



Class of 2030
New Trier 101 FAQ

Homework: What is New Trier's homework philosophy? (much of this information is from the Program of Studies)

- Homework is integral to engagement and success in New Trier's rigorous curriculum. With homework comes a shared responsibility among students, families, faculty, and administration to manage the effect of homework on students' ability to maintain a healthy and balanced life.
- New Trier teachers use their professional judgment in assigning homework that complements the learning objectives of the various courses. It is to be expected that there will be variation in the type, frequency, and amount of homework in different courses.

Technology/Devices: What technology/device(s) do students use and how are they managed at school? Can students access social media, video games, etc? Can students access their phone during the day?

- Students use iPads as their primary academic technology resources primarily for:
 - Canvas: how teachers provide students with resources such as reading materials, assignments, quizzes, and grades. Teachers communicate directly to students through Canvas in the form of announcements or messages. *While parents can have access to Canvas, its use is primarily for students.*
 - Ebooks - many textbooks are ebooks. Students can read, bookmark, and annotate within these ebooks.
 - Other academic apps - students will have access to school approved apps through self service on their iPad. Families will receive information about iPad purchase and orientation sign up in May.
 - Devices can only be used during class when the teacher approves usage. The New Trier iPad restricts what apps students can add to them, and New Trier has an internet filter.
- Students are not permitted to use phones during class. Phones are placed in a caddy when students enter each class.
- *Tech Resources for NT Families* can be found under *Parents* on the New Trier website.

PowerSchool: Can parents access assignments/grades through PowerSchool?

- Families use Power School to report absences and complete many school forms. PowerSchool provides each family access to student attendance, grades, and class schedules.

How will I receive communication from school?

- ParentSquare is New Trier's all-in-one communication platform for parents and guardians. It allows you to receive updates, choose how and when you're notified (email, text, or app), access translations, search messages, and add events to your calendar. We encourage you to sign up to customize notifications and access all messages in one place.

Payments: How do students pay for lunches, class trip fees, etc.?

- Payments for lunches, dances, and other school fees can be made through RevTrak - New Trier's online payment system. RevTrak can be found on the NT website under "Quick Links"

Transportation: How do freshmen get to school?

- Freshman can get to school on the PACE Bus, the school bus, on the shuttle from the Winnetka Campus, dropped off by a parent, walking, or biking.
- The transportation page on the New Trier website is a resource for schedules and services: <https://www.newtrier.k12.il.us/transportation>
- Families will receive information about transportation in late May.

School Supplies: How do the students know which school supplies they will need for each class?

- On the first day of class, teachers will provide students with a list of supplies needed for their class.
- Books can be purchased from the [New Trier Bookstore](#). Educare operates the New Trier Book Store and purchases can be made on-line or in person. You will receive information in the summer about purchasing books.
- All Ebooks must be purchased through The New Trier Book Store.

Lunch: What are the lunch options at the Northfield Campus?

- The cafeteria run by Quest Food Service has a variety of options each day for both breakfast and lunch. Some students choose to bring their lunch.
- The kitchens are not allergy free, though allergens are listed. If your student has an allergy, they should speak to a food service manager if they want to purchase food safely.

Summer: Is there anything for students to prepare during the summer?

- Every student will have a required summer reading book and assignment. Families will receive this information in early June. Summer reading information will be available on the website under "*Academics and English*" There is no need to do the reading before August.
- In July, your student will receive a communication from their adviser and the Bridge Builder for their adviser room. The Bridge Builder is a junior or senior student who will be in their Adviser Room for the first semester to help with the transition to high school.
- *After the Academics* will be held on May 4th at 6:00 pm in the Northfield Gyms. After the Academics is an open house where students can learn about all of the extracurricular activities available at New Trier.

We used to ask our homeroom teacher all the questions we did not know. Where do I go now?

- Your student's adviser should be your first point of contact with questions. They will help facilitate your student's transition to New Trier and will keep you apprised of important information as the year progresses.
- The New Trier Website is the best resource for information. Everything from club opportunities, bell schedules, curriculum requirements and more is on the website. The website is <https://www.newtrier.k12.il.us>.
- *Parent University* can be accessed under *Parents* on the New Trier webpage. There are many educational resources on this page that may be helpful for you and your student.