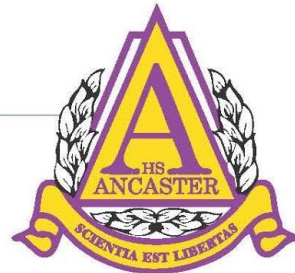


Welcome Grade 8 Families



January 19, 2023

www.hwdsb.on.ca/ancasterhigh/student-services/grade8



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Student Success Teacher



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Vice-Principal





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, AV101, 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.

AV101 – 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

BT101 – 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

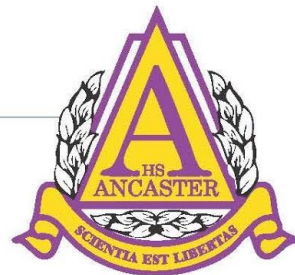
ADDITIONAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITY (Offered outside regular day: before school & at lunch)

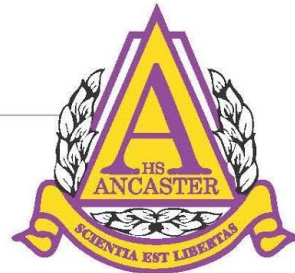
AMR101 – Repertoire

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

ENL101E - English	FSF101E - French	MTH101E - Math	CGC101E - Geography	HFN101E - Family Studies
PPL101E - Health	BT101E - Info. Tech. Business	BT101E - Info. Tech. Business	PAL101E - Music/Physical	AWA101E - 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)

18 compulsory credits

Students must earn the following compulsory credits to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

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|-----|---|
| 4 | credits in English (1 credit per grade)* |
| 3 | credits in mathematics (1 credit in Grade 11 or 12) |
| 2 | credits in science |
| 1 | credit in Canadian history |
| 1 | credit in Canadian geography |
| 1 | credit in the arts |
| 1 | credit in health and physical education |
| 1 | credit in French as a second language |
| 0.5 | credit in career studies |
| 0.5 | credit in civics |

In addition, students must complete:

- ✓ 12 optional credits*
- ✓ 40 hours of community involvement activities
- ✓ the provincial literacy requirement

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

Group 1:

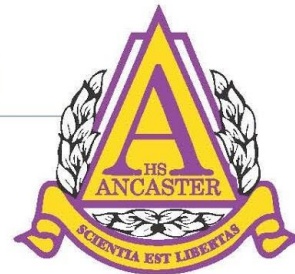
- English or French as a second language**
- a Native language
- First Nations, Metis, and Inuit studies
- 1 • a classical or international language
- social sciences and the humanities
- Canadian and world studies
- guidance and career education
- cooperative education***

Group 2:

- health and physical education
- the arts
- 1 • business studies
- French as a second language**
- cooperative education***

Group 3:

- science (Grade 11 or 12)
- 1 • technological education
- French as a second language**
- computer studies
- cooperative education***



Go to edu.gov.on.ca and search "What do I need to graduate"



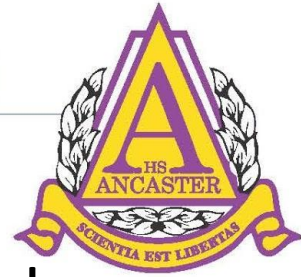
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Ministry of Education

Delivering early years, child care and publicly funded education from kindergarten to Grade 12.

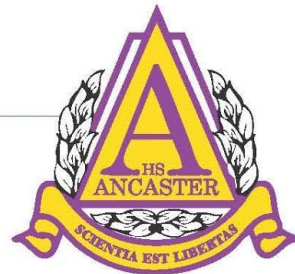
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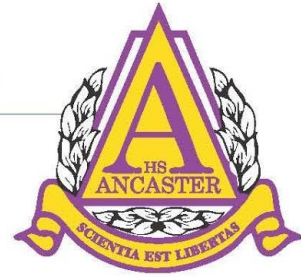
Community Involvement

- 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 for more information



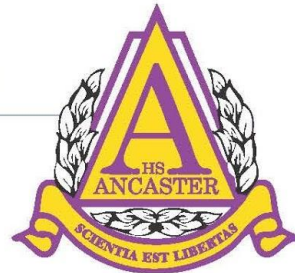
Examples

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



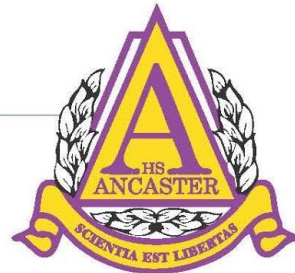
Grade 9's Take 8 Courses

Everyone Takes These 5:

- English, French, Geography, Math, Science

You Get to Choose 3 More!

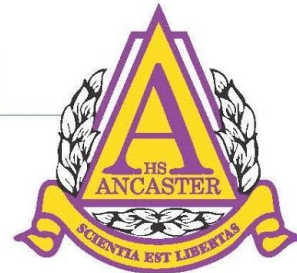
- Art, Arts & Crafts, Drama, Music
- Health & Physical Education, Sport Performance, Hockey
- Business, Food, Tech



High School Set Up

SEMESTER ONE (September – January)	SEMESTER TWO (February – June)
English*	Exploring Technology
Healthy Active Living	Arts & Crafts
Science*	Geography
French	Math*

**students won't have English, Math, and Science in the same semester*



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

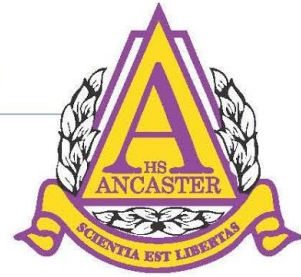
*One of each of type is compulsory for graduation



Picking
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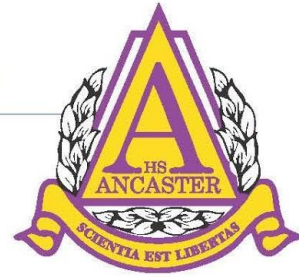
Picking
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like and suit
your interests



Dramatic Arts

Highlights Include:

- Engaging and energetic environment
- Hands on, experiential learning
- Build confidence & communication skills
- Connect to lived experiences & interests
- Student centered approach learning
- Educational excursions to live theatre!

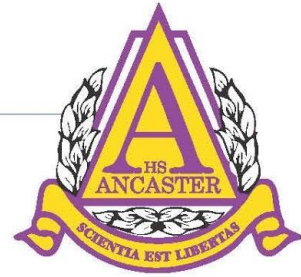


Visual Arts

Highlights Include:

- Build creativity and innovation
- Connect to lived experiences
- Hands on, experiential learning
- A vibrant, welcoming space for all
- Engage with enthusiastic teachers, peers & artists!
- Educational excursions to theatres, museums and art galleries





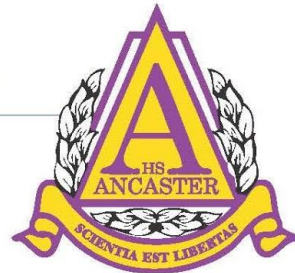
NEW! Arts & Crafts



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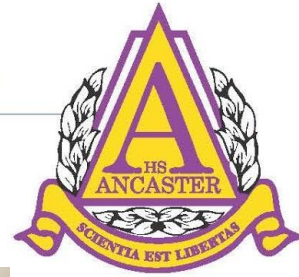
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Instrumental Music

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



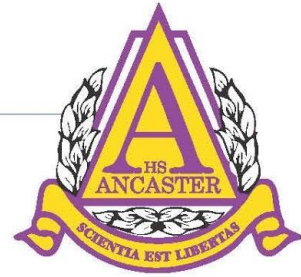


Food and Nutrition

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!





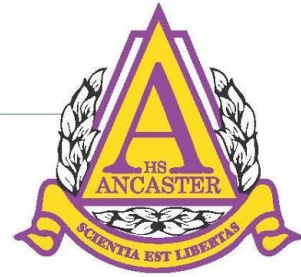
Exploring Technology

Students explore these areas:

- Woodworking
- Manufacturing
- Design
- Transportation
- Communication

Students can take one or all of these in Grade 10 or 11 too!

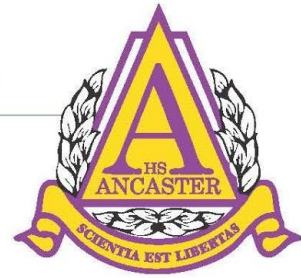




Information & Communication Technology (Computers)

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

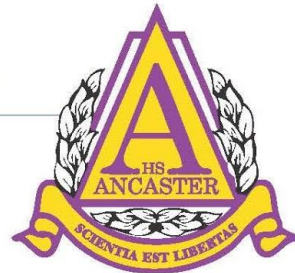




Physical Education - 3 Options!

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





Healthy Active Living

(Male Identifying & Female Identifying)

Sports and Activities

Traditional and non-traditional sports (i.e. archery, outdoor games and kickboxing). Promotes FUN and friendly competition

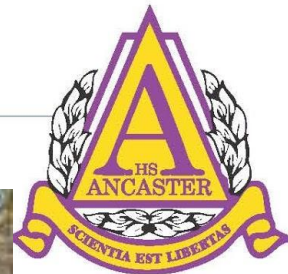
Fitness Training

Fitness for life – Daily warm ups, weekly fitness room workouts and circuits

Health

Same in all 3 courses





Sport Performance (All Genders)

Sports and Activities

Skill development in **volleyball**, **soccer** & **basketball**.
Previous competitive experience with these 3 sports.

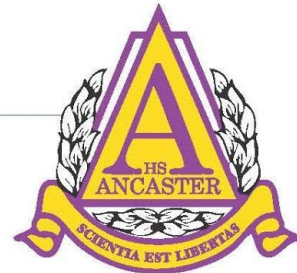
Fitness Training

High level fitness cardio and conditioning and training
(plyometric drills, interval training, circuit training)

Health

Same in all 3 courses





Hockey (All Genders)

**Must provide own equipment*

Sports and Activities

Skill development in hockey. 30 sessions on ice & specialized goalie instructor weekly. Dry land training and sports

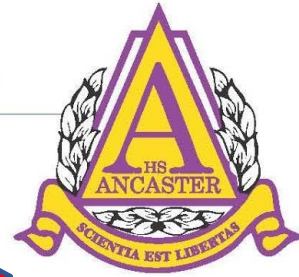
Fitness Training

High level fitness cardio conditioning

Health

Same in all 3 courses





Star Power!

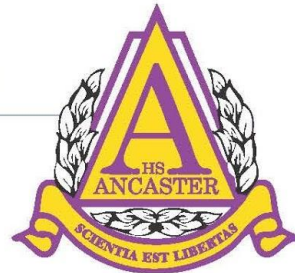


Mr. Dunbrack!

- Toronto Argonauts
- Ottawa Renegades
- Hamilton Tiger-Cats







Ancaster High's NHL and OHL Pedigree!

Our Hockey teacher:

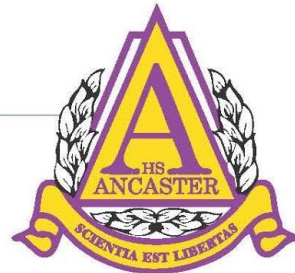
- Mr. Ryan Lounsbury, skate coach for the **OHL Guelph Storm**
- Former skating coach for the **NHL Vancouver Canucks!**



Our students:

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



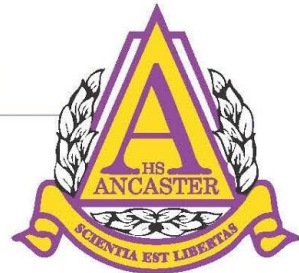


Five Compulsory Courses in Grade 9

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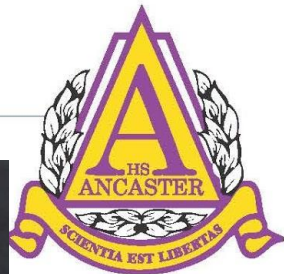


English

Our English teachers are always trying new things!

Compete in our poetry contests!



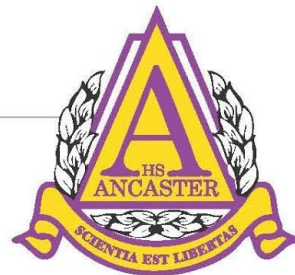


French

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

- Take the DELF!





GR.9 CANADIAN GEOGRAPHY

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IS YOUR COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE?



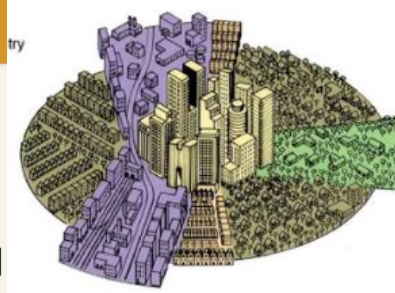
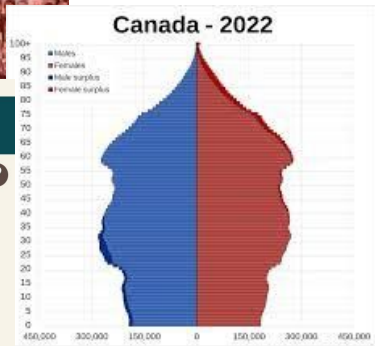
IS YOUR COMMUNITY'S
URBAN GROWTH AFFECTING
YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE?

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_12) - Strand E (E1, E2, E3)



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CANADIAN HISTORY

Looking forward to Grade 10!

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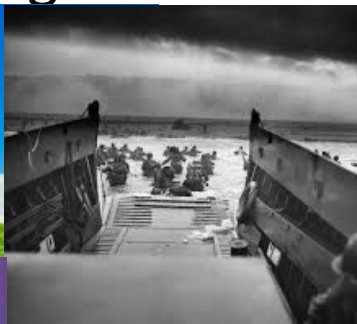
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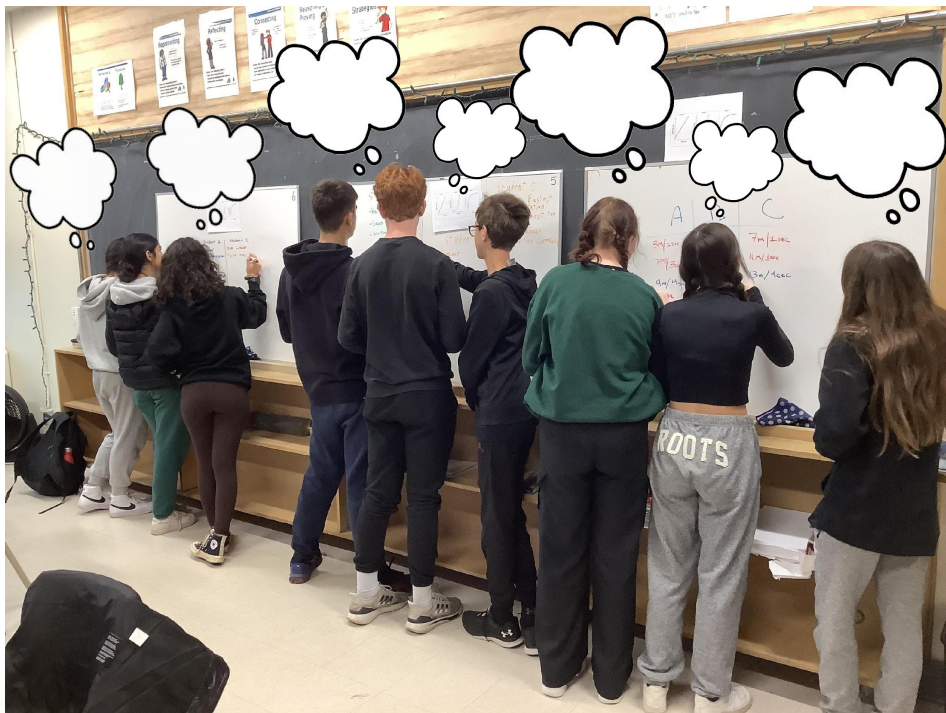
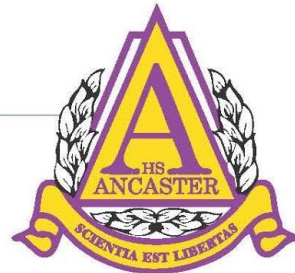


*CIA4U - ECONOMICS

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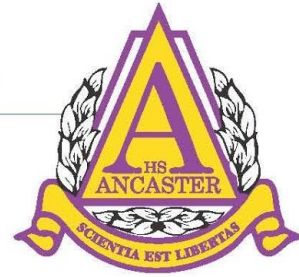
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Mathematics

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

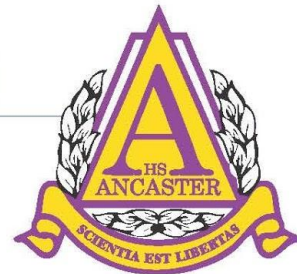
Students specialize in Grade 11:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics



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





Planning 30 Credits

GRADE 9

English

Math

Science

French

Geography

Gym

Art

Elective

GRADE 10

English

Math

Science

History

Civics/Careers

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Elective

GRADE 11

English

Math

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GRADE 12

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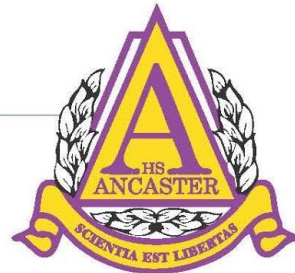
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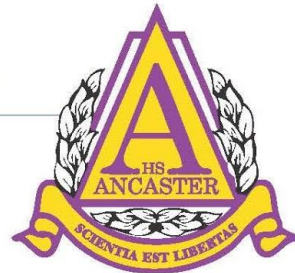


Special Programs Start in Grade 11

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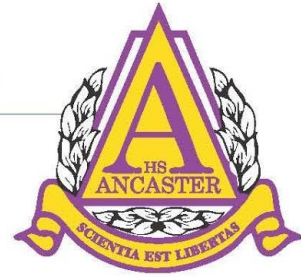


5 Specialist High Skills Majors

- Specialized skills & certifications relevant to their chosen industry
- 2-credit co-op and 5 special credits in addition to English and Math
 - Arts & Culture, Information & Communication Technology, Health & Wellness, Hospitality & Tourism, and Manufacturing

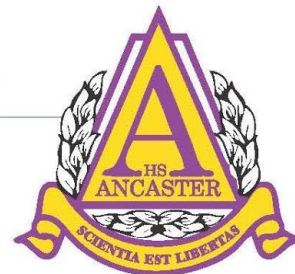
International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

- In Grade 10 - take French, Grade 10 Math, Grade 11 Math



Important Dates Ahead

- February 7 - March 3
 - Grade 8 students enter options into Xello with help from Mr. Nicholson & Ms. Adams
- March 13 - 24
 - 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

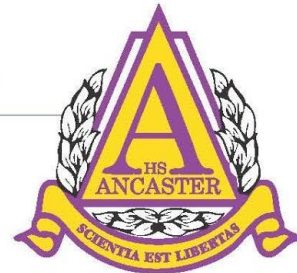
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- + Add English 12
1 cr.
- + Add Elective 12
12 Credits remaining
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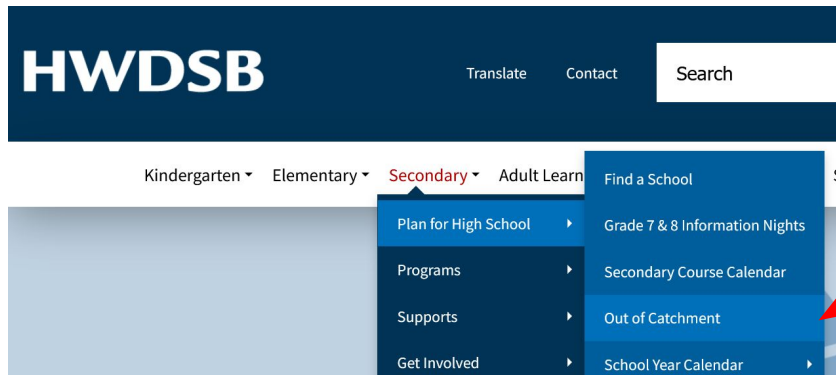
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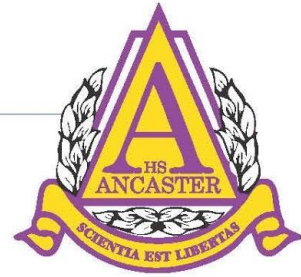
Out of Catchment & Transportation



Please keep checking the board's website to see if Ancaster High is open to out of catchment for 2023-2024

If we are open, then applications will be due early in March and you'll have a decision within one week. You will be asked to submit Grade 9 course choices at this time

Students will receive bussing only if they live more than 3.2 km from Ancaster High



Questions?

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