



SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION & RULES FOR JULY 2023

HWDSB's Continuing Education department (CE) has announced e-Learning-only summer school for July 2023 and a maximum of **one course only** (Civics & Careers count as one course).

NOTE: About 1 in 3 students register for summer school. Approving each registration and then changing next year's timetable takes a significant amount of time. PLEASE READ THE LIST OF CAUTIONS/RULES BEFORE REGISTERING:

CAUTIONS

1. **CAUTION:** Taking a summer school course does not guarantee your choice of replacement course (*Ex: Taking Gr. 11 Biology in summer school doesn't guarantee Gr. 12 Biology next year*)
2. **DEADLINE:** The deadline to pre-register your summer school plans was **April 10th**. We have extended the deadline to **May 1st**.
3. **CAUTION:** Students who have pre-registered by May 1st are **more likely** to get their replacement course (*the course they made room for by going to summer school*). Students who pre-register for summer school after May 1st are less likely to get their replacement course.
4. **RULE:** Students are not allowed to take summer school in exchange for a **study period** the year after unless they have accumulated **24 credits**. This means that most current Grade 9's and 10's will not be allowed study periods next year.
5. **CAUTION:** some post-secondary institutions do not favour high school credits completed via summer school.
6. **CAUTION:** achievement data indicates that learning via summer school may be inadequate preparation for other courses.
7. **CAUTION:** Ancaster High School's math and science departments do not recommend summer school for the first attempt of a course. Repeats are okay.
8. **CAUTION:** our data indicates that students who reach ahead and take Grade 12 courses in Grade 11 (and Grade 11 courses in Grade 10) are less successful.
9. **CAUTION:** students who attempt to reach ahead will not be allowed to change their reach-ahead course past a certain point in the semester (*Ex: A grade 11 student attempting Grade 12 Biology and not being successful will not be allowed to drop this or take another course*).
10. **CAUTION:** students will not be allowed to drop a course due to a lack of achievement and then register for the same course next year (*Ex: A grade 11 students not having success in Gr. 12 Physics cannot drop this course and try again in Grade 12*).
11. **RULE:** Dropping a class due to a lack of achievement is not allowed. We will encourage improved learning skills, conferencing with the teacher, peer tutoring, etc.

12. **CAUTION:** students seeking high achievement/high grades have the most potential in face-to-face classes (summer school is e-Learning only).
13. **PLAN CAREFULLY:** Students seeking high achievement/high grades need to plan carefully. Reaching ahead/fast tracking 4U/4M courses in grade 10 and 11 generally results in unsatisfactory results.
 - a. We recommend having very strong preparation in grade 9, 10, and 11 before taking 4U/4M courses.
 - b. Properly prepared students who pace themselves have the best results.
14. **PREPARE:** Our data indicates that poor preparation in Grade 10 leads to poor performance in Grade 11. We recommend **repeating** a course with an unsatisfactory grade before moving on to the next level (*Ex: A final grade of 50% in Gr. 10 Math does not indicate good results in Gr. 11 Math. We recommend repeating Gr. 10 Math*).
15. **ENSURE** your parents/guardians acknowledge the risks associated with summer school, reaching ahead to take Grade 12 courses in Grade 11 (and Grade 11 courses in Grade 10), e-Learning, and not being properly prepared for 4U/4M courses.
16. **MYTH: universities will not offer you admission "earlier" for having more 4U/4M courses prior to grade 12.** If a university wants to extend an early offer to highly qualified applicants, they use final grades in 3U/3M courses (including required courses). Ultimately, final offers depend on an admission average using ENG4U1, plus five more 4U/4M courses (including required courses).

HOW TO REGISTER

17. [Please pre-register your summer school plans using this link](#) if you haven't already. This link was e-mailed to all students on April 3rd and e-mailed to parents/guardians via School Messenger on April 5th.
18. After pre-registering, [CLICK HERE to officially register your course with CE](#)
19. We will not approve your summer school registration (Step #2) unless you have completed pre-registration (Step #1).