



# The Integrated Global Studies School

2014-2015

## 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, experiential curriculum. Interested students complete a written application and interview with current faculty members and peers. The rigorous, integrated course of study is designed with student input, making 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 local and global.

IGSS students and faculty meet for four consecutive class periods each day (180 minutes), building lessons and activities around the school's annual theme. The 2013-14 theme was "Evolution, Revolution, Justice," and the 2014-15 theme is "Prisoners of Perception." Juniors in IGSS receive credit for social studies, English, and science; seniors receive social studies, English, and fine arts credit. Selected seniors serve on the IGSS Leadership Corps, a student governing body that meets every day to help shape the IGSS curriculum and community.

### 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

2013-14: 36 juniors and 39 seniors

2014-15: 39 juniors and 35 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 2014-15

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