

NEW TRIER HIGH SCHOOL

2009-2010



The Integrated Global Studies School Profile Addendum

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

The Integrated Global Studies School (IGSS) is a new program at New Trier High School that seeks to provide a small-school learning community within the larger school that encourages and facilitates self-directed, interdisciplinary, and experiential learning. Students will participate in decision-making about their integrated and rigorous course of study and will help design experiences which make that learning meaningful, relevant, and engaging. In this smaller school, students will 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 schools' annual theme. For the 2009-2010 school year, this theme is "Our Relationship with the Planet". Students receive credit for Social Studies, English, Science, and, in future years, a variety of elective courses.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

IGSS ENROLLMENT

2009-10: 35 juniors and seniors
2010-11 (Projected): 80-100 juniors and seniors

SUBJECT LEVEL GROUPING/GRADE REPORTING

Students in the IGSS select to complete their studies at regular (9) or honors (4) level. As an essential part of the New Trier transcript, IGSS students receive extensive written assessments representing their work in each IGSS class. In addition, students may request a letter grade.

COURSES OFFERED (2009-2010)

Junior Year	Senior Year
The United States and its Place in the World (IGSS US History)	IGSS Global Concerns
Integrated Global Junior English	Integrated Global Senior English
Integrated Global Science	Integrated Global Science

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