

# Gifted Directed Study

Write a novel, study architecture, develop a portfolio, build a robot, research Vikings, analyze comic books, design a video game; fully geek out!

Directed Study is a very flexible academic elective that allows students to spend time working on their passion! Modeling many colleges' independent studies or research courses, **Directed Study allows students to choose their own subject of study and design their own goals and coursework.** DS students complete a contract during the first week of the semester, tying course objectives to the TAG standards.

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## Things to consider when planning a Directed Study:

1. **TOPIC:** If your selected topic is related to your magnet discipline, then TAG Directed Study can count as Magnet Credit pending a conference with Mr. Landreau.
2. **ADVISOR:** If you will need specific guidance for your subject matter, it is your responsibility to obtain an advising teacher. The advising teacher can help you problem solve or manage discipline-specific material. The advisor is NOT the teacher, and will not grade work.
3. **MATERIALS:** You might only need a laptop, but some projects can get expensive quickly. NSHS cannot purchase materials for you, so plan ahead! Materials should also include any texts or online courses you might need, as well as appropriate space on campus (you can't grow mold in most classrooms! )

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## Example Project Ideas

**Most projects fall into one of three categories: Research, Creation, or Analysis**

### Research

Easley wrote a literature review on racism in obstetrics

Maddie & Kerry conducted a formal scientific experiment

Anabelle researched green architecture to prepare to design a building

### Creation

Konrad built a forge and learned blacksmithing

Alma wrote the first draft of a novel

Nancy designed a solo art show of her paintings

Ohad wrote a computer program & built an app

### Analysis

Victoria watched S1 of Grey's Anatomy & analyzed the medical advice for accuracy

George completed a book study

Vince analyzed the video game of the year to determine what made it popular