

NEW TRIER HIGH SCHOOL

2008-2009

Profile



SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

New Trier Township High School District 203 is a comprehensive four-year high school in Northfield and Winnetka, Illinois, along the Lake Michigan shore and approximately 16 miles north of Chicago. New Trier serves Chicago's North Shore suburban communities of Glencoe, Kenilworth, Northfield, Wilmette, Winnetka and portions of Glenview and Northbrook — communities that reflect a tradition of support for academic and cultural achievement. Freshmen are housed on the Northfield Campus. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors are housed on the Winnetka Campus.

Governed by its own Board of Education, the district serves six sender public school districts (kindergarten through eighth grade), each with its own governing board. Local private and parochial schools also graduate students who advance to New Trier High School.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

As evidence of the New Trier motto, "to commit minds to inquiry, hearts to compassion, and lives to the service of humanity," New Trier offers numerous opportunities for learning and involvement outside of the classroom in activities, athletics, fine/performing arts, and social service:

- more than 150 clubs and other student activities, including an extensive social service component
- 30 interscholastic athletic teams (winning more athletic state championships than any high school in Illinois interscholastic history) and an extensive intramural program
- Fine/Performing arts program recognized among the nation's top 25 by the U.S. Department of Education, including a Grammy-award winning music department that is cited as the "best music education program in the country." (2007)

2007 - 2008 STUDENT ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 30, 2007

Senior (Class of 2008): 1,073
Total Student Body: 4,178

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE RATE

Approximately 98% of New Trier's Class of 2008 enrolled in college. Of the Class of 2008, 95% went to four-year bachelor programs and 3% enrolled in two-year college programs.

MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate, New Trier students must have a minimum of 19 credits from courses taken during their high school years. Within these 19 credits, the following subject areas are required:

English - 4 credits (4 years)
Mathematics - 3 credits (3 years)
U.S. History - 1 credit (1 year)
World History - 1 credit (1 year)
Biology - 1 credit (1 year)
Physical Science - 1 credit (1 year)
Kinetic Wellness/Health - 2 credits (4 years)
Driver Education - .25 credit (1 semester) if at NT
Fine and/or Practical Arts (2 semesters)
Consumer Education

SUBJECT LEVEL GROUPING

Subject level ability grouping has been the practice at New Trier for more than 40 years. Four different levels are organized in academic subjects in each course, and Advanced Placement offerings provide a fifth alternative in the upper years. Students may work at different levels in different subjects.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS

808 students took 1922 Advanced Placement Exams in spring 2008.

49% of the scores were 5
32% of the scores were 4
15% of the scores were 3
(96% of the scores were 3 or better, the score typically necessary to receive college credit).
4.0 average score

New Trier typically does not allow sophomores to take AP classes.

New Trier Township High School District 203 does not share student discipline records with post-secondary institutions.

GRADE WEIGHTING AND REPORTING

Grade Weighting System

New Trier offers both weighted and unweighted grade point averages. The weighted average includes only major classes taken at New Trier and counts course grades, depending on level, according to the grade weight grid below. The unweighted average includes all courses, majors and minors, taken at New Trier and counts all grades at the national college preparatory level, New Trier's Level 2.*

Students May Elect Method of Reporting

Students may choose to have their weighted or unweighted grade point average reported to colleges and scholarship agencies. The transcript clearly designates "weighted" or "unweighted."

Grade Weights

	1	2*	3 & 9	4	5
A	3.33	4.00	4.67	5.33	5.67
A-	3.00	3.67	4.33	5.00	5.33
B+	2.67	3.33	4.00	4.67	5.00
B	2.33	3.00	3.67	4.33	4.67
B-	2.00	2.67	3.33	4.00	4.33
C+	1.67	2.33	3.00	3.67	4.00
C	1.33	2.00	2.67	3.33	3.67
C-	1.00	1.67	2.33	3.00	3.33
D+	.67	1.33	2.00	2.33	2.67
D	.33	1.00	1.33	1.67	2.00
D-	.33	.33	.67	1.00	1.33
F	0	0	0	0	0

*This column is used for computing unweighted averages.

Grades for all courses, majors and minors, are included.

This column represents the national college preparatory level.

GPA Ranges (sixth semester Class of 2009)

	Weighted	Unweighted
Highest	5.3725	4.0000
Median	3.8444	3.2632

HIGH SCHOOL COURSES COMPLETED BEFORE ENTERING GRADE NINE

Traditional high school courses taken in middle school (e.g., Algebra I, plane geometry, and modern and classical language courses) are NOT included on the transcripts. Students who begin high school in a second year or higher level course have completed the introductory level(s) successfully before entering ninth grade.

NATIONAL MERIT QUALIFYING TEST

Administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation
Class of 2008 (Data from Fall 2007)

1073 total seniors

57-Letters of Commendation

40-National Merit Semifinalists

36-National Merit Finalists

22-National Merit Scholarship Winners

2-Presidential Scholar Semifinalist

2-National Hispanic Scholar

ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS

2005	325
2006	297
2007	355
2008	392

COLLEGE BOARD AND ACT TESTS

Of the 1,073 seniors in the class of 2008, 1,041 (97%) took either the SAT or the ACT. The mean for New Trier students who complete the ACT examination ranks in the highest ten percent in the nation.

ACT/SAT DATA CLASS OF 2008

ACT

	NT	Illinois	National
Number of Tests	979	143,734	1,421,941
English	27.4	20.4	20.6
Math	27.5	20.7	21.0
Reading	26.8	20.6	21.4
Science Reasoning	25.5	20.5	20.8
Composite	26.9	20.7	21.1

SAT

	NT	Illinois	National
Number of Tests	248	10,288	1,518,859
Critical Reading	628	583	502
Math	655	601	515
Total	1,283	1,184	1,017

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES CLASS OF 2008

	SAT Critical Reading	SAT Math	ACT Composite
1	744	752	33.3
2	683	689	30.7
3	631	647	29.6
4	629	633	28.6
5	601	619	27.6
6	589	611	26.3
7	561	593	26.1
8	530	582	24.9
9	512	563	22.2
10	509	527	20.7

COURSES OFFERED 2008-2009

Department	General Level 1, 2	College Preparatory Level 2	Accelerated Level 3	Honors Level 4	Advanced Placement Level 5	Non-Levelled	
Art			Ceramics 1,2,3 Computer Imaging 1,2,3 Design 1,2,3 Drawing & Painting 1,2,3 Glass Art 1,2,3 Photography 1,2,3,4 Sculpture 1,2,3 Sequential Art & Animation Video Art 1,2,3 Visual Art Studio	History of Art	AP Studio Art	Ceramics 1,2,3 Computer Imaging 1,2,3 Design 1,2,3 Drawing & Painting 1,2,3 Glass Art 1,2,3 Photography 1,2,3,4 Sculpture 1,2,3 Sequential Art & Animation Video Art 1,2,3 Visual Art Studio	
Business Education (including Instructional Technology)		Tech Integration/Apps Computer Apps	3D Multimedia/Anim. Accounting Business Law Business Mgmt Computer Apps Computer Networking CPU Diagnostics Financial Mgmt	Intro to Bus. Multimedia Dev 1,2 Sports/Ent Mktg Tech Integration/ Apps		3D Multimedia/Animation Business Law Computer Apps Computer Networking Consumer Seminar CPU Diagnostics Financial Mgmt Intro to Bus	Multimedia Dev 1,2 Sports/Ent Mktg Tech Integration/Apps Web Design 1,2
English		English 1,2,3,4 Lit & Psychology	Adv Journalism Creative Writing English 1,2,3,4 English 1,3-Team** ESL/English 1,2,3 Film Study	Great Books Humanities Lit & Psychology Myth & Mind Sr Writers Seminar	*AP English 3 English 1,2 English 1,3-Team** Ethics in Lit Global Voices Sr Writers Seminar	AP Lit/Comp	Academic Strategies College Strategies ESL Reading Intro to Journalism Reading Workshop
Kinetic Wellness (Physical and Health Education)			Dance Lab I, II			Adaptive KW Adv. Strength Training Beginning Fr Dance Core & More Dance 1,2,3,4 Dance Lab I,II Health Int/Adv Fr Dance Jazz Dance 3 Kinetic Wellness 1,2	KW Early Bird KW Leaders 1,2 KW Team Block Lifeguard Training Lifeline Lifetime Activities Men's Dance Outdoor Education 1,2 The Fit Female Yoga & Self Defense
Mathematics	Basic Math 1,2	Algebra 1 Algebra 2 College Algebra/Prob & Stats Consumer Math Informal Geometry Plane Geometry Precalculus, College Algebra/Trig	Algebra 1 Algebra 2 Analytic Geometry/ Math Topics Intro to Programming Plane Geometry Precalculus, College Algebra/Trig Senior Math Survey	Algebra 2/College Algebra/Trig Analytic Geometry/ Precalc/Discrete Math *AP Calculus AB *AP Statistics Intro to Programming Plane Geometry	AP Calculus BC AP Computer Sci MV Calculus/ Linear Algebra		
Modern and Classical Languages		Latin 1,2 Spanish 1,2,3,4	Chinese 1,2,3,4,5 French 1,2,3,4,5 French Conversation German 1,2,3,4,5 Hebrew 1,2,3,4,5 Japanese 1,2,3,4,5 Latin 1,2,3,4,5	Spanish 1,2,3,4,5 Spanish Conversation Word Power	Chinese 1,2,3,4,5 French 1,2,3,4 German 1,2,3,4 Hebrew 1,2,3,4,5 Japanese 1,2,3,4,5 Latin 1,2,3,5 Spanish 1,2,3,4	AP French 5 AP German 5 AP Latin 4-Vergil AP Latin 5-Lyric Poetry AP Spanish 5	
Music			Chamber Orchestra Choir-Opera Choraliers Concert Choir Concert Jazz Concert Orchestra Concert Wind Ensemble Fr Boys' Chorus Fr Concert Band Fr Girls' Chorus Fr Jazz Ensemble Fr Orchestra	Jazz Ensemble 1 Lab Jazz Men's Chorus Musettes Music Theory 1 String Orchestra Swing Choir Symphony Orchestra Symph Wind Ensemble Varsity Wind Ensemble	Chamber Orchestra Choir-Opera Concert Choir Jazz Ensemble 1 Music Theory 1,2 Swing Choir Symph Orchestra Symph Wind Ens	Chamber Orchestra Choir-Opera Choraliers Concert Choir Concert Jazz Concert Orchestra Concert Wind Ensemble Fr Boys' Chorus Fr Concert Band Fr Girls' Chorus Fr Jazz Ensemble Fr Orchestra	Jazz Ensemble 1 Lab Jazz Men's Chorus Musettes Music Improvisation Piano/Keyboard String Orchestra Swing Choir Symphony Orchestra Symph Wind Ensemble Varsity Wind Ensemble
Practical Arts <i>Driver Ed, Family & Consumer Science, Technology Education</i>			Architectural Design Adv Electronics Adv Wood & Metal Design Architectural Building Design Architectural Models Automotives Child Development	Comp Aided Design Contemporary Living Creative Cuisine Electronics Engraving Design Gourmet Manufact/Design		Adv Automotives Adv Electronics Adv Wood & Metal Design Architectural Design Architectural Drawing Architectural Building Design Architectural Models Automotives Child Development	Comp Aided Design Contemporary Living Creative Cuisine Driver Education Electronics Engraving Design Gourmet Manufac/Design Technology Lab
Science	Integrated Sci 1,2	Biology Chemistry Env Geoscience Physics	Biology Biology PCB Chemistry Chemistry PCB Computational Sci/ Engineering Env Geoscience Forensic Science Human Anatomy/ Phys Integrated Hist/ Sci-Team** Intro to Science	Marine Bio/Scuba Physics Physics PCB Physics-Team** Zoology	Biology Biology PCB Chemistry Chemistry PCB Computational Sci/ Engineering Env Geoscience Integrated Hist/ Sci-Team** Physics Physics PCB Physics-Team** Science Research	AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environ Science AP Physics B AP Physics C	
Social Studies		Current Issues Geography Modern World Hist US History World History	Economics Geography Integrated Hist/ Sci-Team** Integ Psych/Sociology Law & Justice Modern America Modern World History	Philosophy Pol Sci/Int Relations Popular Culture Psychology US History US History-Team** World History World History-Team**	*AP US History Geography Integrated Hist/ Sci-Team** Modern World History US History-Team** World History World History-Team**	AP Economics AP European Hist AP Political Sci AP Psychology	
Speech & Theatre			Acting Advanced Acting		Advanced Acting Debate Discussion & Debate	Acting Acting Workshop Discussion & Debate Intro to Acting/Improv Intro to TV Broadcasting Media Workshop Public Speaking	Public Speaking Argumentation Radio Practicum Technical Theatre Theatre Technology Theatre Workshop

*Advanced Placement courses earning honors level credit

**interdisciplinary classes

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New Trier High School is a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) and complies with the *NACAC Statement of Principles of Good Practice*.

CHANGE IN REPORTING STUDENT DATA EFFECTIVE FOR THE CLASS OF 2009

Even before the decile reporting system was implemented, the top of the class, middle of the class, and bottom of the class grade point averages have been relatively consistent from year to year, making estimations of the deciles fairly accurate.

New Trier's Board of Education voted to remove the decile rank reporting system effective with the class of 2009. Transcripts now include the weighted or unweighted grade point average. The school profile now provides the highest weighted and unweighted grade point averages for the class as well as the median grade point average, or the grade point average that sits precisely at the middle of the class.

GUIDANCE

New Trier's nationally-recognized faculty advisement system provides a small school atmosphere within a large school of outstanding opportunities. More than 40 percent of the faculty serve as advisers, seeing students daily for 25 minutes with the same group of approximately 25 students. Advisers provide students with consistent and personal guidance throughout their high school years. They also serve as the key contact for parents. Eight post-high school counselors help students plan for higher education and other alternatives after New Trier.

Accreditation:

North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools
Illinois Office of Education

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