1: Theatre Workshop to be in the cast of this production. Past selections include: *Metamorphoses*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Alice in Wonderland*, and *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*.

Freshman Play

CASTS OPEN TO ALL FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES WITH AUDITION

Only freshmen and sophomores are invited to audition. Past titles include: *All in the Timing* and *Grease*

Freshman-Sophomore Musical Workshop

Freshman-Sophomore Play

CASTS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS WITH AUDITION

Every New Trier student is welcome to audition for any of these all-school productions. Past titles include: *Romeo and Juliet*, *Laughing Stock*, and *Almost, Maine*.

Winter Play

Spring Play

Senior Directing Projects