

Welcome to Grade 9



January 2022

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Getting Ready for Grade 9

1. Did you join us for Grade 7/8 Night on January 11? (Fun!)
2. Did you attend the Board's Grade 9 Option Night presentation?
 - January 26 at 6 p.m. www.hwdsb.info/HS-courses
3. **Watch this presentation (Keep Going!)**
4. Have a copy of the Grade 9 Option Sheet nearby. Go to www.hwdsb.on.ca/ancasterhigh/student-services/grade8 if you need a copy
5. Choose 8 or 9* courses (**Repertoire students only*)
6. Keep your choices safe until your Grade 8 teacher tells you Xello is ready on February 8
7. Log into Xello via The Hub and officially choose your courses (*don't forget Step #6*)
8. Families outside HWDSB must download a special option sheet & registration form and e-mail it to kmoon@hwdsb.on.ca. Xello is not be available to families outside HWSDDB until Grade 9

**GRADE 9 OPTION SHEET for the 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

*For students currently enrolled at Ancaster Meadows, Frank Panabaker, Mount Hope, Spring Valley, or Tiffany Hills. Out-of-catchment families: please go to www.hwdsb.on.ca/ancasterhigh/student-services/grade8 for a special version of this sheet and instructions on how to submit

STEPS

- Please use this sheet to plan the eight courses you will be taking in Grade 9. Students who enroll in AMR1O1 – Repertoire Music will obtain a ninth credit
- Keep this option sheet in a safe place until it's time to enter courses into Xello, starting February 8. Instructions on how to access Xello through HWDSB's Hub are available from your teacher and on our website www.hwdsb.on.ca/ancasterhigh/student-services/grade8

1. Please circle all five courses below. All Grade 9's take the same five courses.

COMPULSORIES (Choose All Five)					
ENG1D1 English		FSF1D1 French		CGC1D1 Geography	
				MTH1W1 Math	
					SNC1W1 Science

2. Please circle three more courses below:

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (Choose One)			
PPL1O1F Healthy Active Living, Identifies as Female	PPL1O1M Healthy Active Living, Identifies as Male	PAL1O1 Healthy Active Living – Large Group Activities [Sport Performance, All Genders]	PAD1O1 Healthy Living & Outdoor Activities [Hockey, All Genders]

ART (Choose One or Two if Also Taking Repertoire)			
AVI1O1 Visual Art	ADA1O1 Drama	AMU1O1 Music	AMR1O1 Repertoire (Students meet before school)

ELECTIVE (Choose One)		
BTT1O1 Information & Communication Technology (Computer Software for Business)	HFN1O1 Food and Nutrition	TUJ1O1 Exploring Technologies

Need Help?

Please ask your Grade 8 teacher, consult our website www.hwdsb.on.ca/ancasterhigh/student-services/grade8, or reach out to your future guidance counsellor at Ancaster High:

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Guidance Counsellors

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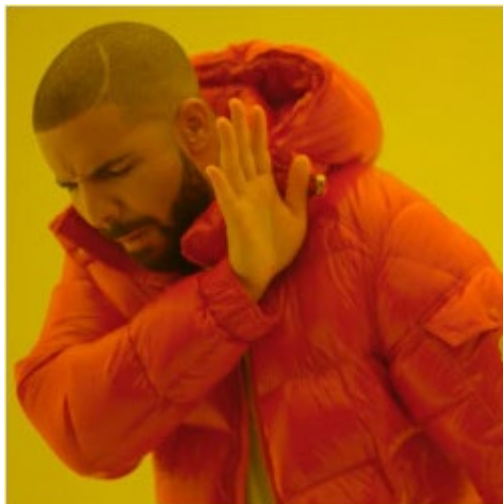
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Grade 9's Take 8 Courses

CHOOSE 2 We call these “electives”	CHOOSE 1	TAKE ALL 5 We call these “compulsories”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drama, Music, Visual Art • Business, Food, Tech 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Education (3 kinds!) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • French • Geography • Math • Science

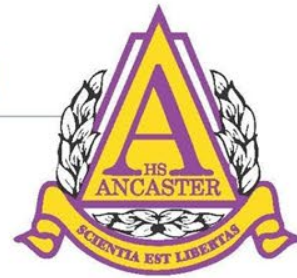


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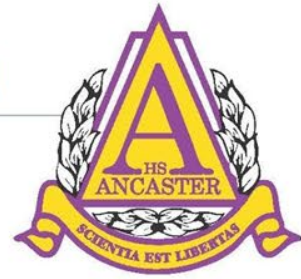




Choosing Two Electives

The two electives we encourage are:

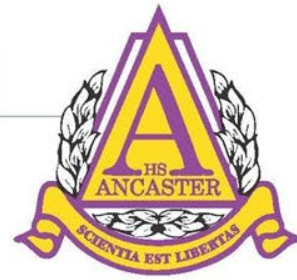
- one **Arts** credit (Drama, Music, Visual Art)
- one **other** elective (Business, Food, Technology)



Dramatic Arts – ADA101

Join the Drama Club or a production too!



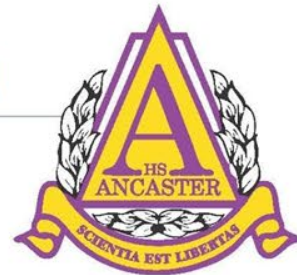


Visual Arts – AVI101

After grade 9, students can focus in:

- Arts & Crafts
- Ceramics
- Drawing & Painting
- Digital Media Art

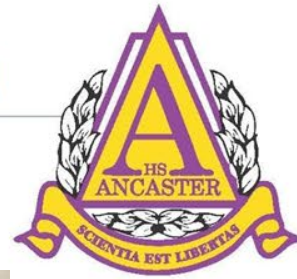




Instrumental Music – AMU101

- Take instrumental music
- Get an extra credit with repertoire/concert band
 - AMR101

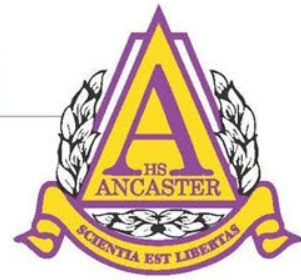




Food and Nutrition – HFN101

Grade 9 Food & Nutrition is just one part of our Family Studies program

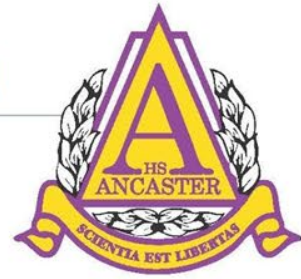




Exploring Technology – TIJ101

- This course allows students to explore these areas:
- Woodworking, Manufacturing, Design, Transportation, & Communication
- Students can focus in one of these in Grade 10





Business Information Technology (Computers) – BTT101

- Word processing (Word)
- Spreadsheets (Excel)
- Database management (Access)
- Presentations (PowerPoint)
- Desktop publishing (Publisher)
- Web page design (HTML)





Choosing Physical Education - 3 Choices!

- Healthy Active Living – Identifies as Female or Identifies as Male (PPL1O1F/PPL1O1M)
- Healthy Active Living – Large Group Activities [Sport Performance, All Genders] – PAL1O1
 - Basketball and volleyball skills only
 - Some soccer for cardio
- Healthy Living & Outdoor Activities [Hockey, All Genders] – PAL1O1H





NHL and OHL Pedigree!

Our Hockey teacher:

- Mr. Ryan Lounsbury, Skating Coach for the **NHL Vancouver Canucks!**



The **Hamilton Bulldogs** attend Ancaster High!





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English

Our English teachers are always trying new things!

Compete in our poetry contests!





French

Our French classes are more than reading and writing – students get involved!



Nous avons donné une phrase en français à M. Nicholson, mais il ne comprend pas. Il est terrible en français.

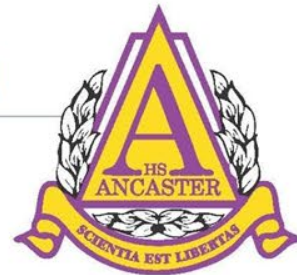


Canadian Geography

More than a course just about maps

- Join the “Econinjas”!





Math

- Our Math-letes are some of the best
- Challenge yourself by competing in math contests such as Cayley, Fermat, Euclid...
- Some students take five Math courses for their post-secondary program – talk to your counsellor next year!





Science

Students specialize in Grade 11:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics





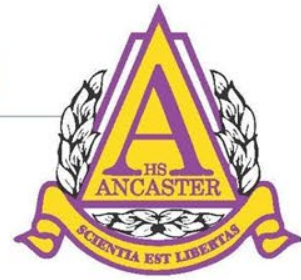
Special Programs

Grade 11 & 12

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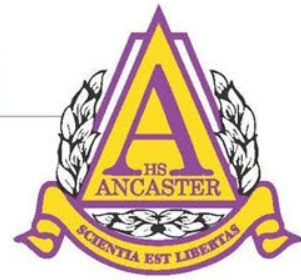


Specialist High Skills Major in Manufacturing

Careers

- Engineer
- Machinist
- Welder
- Industrial Designer
- Technologist



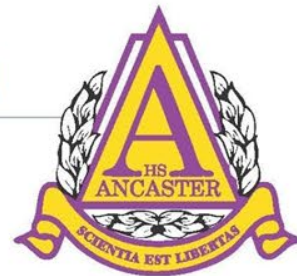


Specialist High Skills Major in Hospitality

Careers

- Hospitality industry

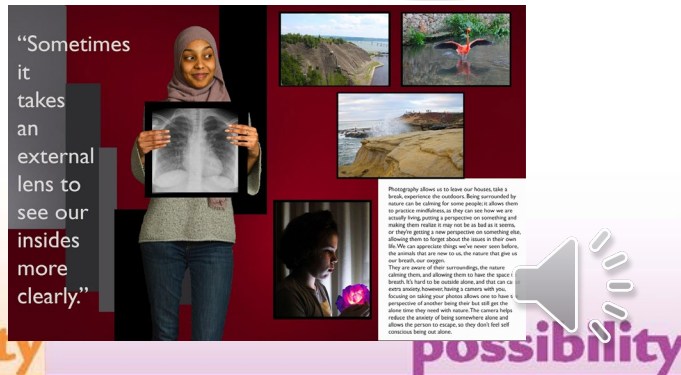
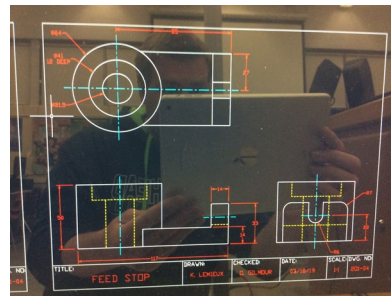




Specialist High Skills Major in Information & Communication Technology

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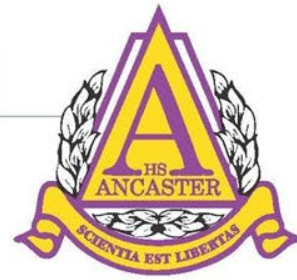
- Programming
- Network Security
- Technological Design
- Media



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International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

- Students must complete MCR3U1 (Functions) before the start of IB
- IB does not offer Physics or things like Technological Design or Computer Science
- Talk to your guidance counsellor in Grade 9!





What is I.B.?

- A challenging two-year curriculum (Grade 11 and 12)
- Includes studying up to six subjects
- Provides a global perspective with cross-cultural understanding
- Leads to a qualification recognized by the world's universities
- Students graduate with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma as well as the IB Diploma
- *E-mail the IB Coordinator Mr. Taylor at dtaylor@hwdsb.on.ca*



Important Dates Ahead

- February 8 – March 4, 2022
 - Grade 8 students enter options into Xello
- March 11 – March 25
 - Parents/guardians approve course choices in Parent Portal

COURSE PLANNER



Required

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)**30** Credits left**0** / 30

Requirements

All Requirements



Credits



Earned



Planned



Remaining

Suggestions

GRADE 9

0 Credits

Add English 9
1 cr.

Add Math 9

GRADE 10

0 Credits

Add English 10
1 cr.

Add Math 10

GRADE 11

0 Credits

Add English 11
1 cr.

Add Math 11

GRADE 12

0 Credits

Add English 12
1 cr.

Add Elective 12

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Questions?

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4. Please direct questions about specialized services (exceptional and non-exceptional IEP's) to Ms. Baker at dbaker@hwdsb.on.ca