



Ancaster High School

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To Whom It May Concern:

Ancaster High School is a publicly funded secondary school drawing students from the town of Ancaster, Ontario and the surrounding rural area. The majority of Ancaster High graduates who apply to university are accepted. Last year, 85% of our university applicants accepted offers of admission to a university. Approximately 85% of our graduating students pursue a post-secondary education.

To meet Ontario Secondary School Diploma requirements, students must achieve 30 credits (18 compulsory and 12 elective credits), pass the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, and complete 40 hours of community service. There are no standardized tests or external examinations that students must write in order to apply to university or college. Our courses are not designated as honours, accelerated or advanced. Students applying to degree programs at a university or college must complete a minimum of six grade 12 courses at the university (U) or university/college (M) levels. The designation appears as the fourth and fifth character in the course codes on transcripts. For example, AAA**4U**1, or AAA**4M**1.

Within our grading system we do not weight courses or calculate a GPA. When we are requested to rank students, we give an approximation of their standing within their graduating class based on their previous year's achievement. Each course is given a percentage grade with the following letter equivalency:

Percentage Grade	Letter Grade	Level
80 – 100	A	4
70 – 79	B	3
60 – 69	C	2
50 – 59	D	1
Below 50	F	

In Ontario, admission averages for degree programs are calculated using the top six **4U** or **4M** courses, including the required courses for each program. Students with averages of 80% or higher in six grade 12 courses are considered Ontario Scholars. Approximately 40% of our graduating students receive this distinction. Our students rank well above the provincial standards for admission to post-secondary.

If you require additional information, please contact me at snichols@hwdsb.on.ca.

Sincerely,

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