

NEW TRIER

HIGH SCHOOL



The Integrated Global Studies School

2013-2014

Profile Addendum

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

The Integrated Global Studies School (IGSS) at New Trier High School is a school-within-a-school developed for self-directed students who are eager to pursue an interdisciplinary and experiential curriculum. Students participate in decision making about their integrated and rigorous course of study and help design experiences that make their learning meaningful, relevant, and engaging. In this smaller school, students become active participants in the global community by applying their learning to complex contemporary issues, both locally and globally.

IGSS students and faculty meet for four consecutive class periods each day (180 minutes), building lessons and activities around the IGSS annual theme. The 2012–13 theme was “The Human Legacy,” and the 2013–14 theme is “Evolution, Revolution, Justice.” Juniors in IGSS receive credit for social studies, English, and science; seniors receive social studies, English, and art credit.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To be considered for enrollment in the Integrated Global Studies School, students must complete an application, submit faculty recommendations, and interview with the IGSS Coordinators. Students are selected from the applicant pool based on evidence of self-direction, strong collaborative skills, and interest in global issues.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

IGSS students meet the same graduation requirements as other New Trier students. Classes taken in IGSS count towards New Trier graduation requirements.

IGSS ENROLLMENT

2012–13: 40 juniors and 36 seniors
2013–14: 36 juniors and 39 seniors

SUBJECT-LEVEL GROUPING

Students in IGSS elect to complete their studies at honors (9) or high honors (4) level in each IGSS subject.

GRADE REPORTING

IGSS students receive extensive narrative evaluations representing their work in each IGSS class, which are an essential component of their New Trier transcripts. In addition, students may request that their narrative evaluations be translated into letter grades.

CLASSES OFFERED INTEGRATED GLOBAL STUDIES SCHOOL 2012–13

Junior Year	Senior Year
IGSS United States History: The U.S. and Its Place in the World	IGSS Social Studies: Global Concerns
IGSS Junior English	IGSS Senior English
IGSS Science: Global Systems	IGSS Art: History, Theory, and Practice

<http://www.newtrier.k12.il.us/igss.aspx>

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