



Class of 2029 Course Selection Procedures

Course requests must be submitted in PowerSchool by 3:30 pm, February 20th
Helpline (847) 784-7548

*Follow these steps in planning your student's course selections using the
Course Selection Worksheet*

Step #1 Choose Your Student's Adviser Room Option

Students must choose **Single-gender, Mixed-gender or No-preference** for their four-year adviser room assignment. You will receive confirmation of your choice in May. If you selected **No-preference**, you will be notified in May of your student's placement in a Mixed-gender or Single-gender adviser room. ***Please discuss this choice with your student.*** We are unable to change adviser rooms once we have created the groupings of 25 students in early June.

Step #2 Select Core Academics

Students must select either four or five core academic courses. English and Math are required for all freshmen. Other core academic courses are Science, Modern Classical Language and Social Studies. All freshman courses (including electives) are **year-long courses**.

Step #3 Select Levels

Review the level recommendations for each of the core academic courses. The recommendations represent our best judgment of the level at which your student will be successful. These recommendations are based on sender-school teacher feedback, the student profile, the student self-assessment and the CTP5 placement test scores. **The last digit of the course number tells you the level of the class (2, 3, 4, or 9) or whether the course is for elective credit (8).** Please see the Program of Studies description of levels included with your placement recommendations.

Change-of-Level Information

- New Trier policy allows parents and students to choose their course levels based on the recommendations in your student's placement report.
- You DO NOT need to contact New Trier or complete special paperwork for a level change.
- A student that changes levels is expected to remain in the course through the first quarter.
- Any class changes that occur during the semester are at the discretion of the teacher and are based on available space in courses. The space available may be in a different period and require multiple classes to be moved in your student's schedule.
- Level-change requests within the given parameters received after the class selection deadline and prior to the first day of school will be dependent on space in a course.
- We do not recommend moving levels in more than 3 courses. We will contact you for further discussion if you move your student in 4 or more courses.
- If you wish to make level changes, please review the level descriptions from the Program of Studies included with your student's placement recommendations.

Change-of-Level Constraints

- Requests for changes from level 2 to level 4 are not permitted.
- Requests from 2 Co-Taught to 3 level are not permitted.
- Changes from 2 Co-Taught to 9 level require department approval.
- If there is a note on your student's placement report that says "World Studies is not recommended" please do NOT register for this class. Please contact us if you have further questions.



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In math and foreign language, you may not change the year of the course, just the level.

- Mathematics: If we recommend Geometry, you may not select Algebra 1. Conversely, if we recommend Algebra 1, you may not select Geometry. The math course placement (not level) comes from the sender-school teacher. Please contact them with questions regarding math course placement.
- MCL: If we recommend 2nd year Spanish, you may not select 1st year Spanish, but you may request to change the level of 2nd year Spanish or select another first-year language. Conversely, if we recommend 1st year Spanish, you may not select 2nd year Spanish.

Step #4 Select Kinetic Wellness Class Option

Kinetic Wellness is required for all freshmen. However, you may choose between Kinetic Wellness 1 or a combined Kinetic Wellness 1/ Dance Course.

Step #5 Select Elective Courses

Students are encouraged to explore their interests by selecting an elective course. All elective courses are year-long courses. Northfield chorus can be scheduled opposite a science course as a half block. Students can also enroll in jazz band opposite a science course as a half block but they **must also enroll in either freshman band or orchestra**. If your student has a busy extracurricular schedule, they can wait to take an elective course until sophomore year and may benefit from an extra study hall.

Important things to consider as you make your student's schedule:

- Science takes two blocks in the schedule. Students will have a study hall three times per week opposite their science lecture for a half block. *Study hall will be added to a student's schedule by New Trier, and you do not need to select it in PowerSchool.*
- If you select the World Studies - English/History Team course, please select both World Studies English-T and World Studies History-T classes. World Studies satisfies requirements for Freshman English and World History. *This course takes two periods.*
- If you select the Geometry/Design and Construction Team course, please select both Geometry -T (Math) and Design & Construction (Applied Arts) classes. *This course takes two periods.*
- Students who have an unassigned period in their schedule will be assigned a study hall by New Trier.
- If your student has an active IEP, you should choose Resource Seminar in your student's schedule. This class meets for a half block.
- All students must have a lunch period. This will be added to your student's schedule by New Trier. **Lunch is embedded in the schedule and does NOT take up one of the eight blocks.**

Step #6 Submit Course Requests in Power School

Course Requests are due Thursday, February 20th by 3:30 pm. Families should log into their Power School account and navigate to Class Registration in the left navigation panel. Follow the instructions to enter your student's Adviser Room selection and courses. When you have made your student's selections, click **Submit**. You may only submit course requests once. You **will not** receive confirmation but can view the courses requested under Class Registration and View Requests in the left navigation panel.

**The Course Selection Helpline is available for all your questions!
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