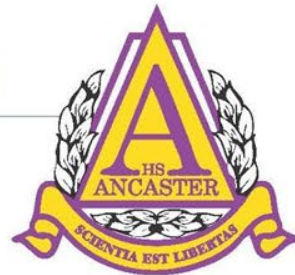


# Welcome to Grade 9



*January 2023*

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### Who We Are

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Guidance Counsellor (Last Names H-N)



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Student Success Teacher





## GRADE 9 OPTION SHEET for the 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

- ✓ Please use this sheet to plan 8 courses for Grade 9. This is for planning only and is not being collected.
- ✓ Choices will be entered into Xello with Ancaster High support in February. We are coming back to help!

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. All grade 9 students take the same **FIVE** compulsory courses below:

COMPULSORIES (Take 5)				
ENL1W1 (English)	FSF1D1 (French)	CGC1D1 (Geography)	MTH1W1 (Math)	SNC1W1 (Science)

2. Please choose your top **THREE** choices from the electives below. Notes:

- ✓ We'll do our best to make you a timetable with your top three choices
- ✓ In February, we'll ask students to choose 1 alternate course just in case we can't get your top three
- ✓ Before graduation, students must take one Arts (AWA101, AVI101, ADA101, AMU101) course and one Health & Physical Education course (PPL101, PAL101, PAD101). We encourage you to take these two courses in Grade 9, but you don't have to

ELECTIVES (Take 3)				
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### ARTS

#### ADA101 – Drama

In drama, students will collaborate with their peers to explore performance styles like mime, movement and dance, film, scriptwriting, and improvisation. Students will work through the rehearsal process to create and perform on stage and will build their reflection and metacognitive skills throughout.

#### AMU101 – Music

This course is for everyone from the beginner to the experienced musician. Students will continue (or begin, for new players) to build on their previous musical experience on a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument of their choice. This course is aimed at developing playing technique, musicality, collaboration and music appreciation.

#### AVI101 – Visual Arts

Students are introduced to new ideas, materials, and processes for artistic exploration and experimentation. Students apply the elements and principles of design and use the critical analysis process to reflect on and interpret art within a personal, contemporary, and historical context.

#### AWA101 – Arts & Crafts

Focuses on skills and knowledge needed to nurture creativity, experimentation, and expression. Students learn to use materials and techniques to design and produce functional art objects. They will apply the elements and principles of design and the creative process. Cultural significance of crafts within diverse societies will be explored and analyzed.



### BUSINESS

#### BTI101 – Information and Communication Technology in Business

Students learn information and communication technology and digital literacy. Students learn word processing, spreadsheets, databases, desktop publishing, presentation software, and website design (emphasis on digital literacy, effective research, and communication). Students learn about information & communication technology issues too.

### FAMILY STUDIES

#### HFN101 – Food & Nutrition

Empowers students to make healthful, mindful, nutritious food choices and discover factors that influence food choices, including beliefs, attitudes, trends, patterns, food marketing strategies, and individual needs. Students explore the environmental impact of foods and develop food-preparation skills and social science research methods.

### HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

#### PAD101 (All Gender) – Healthy Living & Outdoor Activities (Hockey)

Focuses on skill development in hockey on and off the ice. Students are encouraged to have experience and their own equipment is required. Sport specific skill development with a focus on passing, shooting, stick-handling, skating and checking will be the focus during 30 on ice sessions. Students will acquire an understanding of how to be healthy.

#### PAL101 (All Gender) - Healthy Living & Large-Group Activities (Sport Performance)

Focuses on skills in volleyball, basketball and soccer. Students are encouraged to have previous experience with these sports at a competitive level. This offers character building, leadership enhancement, and team building. Students can excel and be challenged with peers of similar ability levels. Students will acquire an understanding of being healthy.

PPL101F (Female Identifying) – Healthy Active Living, or PPL101M (Male Identifying) – Health active Living  
Focuses on the skills needed to make healthy choices. Through participation in a range of activities, such as cooperative games, leisure sports, traditional sports and fitness activities students develop skills related to movement competence and personal fitness. Students acquire an understanding of the factors and skills that contribute to being healthy.

### TECHNOLOGY

#### TUI101 – Exploring Technology

Students create hands-on projects in these areas: Construction (wood shop), Transportation (auto shop), Manufacturing (welding/machine shop), Engineering Design (CAD/3D printing), Communications (digital media), and Robotics

### ADDITIONAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITY (Offered outside regular day: before school & at lunch)

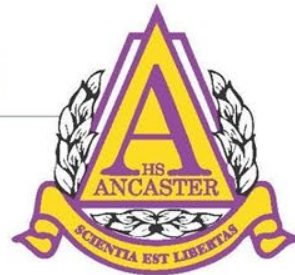
#### AMR101 – Repertoire

This is for everyone from beginner to advanced. Students play in a large ensemble on a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument in a fun group environment. Students play concerts, attend music festivals, and more! Students develop musical skills through rehearsal and sectional work. Students develop leadership and skills that help in their lives.

### e-LEARNING COURSES

PPL101F - English	ADA101 - Science	MTH1W1 - Math	CGC1D1 - Geography	HFN101 - Family Studies
PPL101M - French	ADA101 - Arts to Business	BTI101 - Info. and Comm. Tech	PAD101 - Music/Physical	AMU101 - Photography





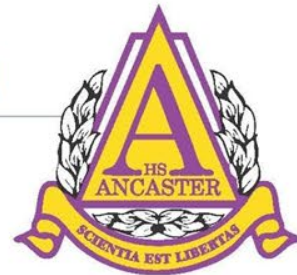
### Class of 2027!

- 30 credits
  - ✓ 18 compulsory (4 English, 3 Math, 2 Science, etc.)
  - ✓ 12 elective (Ceramics, Law, Biology, etc.)
- 40 hours community involvement
- Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test
- 2 e-Learning courses (can opt out)



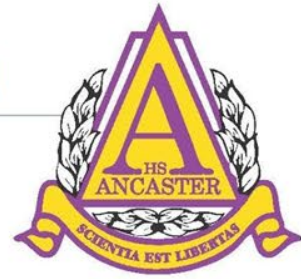
## Community Involvement

- 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



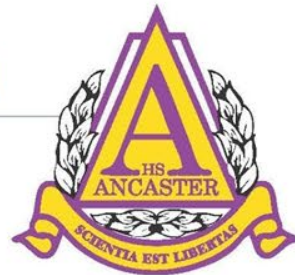
### Examples

ELIGIBLE	INELIGIBLE
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

- 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



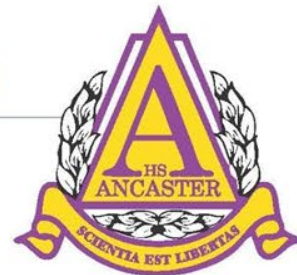
## Grade 9's Take 8 Courses

### Everyone Takes These 5:

- English, French, Geography, Math, Science

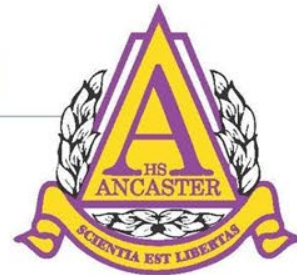
### You Get to Choose 3 More!

- Art, Arts & Crafts, Drama, Music
- Health & Physical Education, Sport Performance, Hockey
- Business, Food, Tech



# High School Set Up

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

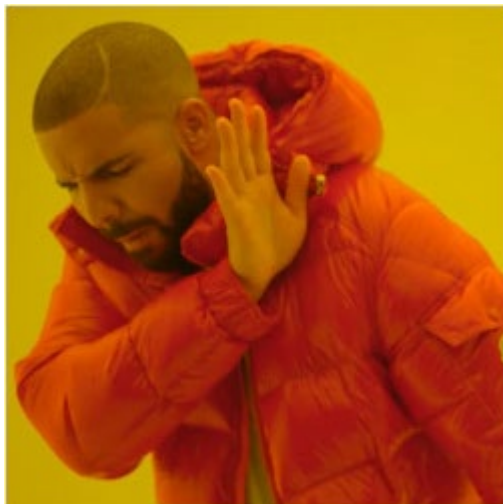


# The Focus of Today (3 Electives!)

- \*Art, Arts & Crafts, Drama, Music
- \*Healthy Active Living, Sport Performance, Hockey
- Business, Food, Tech

We encourage one Art and one Health & Physical Education course in Grade 9

\*One of each of type is compulsory for graduation



Picking  
electives  
to match  
your friend



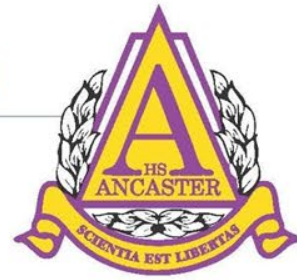
Picking  
electives you  
like and suit  
your interests



# Dramatic Arts

Join the Drama Club, take Musical Theatre in Grade 11, or join a production!





# Visual Arts

After grade 9, students can focus in:

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





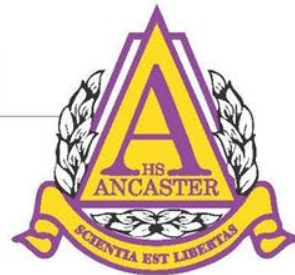
## NEW! Arts & Crafts



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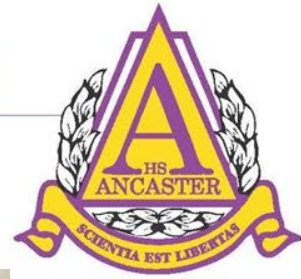
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# Instrumental Music

- Take instrumental music
- Get an extra credit with repertoire/concert band
- Join the band just for fun!



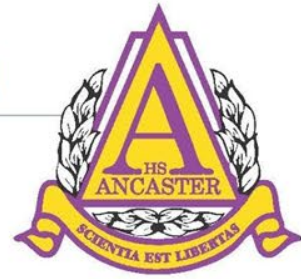


# Food and Nutrition

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

- Take Hospitality & Tourism, Food & Culture, or Nutrition & Health in Grades 10, 11, and 12!

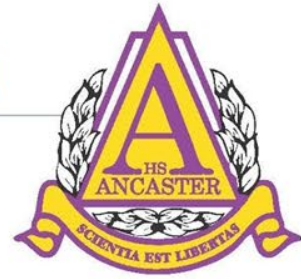




## Exploring Technology

- This course allows students to explore these areas:  
Woodworking,  
Manufacturing, Design,  
Transportation, &  
Communication
- Students can focus on these starting in Grade 10 or 11 too!

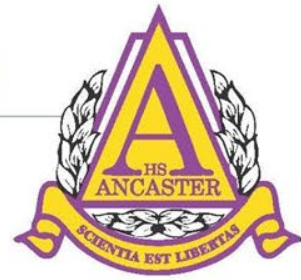




## Information & Communication Technology (Computers)

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

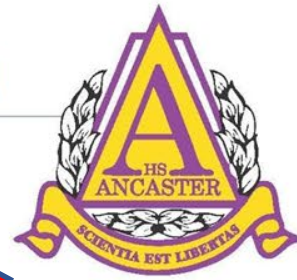




# Choosing Physical Education - 3 Choices!

- Healthy Active Living (Male Identifying or Female Identifying)
- Co-ed Sport Performance Training
- Co-ed Hockey





# Meet our Newest Phys-Ed Teacher!

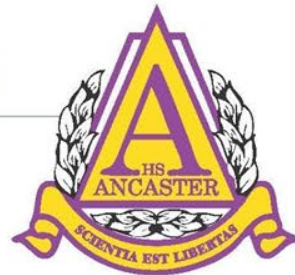


**Mr. Dunbrack!**

- Toronto Argonauts
- Ottawa Renegades
- Hamilton Tiger-Cats







# Ancaster High's NHL and OHL Pedigree!

Our Hockey teacher:

- Mr. Ryan Lounsbury, skate coach for the **OHL Guelph Storm**
- Former skating coach for the **NHL Vancouver Canucks!**

Our students:

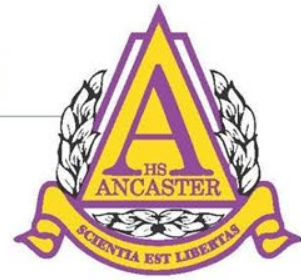
- Two-time OHL Champions **The Hamilton Bulldogs** attend Ancaster High!





## Brock Boeser & Troy Stetcher





# Five Compulsory Courses in Grade 9

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# English

Our English teachers are always trying new things!

Compete in our poetry contests!



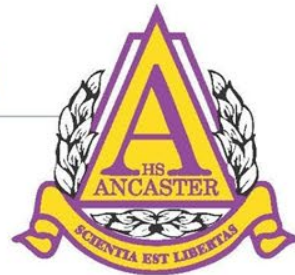


# French

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

- Take the DELF!





## GR.9 CANADIAN GEOGRAPHY

GRADE  
11

GRADE  
12

CHG38  
genocide

*Canadian  
&  
World  
Studies  
Dept*

CLU3M  
law

CGG30  
travel &  
tourism

CHA3U  
american



CLN4U  
law

CLN4C  
law

CGW4U  
world  
issues

CHY4U  
world  
history



**LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES**

WHAT IS WHERE ? WHY THERE ? WHY CARE ?

IS YOUR COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE?



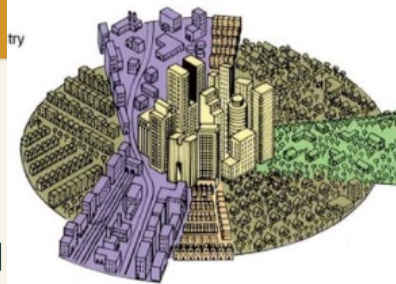
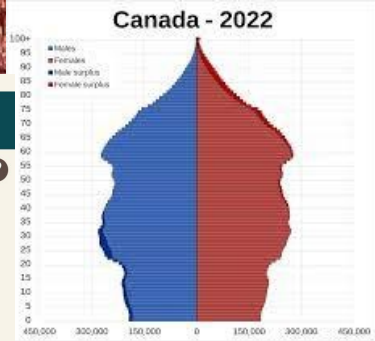
IS YOUR COMMUNITY'S  
URBAN GROWTH AFFECTING  
YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE?

HOW IS YOUR COMMUNITY  
DESIGNED IN COMPARISON TO  
OTHERS ACROSS CANADA?



Use these questions as a guide to exploring your thinking and learning in this strand.  
Integrate the geographic inquiry process and develop the transferable skills throughout the strand.

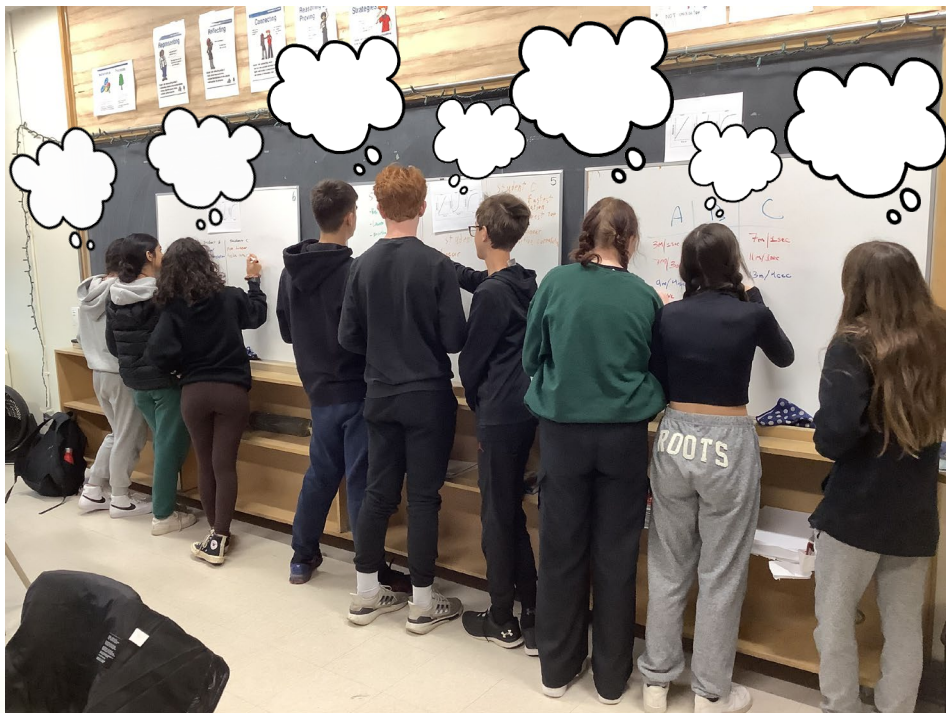
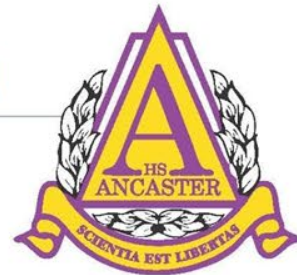
**POLICY DOCUMENT:**  
The Ontario Curriculum: Grades 9 & 10 Canadian and World Studies (2015)  
Strand A (9A\_42) - Strand E (E1, E2, E3)



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# Mathematics

## Highlights Include:

- Thinking classrooms approach
- Continuous feedback for students
- Student collaboration
- Varied forms of assessment
- Enthusiastic teachers
- Development of math confidence
- Connections to lived experiences



# Science

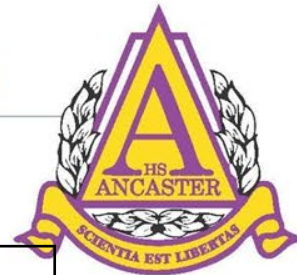
Students specialize in Grade 11:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics



*Attend the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame's Discovery Days in Health Science in Grade 11*





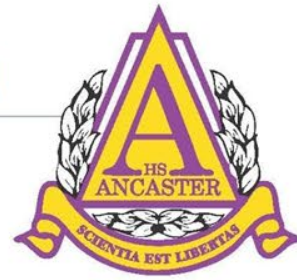
# Planning 30 Credits

GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
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
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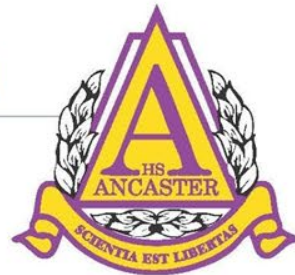
# Special Programs

## Grade 11 & 12

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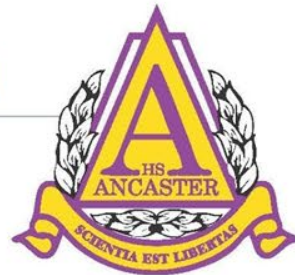
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## Specialist High Skills Major

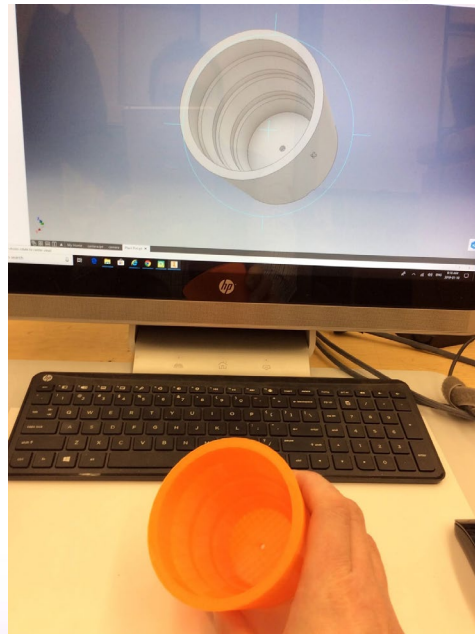
- Ancaster High offers five SHSM's
- Students will graduate with specialized skills, knowledge and certifications relevant to their chosen industry
- Students take a 2-credit co-op and a bundle of 5 credits in addition to English and Math



# Specialist High Skills Major in Manufacturing

## Careers

- Engineer
- Machinist
- Welder
- Industrial Designer
- Technologist

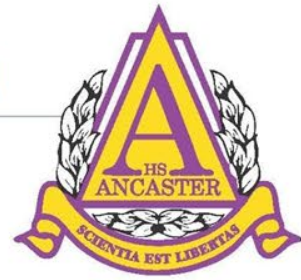


In Grade 9...take  
Technology (TIJ1O1)!

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# Specialist High Skills Major in Hospitality

## Careers

- Event Planner
- Health Inspector
- Chef
- Flight Attendant

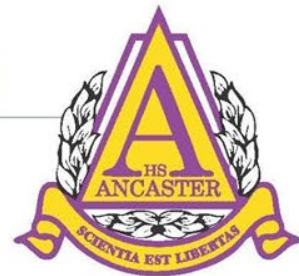


In Grade 9...take Foods  
(HFN1O1)!

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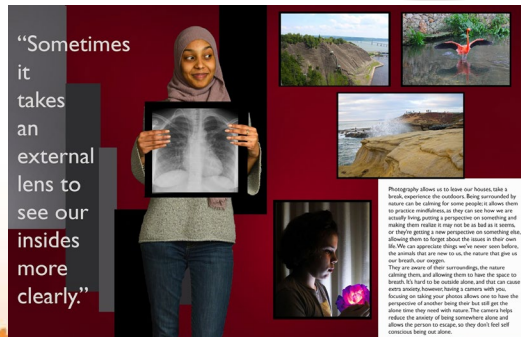
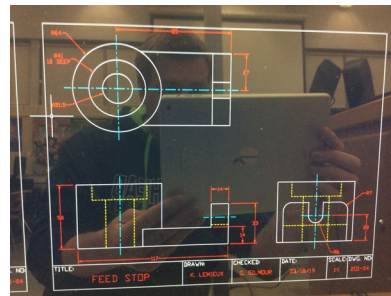


## Specialist High Skills Major in Information & Communication Technology

### Careers

- Programming
- Network Security
- Technological Design
- Media

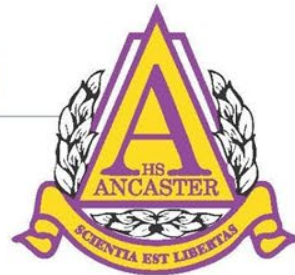
In Grade 9...take Business  
Info. Tech (BTT101)!



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# Specialist High Skills Major in Arts & Culture

## Careers

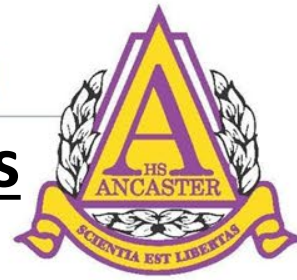
- Actor
- Musician
- Graphic designer/illustrator, visual artist
- Technician for movies, broadcasting, performing arts, etc.

In Grade 9...take Drama (ADA1O1), Music (AMU1O1/AMR1O1), Visual Art (AVI1O1), or Arts & Crafts (AWA1O1)!



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# Specialist High Skills Major in Health & Wellness

## Careers

- Medical laboratory technologist
- Nurse
- Educational Assistant
- Hospital Clerk

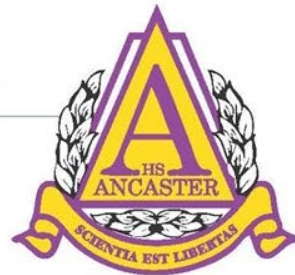


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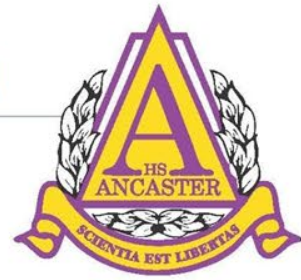


## International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

Students prepare by taking:

- Grade 11 Math (MCR3U1) and Grade 10 French (FSF2D1) before Grade 11





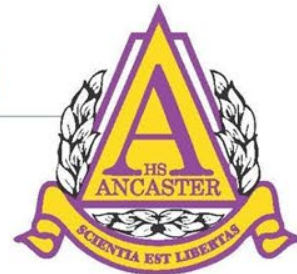
# What is I.B.?

- 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.



## Important Dates Ahead

- February
  - Grade 8 students enter options into Xello with help from Mr. Nicholson & Ms. Adams
- March 11
  - Parents/guardians approve course choices in Parent Portal



xello



Required

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)



30 Credits left

Requirements

All Requirements



Credits



Earned



Planned



Remaining

## GRADE 9

0 Credits

- + Add English 9  
1 cr.
- + Add Math 9  
1 cr.
- + Add Science 9  
1 cr.
- + Add Geography 9  
1 cr.
- + Add Health & Physical Educat...  
1 cr.

## GRADE 10

0 Credits

- + Add English 10  
1 cr.
- + Add Math 10  
1 cr.
- + Add Science 10  
1 cr.
- + Add History 10  
1 cr.
- + Add Career Studies 10  
0.5 cr.

## GRADE 11

0 Credits

- + Add English 11  
1 cr.
- + Add Math 11  
1 cr.
- + Add Elective 11  
12 Credits remaining
- Available period
- Available period

## GRADE 12

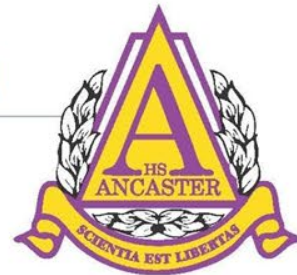
0 Credits

- + Add English 12  
1 cr.
- + Add Elective 12  
12 Credits remaining
- Available period
- Available period
- Available period

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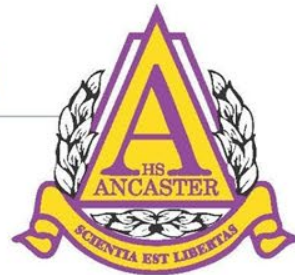
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## Grade 9 Option Sheet Night

Thursday, January 19th at 6 p.m.

Ancaster High School Auditorium



## Questions?

1. Ask your grade 8 teacher
2. Check the Grade 8 section of our Student Services' website:  
*[www.hwdsb.on.ca/ancasterhigh/student-services/grade8](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/ancasterhigh/student-services/grade8)*
3. Ask us!  
Ms. Adams                      daadams@hwdsb.on.ca (or Insta @lultaylorswift)  
Mr. Nicholson                snichols@hwdsb.on.ca
4. Please direct questions about specialized services (exceptional and non-exceptional IEP's) to Ms. Baker at dbaker@hwdsb.on.ca