



# Welcome to Grade 9

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# Class of 2024!

- 30 credits
  - 18 compulsory (4 English, 3 Math, 2 Science, etc.)
  - 12 elective (Ceramics, Law, Biology, Ancient History, etc.)
- 40 hours community involvement
- Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

# Community Involvement

- Students begin community involvement hours this July
- Students must ensure their 40 hours of service is eligible
- Students should plan to finish 40 hours by the end of Grade 10

# What is eligible for community involvement?

- The organization should be community-based or not-for-profit
- The activity should be something for which a person is not normally paid
- Check [www.hwdsb.on.ca/cih](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/cih) for more information

# Examples of Eligible/Ineligible Activities

<b>ELIGIBLE</b>	<b>INELIGIBLE</b>
Timekeeping a high school sport	Work an extra shift at McDonald's for "free"
Volunteering at a hospital	Filing at a doctor's office
Teaching language at a cultural school on Saturdays	Helping an elderly neighbour clean up their yard
Reading program at the library	Working with uncle renovating basements
Shovelling snow for a senior who is registered with "Snow Angels"	Teaching martial arts/dance to small kids who pay for lessons
Taking tickets at Hamilton WingFest	Volunteering at a pharmacy because it's a future career

# Literacy Test (Grade 10)

- Students are tested in March of their Grade 10 year
- Preparation starts in Grade 9 by writing a practice test under identical conditions they will face in Grade 10
- Ancaster High School has a very high success rate on the Literacy Test

# Planning 30 Credits

<b>GRADE 9</b>	<b>GRADE 10</b>	<b>GRADE 11</b>	<b>GRADE 12</b>
English	English	English	English
Math	Math	Math	Elective
Science	Science	Elective	Elective
French	History	Elective	Elective
Geography	Civics/Careers	Elective	Elective
Gym	Elective	Elective	Elective
Art	Elective	Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective



# Career Cruising/Individual Pathway Planner

Students access their I.P.P. two times per year to explore careers and track courses

The screenshot displays the Career Cruising website interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the logo "Career Cruising" on the left, and links for "Français", "Help", and "My Account" on the right. A search bar contains the text "Careers, schools and more...". Below the header, a user profile section shows a dropdown menu with "Sample01" and "My IPP" selected. Navigation tabs include "Assessments", "Careers", "Education", and "Employment". A secondary navigation bar contains "My IPP", "Build My Resume", "Share My IPP", and "Print My IPP".

The main content area features a user profile for "Sample01 Grade08" at "Ancaster High School" in "Ancaster, Ontario". A "My Progress" indicator shows a green bar at 17% completion. Below the profile is a sidebar with a list of navigation options: "My Assessments", "My Careers", "My Education", "My Course Plan", "My Goals & Plans", "My Activities & Experiences", "My Assignments & Activities", "My Journal", and "My Advisement Log".

The main content area also includes a "My Assessments" section with a "Career Matchmaker" tool (updated Apr. 7, 2014) and a "Learning Styles Inventory" tool. Below these are three columns for "My Saved Careers", "My Saved Schools", and "My Saved Programs", each with a brief description and a "Find" button.

# Organization of High School Courses

- Student take four courses per semester
- There are two semesters per year
- Some students go to summer school for personal, strategic reasons

		Total
Grade 9	8 courses	8
Grade 10	8 courses	16
Grade 11	8 courses	24
Grade 12	6 courses + 2 study periods	30

## Designing the Eight-Credit Year

Semester 1	Semester 2
English	Exploring Technologies
Phys. Ed.	French
Math	Science
Visual Art	Geography

# Compulsory Grade 9 Credits

- English
- Math
- Science
- Geography
- French
- Health & Physical Education (3 choices)
- Art (3 choices)
- Elective (3 choices)

## Health and Physical Education (3 Choices)

- Healthy Active Living (male or female)  
OR
- Hockey Focused Course (co-ed)  
OR
- Sport Performance Training Course (co-ed)
  - Focus skills in basketball and volleyball only
  - Some soccer to promote cardiovascular fitness

# Art and Elective

We Recommend that Students Take One Course from Each Column

Art*	Elective*
Visual Art	Information Technology (Computers for Business)
Dramatic Art	Exploring Technologies
Instrumental Music**	Food and Nutrition

*\*\*students who join the school band and attend class before school can acquire an extra credit in Repertoire Music*

# Selecting Levels

## Academic

- Develop knowledge and skills with emphasis on *theory* and *abstract thinking*
- Designed for the student who has mastered the grade 8 curriculum
- Often these students are heading to university or college after high school

## Succeeding in Academic

- Students will learn at a **quick pace**
- Students must be well organized and **meet due dates**
- **Homework** is an expectation each night
- **Independent work** is very important
- **Studying** for tests is critical
- The details are given a greater importance



# Enriched

- Available only in English and Mathematics
- **Same curriculum** as Academic courses - write the **same assessments**
- **Same course credit** as the Academic course (*ENG1D1* or *MPM1D1*)
- Students explore and investigate **extensions** to the Academic curriculum
- Enriched courses are well-suited for students who:
  - have a passion for the subject
  - who are identified as “gifted”
  - **interested in the I.B. Diploma Program**

# Applied

- Develop knowledge and skills with emphasis on *practical applications*
- Students are often heading to an apprenticeship or college diploma program after high school

## Success in Applied

- **More time** to work with concepts before moving on
- Teachers spend time **reviewing**
- **More teacher guidance**, less independent work
- Homework is expected, but there will be fewer hours needed
- Less focus on details, more focus is on **understanding**

# Locally Developed

- Students aren't ready for the Grade 9 curriculum in that area
- After completing a Locally Developed Course, students can
  - move to the grade 9 applied level course
  - continue with the workplace destination pathway
- Often students head directly to the world of work or pursue an apprenticeship after high school

## Choosing the Best Fit

- Success in Grade 9 is the most important
- Select the course level that suits your **current** learning style and work habits
- Students can select Academic, Enriched, Applied, or Locally Developed levels for different courses
- Changing levels is possible

# Registration Form



## STUDENT REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION FORM

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE USE:  
 Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Room: \_\_\_\_\_  
 OEN: \_\_\_\_\_ Student #: \_\_\_\_\_

Welcome to Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB). To register, the legal parent or guardian for the student if 16-17 years old and self-supporting or 18+ years old is required to provide information to the school by completing this form. Please ensure that you complete all sections and provide the school with all of the original documentation required.

### Notice of Collection and Use of Personal Information

Information on this form is collected under the legal authority of the education Act and in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA). It will be used to establish the Ontario Student Record (OSR), and for student and education related purposes such as registration, administration, communication, data reporting, and Student Transportation Services. Student information such as name, date of birth, and contact information is released to the Regional Health Units in accordance with the Health Protection and Promotion Act and the Immunization of School Pupils Act. Student information is used by the Ontario Ministry of Education and by EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office) for education related purposes. Questions or concerns should be directed to the school principal.

FULL LEGAL NAME OF STUDENT TO BE REGISTERED:  
 LAST: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST: \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE: \_\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT ENROLMENT SUMMARY

PREFERRED NAME (if different from above)	SEX: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	BIRTH DATE - MM/DD/YYYY	Student is self-supporting minor (age 16-17) or age 18+? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
MAIN PHONE # (the number the school will call first)	Did student attend a school in HWDSB in the past? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Is student currently expelled from previous school? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Does student have an IEP (Individual Education Plan)? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
PREVIOUS SCHOOL DETAILS (School Name, Board Name, Location, Phone Number)			Does student have a serious medical condition? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
STUDENT STATUS: Canadian Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Refugee <input type="checkbox"/> Visa Student <input type="checkbox"/> Other Visa <input type="checkbox"/> E-Learning Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (specify): _____			PREVIOUS COUNTRY/PROVINCE OF RESIDENCE (if outside ON): _____
NAMES AND GRADES OF SIBLINGS IN THIS BOARD LIVING AT THE SAME ADDRESS:			

ADDRESS: Apt./Unit _____	House or Street Number _____	Street Name _____	City/Town _____	Postal Code _____
Mailing Address (if different from above)			Does student have: Safe Intervention Plan? <input type="checkbox"/>	If applicable, when did student enter grade 1? _____
Has student passed the Ontario Literacy Test (Grade 12)? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>			Behaviour Support Plan? <input type="checkbox"/>	Impairment <input type="checkbox"/>
How many hours of Community Service has student completed (high school only)? _____			OFFICE: Proof of Address: _____ OSR/Parent Source Document: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Boundaries <input type="checkbox"/> Consent to Release info: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

### PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND CUSTODY INFORMATION

CUSTODY ARRANGEMENTS: (if a court order is in place limiting access to the student, please produce document for copying at the school)

Both Parents Together  Joint  Sole (one parent)  Crown Ward  Foster Care  Other

If student is in the care of Children's Aid, please provide agency name, supervisor name and contact information:

SURNAME OF LEGAL PARENT / GUARDIAN	RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT	LIVES WITH STUDENT Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
ADDRESS (if different from student)		Is there a court order in place to prevent this parent/guardian from accessing the student? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		E-MAIL ADDRESS (only if you consent to receive emails from the school)

ALL RELEVANT PHONE NUMBERS: (if different from main phone above, specify cell/work/home, etc. where applicable)

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME

If this is a blended family household, please provide the name of step-parent(s)/step: Please also provide relevant phone numbers if applicable.

Does this parent(s)/step-parent have permission to:  
 Pick the student up from school? Yes  No   
 Receive information about the student from school? Yes  No

# Course Selection Sheet

## ANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL - Grade 9 Option Sheet 2018 – 2019

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Current Elementary School: \_\_\_\_\_

Students in Grade 9 will take 8 courses. There are 6 compulsory courses and 2 elective courses. Students in Grade 9 will choose from Academic, Applied, Enriched, Locally Developed and Open courses.

Please circle the appropriate course code for each of the following 6 compulsory courses.

Course	Enriched	Academic	Applied	Locally Developed	Open	Teacher Recommendation
1. English	ENG1D1E	ENG1D1*	ENG1P1*	ENG1L1		1E / 1D / 1P / 1L (Please circle one)
2. Mathematics	MPM1D1E	MPM1D1*	MPM1P1*	MAT1L1		1E / 1D / 1P / 1L (Please circle one)
3. Science		SNC1D1*	SNC1P1*	SNC1L1		1D / 1P / 1L (Please circle one)
4. French		FSF1D1*	FSF1P1*	FSF1O1		1D / 1P / 1O (Please circle one)
5. Geography		CGC1D1*	CGC1P1*			1D / 1P (Please circle one)
6. Healthy Active Living (Physical Education)					PPL1O1F (female) PPL1O1M (male) or PAL1O1H (today focus) or PAL1O1 (sport performance)	

Please circle 2 elective courses from the following list NOTE: ONE ARTS credit is compulsory in grade 9 or 10

ARTS credits – choose 1	OTHER ELECTIVES – choose 1
ADA1O1 – Dramatic Arts	BTT1O1* – Business Information Technology
AVI1O1 – Visual Arts	HPN1O1 – Food and Nutrition
AMU1O1 – Instrumental Music	LVLBD1 – Latin
AMV1O1 – Vocal Music	
AMR1O1 – Music Repertoire: Students who selected Instrumental Music may also select Music Repertoire. Students must consent to Repertoire all year to earn this credit!	TU1O1 – Exploring Technology

\* Indicates courses that are also available through eLearning – contact Ancaster High School Student Services for registration information.

### SCHOOL FEE SECTION:

All registrants must submit the Student Activity Fee. The Yearbook Prepayment is optional. Students are requested to use "School Cash Order" to pay fees. If "School Cash Order" is unavailable for you, please include total fees on one cheque made payable to Ancaster High School.

STUDENT CARD/ACTIVITY FEE \$20.00 (required)

YEARBOOK PREPAYMENT \$40.00 (optional)

TOTAL FEES PAID: \_\_\_\_\_ Method of Payment: School Cash Online  cheque

Signatures: Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Use Only:  
Elementary Principal's Comments:

Exceptional Student: \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Elementary Principal's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## International Baccalaureate (I.B.) Diploma

- Ancaster High offers the two year I.B. Diploma Program, starting in Grade 11
- Students are granted BOTH an O.S.S.D. and an I.B. Diploma when they graduate
- To prepare for this Grade 11/12 program, students should take Grade 9 & 10 Enriched English and Enriched Math



# Planning for I.B.

- Students will meet with their Guidance Counsellor next year to carefully choose courses for grade 10
- Students must take:
  - Grade 10 Enriched Math
  - Grade 10 Enriched English
  - Grade 11 Pre-I.B. Math
- Parents should contact the I.B. Co-ordinator for more information: Mr. Taylor (dtaylor@hwdsb.on.ca)

## Specialist High Skills Major

Ancaster High has three of these programs:

- Aviation and Aerospace
- Information and Communication Technology
- Hospitality and Tourism

# Aviation and Aerospace

- Begins in grade 11
- We recommend Technology courses in Grade 9 and 10 to prepare
- Helps students prepare for careers in the aviation industry
- Students can plan for an apprenticeship, college diploma, university degree, or head directly to the workplace from this program

# Information and Communication Technology

- Begins in grade 11
- We recommend Technology, Business, or “Computer” courses in Grade 9 and 10 to prepare
- This program helps students prepare for careers in the Business or Media Industry
- Students can plan for an apprenticeship, college diploma, university degree, or head directly to the workplace from this program

# Hospitality and Tourism

- Begins in grade 11
- We recommend Family Studies and Business courses in Grade 9 and 10 to prepare
- This program helps students prepare for careers in the Hospitality/Tourism sector
- Students can plan for an apprenticeship, college diploma, university degree, or head directly to the workplace from this program

# Clubs at Ancaster High - Get Involved!

- Student Council – planning our school year
- Art club – making the world more beautiful
- Econinjas – a better environment for all
- H.O.P.E. – volunteering & helping others
- D.E.C.A. – provincial, national and international competitions
- G.A.A. and B.A.A. – athletics and community

# Sports

- Girls and boys teams in LOTS of sports!
- Grade 9/10 sports in:
  - Cross-country, basketball, soccer, volleyball, football, hockey, water polo, tennis, track and field...and more!

# Next Steps

- Grade 8 teachers make recommendations on levels
- Course selection & registration sheets go home
- Sheets must be signed by parents and returned to your homeroom teacher in February
- Ancaster High counsellors return in February to help you enter course selections into Career Cruising



# Activity Fees

- \$20.00 Activity Fee
- Yearbook pre-order is \$40.00 (this is a guaranteed lowest price for a yearbook)
- Fees are paid through SchoolCashOnline
  - Contact Ancaster High School – Student Services for help with this

Questions?