

# Welcome to Grade 9



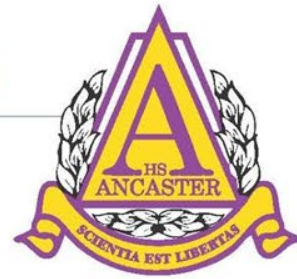
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## Who We Are

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Student Success Teacher



## GRADE 9 OPTION SHEET for the 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Please use this sheet to plan eight courses for Grade 9. Students will upload their choices to Xello with our help when we return to your class in February!

### COMPULSORY COURSE OPTIONS (CHOOSE ALL 5)

ENL1W1 (English)	FSF1D1 or *FSF1O1 (French)	CGC1W1 (Geography)	MTH1W1 (Math)	SNC1W1 (Science)
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\*The criteria for Grade 9 students taking FSF1O1 would include those who have not accumulated the minimum of 600 hours of elementary Core French instruction. Any students who have met the hour requirements would be taking FSF1D1.

### ELECTIVE COURSE OPTIONS (CHOOSE ANY 3)

Please choose three courses below. We encourage students to take one Art, one Health & Phys-Ed, and one Technology in Grade 9. We'll do our best to deliver a timetable with your top three choices. In Xello, we'll ask students to choose one alternate course just in case.

#### ARTS

##### ADA1O1 – Drama

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

##### AMU1O1 – Music

This course is for beginners or experienced musicians who will build on previous musical experience on a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument. This course is aimed at developing playing technique, musicality, collaboration and music appreciation.

##### ATC1O1 – Dance

Join us for jazz, ballet, modern dance techniques and more in our new dance course. Whether you are a beginner or have some dance experience, come learn the techniques and elements of dance with us!

##### AV1O1 – Visual Arts

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

##### AWA1O1 – Arts & Crafts

Students learn creativity, experimentation, and expression, and use materials and techniques to design functional art. Students apply the principles of design and creativity. Cultural significance of crafts within diverse societies will be explored and analyzed.

#### BUSINESS

##### BEM1O1 – Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset

This course introduces students to the world of business, with a focus on entrepreneurship. Students will learn about making money by starting or running businesses, and the financial risks associated.



#### FAMILY STUDIES

##### HIF1O1 – Exploring Family Studies

Students explore challenges faced by all people, including how to meet basic needs, how to relate to others, how to manage resources, and how to become responsible members of society! There are also diverse practical experiences in this course including cooking, sewing and robot babies!

#### HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

##### PAD1O1 (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.

##### PAL1O1 (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.

##### PPL1O1F (Female Identifying) – Healthy Active Living or PPL1O1M (Male Identifying) – Healthy 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

##### TAS1O1 – Technology and the Skilled Trades

This course is one-stop shopping to learn about technology and the skilled trades. Students will learn how training in this field leads to rewarding careers which support Ontario's economy.

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

##### AMR1O1 – Repertoire

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.

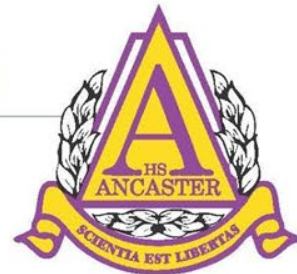
#### e-LEARNING COURSES (Students and families are encouraged to complete their e-learning courses in Grade Ten or later)

ENL1W1eL - English	SNC1W1eL - Science	MTH1W1eL - Math	CGC1W1eL - Geography	HIF1O1eL - Family Studies
FSF1D1eL - French	BEM1O1eL - Business	NAC1O1eL - Expressions of First Nations, Métis & Inuit Cultures	PAR3O1eL - Mindfulness	AWQ1O1eL - Photography

#### ADDITIONAL PRORAMMING OFFERED AT ANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL\*

ENG11L (Locally Developed English)	MAT11L (Locally Developed Math)	SNC11L (Locally Developed Science)	GLS1O1 (Learning Strategies)
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\*Ancaster High offers these four additional courses to students. Please consult your grade 8 teacher about locally developed English, Math and Science. The learning strategies course supports students in unfinished learning in numeracy and literacy.



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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

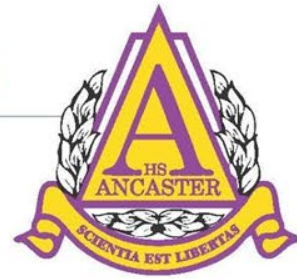
0 Credits

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

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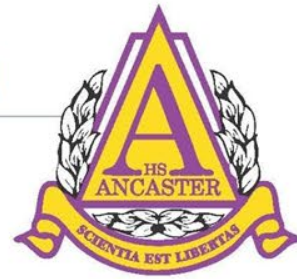
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## **Grade 9 Option Sheet Night**

Thursday, January 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Ancaster High School Auditorium



## Class of 2028!

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



## Community Involvement

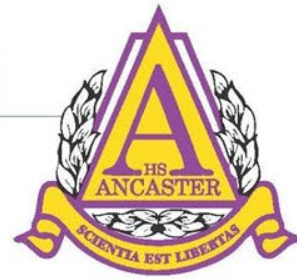
- The organization should be community-based
- The activity should be something for which a person is not normally paid
- Check [www.hwdsb.on.ca/cih](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/cih) for more information



## Examples

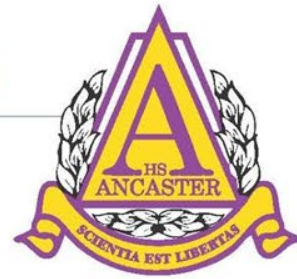
ELIGIBLE	INELIGIBLE
Timekeeping a high school sport	Work an extra shift at McDonald's for "free"
Volunteering at a hospital	Filing at a doctor's office
Teaching language at a cultural school on Saturdays	Helping an elderly neighbour clean up their yard
Reading program at the library	Working with uncle 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 Grade 10
- 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 (two kinds), Geography, Math, Science

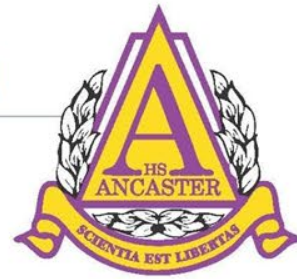
### Choose 3 More!

- Visual Art, Arts & Crafts, Dance, Drama, Music
- Health & Physical Education, Sport Performance, Hockey
- Technology
- Business, Family Studies



## High School Set Up

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

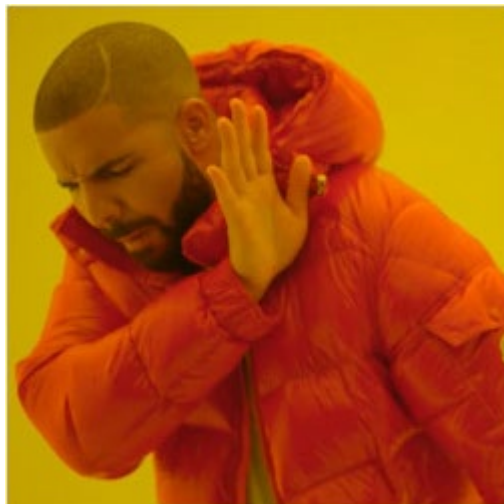


# The Focus of Today (3 Electives!)

- Visual Art, Arts & Crafts, Dance, Drama, Music
- Healthy Active Living, Sport Performance, Hockey
- Technology and the Skilled Trades
- Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset, Exploring Family Studies

We encourage one Art, one Health & Physical Education, and one Tech course in Grade 9 or 10 because they are mandatory to graduate.

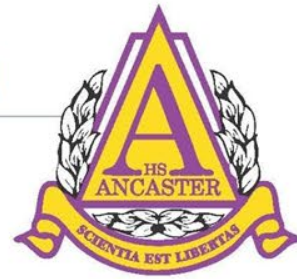
Grade 9 is a good time to take them!



Picking  
electives  
to match  
your friend



Picking  
electives you  
like and suit  
your interests



# Dance

- Learn choreography
- Practice your dance moves
- All are welcome
- Join the Ancaster High Dance Team!





# Drama

- Improv, directing, acting
- Stage design, costume design
- Join the Drama Club, take Musical Theatre, take Stage Design in Grade 11!



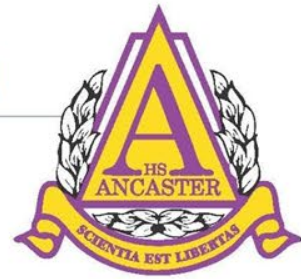


## Visual Arts

- Sketch, paint, sculpt, use coloured pencils
- Digital and mixed media
- After grade 9, students can specialize in ceramics, digital media, drawing & painting



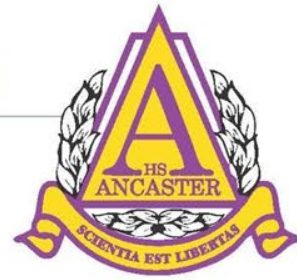




## Arts & Crafts

- Experiment with all kinds of media
- Make art that has a function
- Take any kind of art you want in Grade 10-12





# Instrumental Music

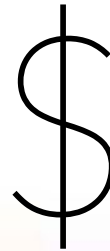
- Take instrumental music
- Get an extra credit with repertoire/concert band
- Join the band just for fun!





## Exploring Family Studies

- Sewing, cooking, raising a baby
- Managing your life
- Take Food & Nutrition, Hospitality & Tourism, Food & Culture, or Nutrition & Health in Grades 10, 11, and 12!





## Technology and the Skilled Trades

- Students explore technology and the skilled trades like woodworking, manufacturing, and transportation
- Focus on how the skilled trades can lead to owning a business and a rewarding career
- One Technology course is now mandatory in grade 9 or 10
- The grade 9 course is coded TAS101





## Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset

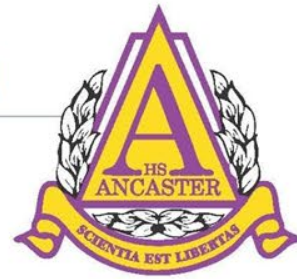
- Introduction to the world of business
- Focus on entrepreneurship
- Students will learn about making money by starting or running a businesses
- Financial risks associated.



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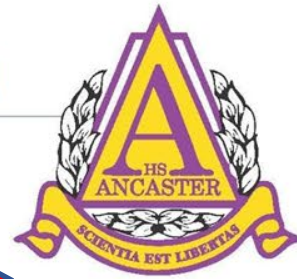
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# Choosing Physical Education - 3 Choices!

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





## Meet Mr. Dunbrack!



- Toronto Argonauts
- Ottawa Renegades
- Hamilton Tiger-Cats





ROYALS



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40  
30  
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# Ancaster High's NHL and OHL Pedigree!

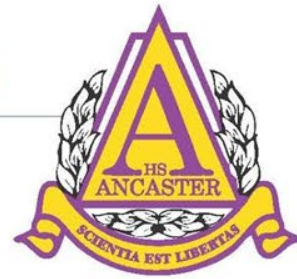
Our Hockey teacher:

- 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 Brantford Bulldogs** attend Ancaster High!



# Five Compulsory Courses in Grade 9

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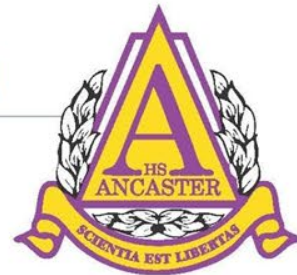


# English

Our English teachers are always trying new things!

Compete in our poetry contests!



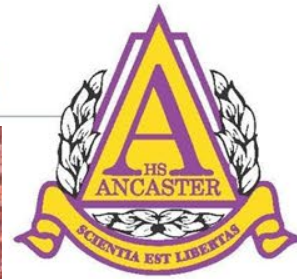


## French

- More than reading and writing – students get involved!
- Take the DELF! (Diplôme d'études en langue française)

FSF1D1	FSF1O1
600 hours of elementary Core French instruction	Fewer than 600 hours of elementary Core French instruction





## GR.9 CANADIAN GEOGRAPHY

GRADE 11

GRADE 12

CHG38  
genocide

*Canadian & World Studies Dept*

CLN4U  
law

CLU3M  
law

CLN4C  
law

CGG30  
travel & tourism

CGW4U  
world issues

CHA3U  
american



CHY4U  
world history



### LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES

WHAT IS WHERE ? WHY THERE ? WHY CARE ?

IS YOUR COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE?

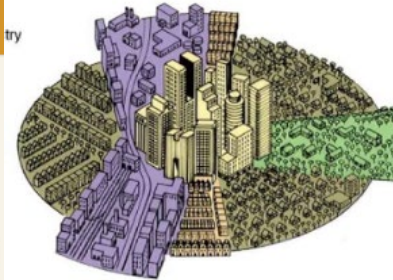
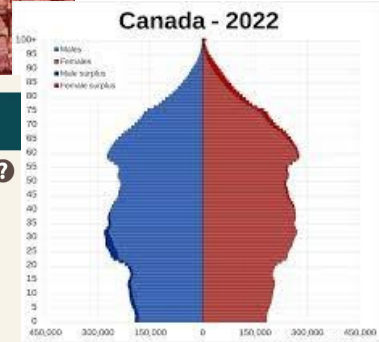


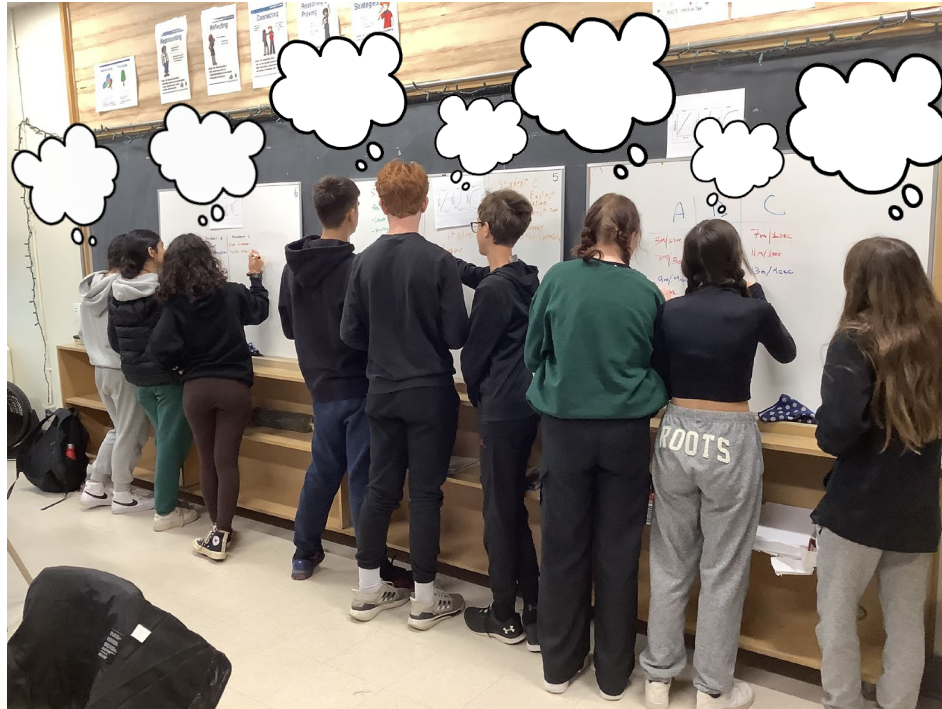
IS YOUR COMMUNITY'S URBAN GROWTH AFFECTING YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE?

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.





## 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



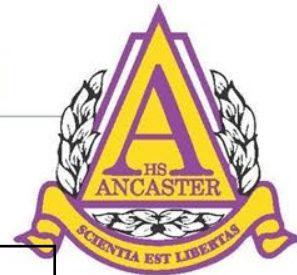
*Attend the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame's Discovery Days in Health Science in Grade 11*



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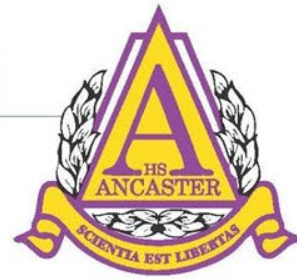
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## Planning 30 Credits

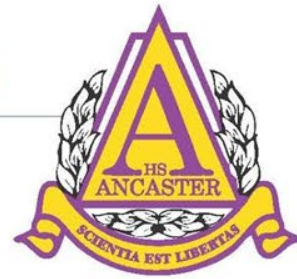
GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
English	English	English	English
Math	Math	Math	Elective
Science	Science	Group 1	Elective
French	History	Group 2	Elective
Geography	Civics/Careers	Group 3	Elective
Phys-Ed	Elective	Elective	Elective
Art	Elective	Elective	Elective
Tech	Elective	Elective	Elective





# Group 1, 2, and 3 in Addition to the 16

- Group 1
  - Something that starts with an F (French), L (International Language), H (Social Science), C (Canadian & World Studies), G (Guidance), or **co-op!**
- Group 2
  - Something that starts with an F (French), H (Health & Phys-ed), A (Arts), B (Business), or **co-op!**
- Group 3
  - Something that starts with an F (French), S (Science), T (Tech), I (Computer Studies), or **co-op!**

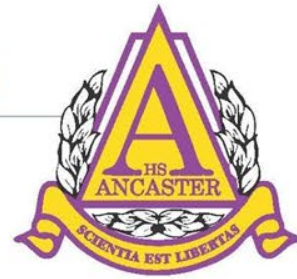


# Special Programs Grade 11 & 12

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## Specialist High Skills Major

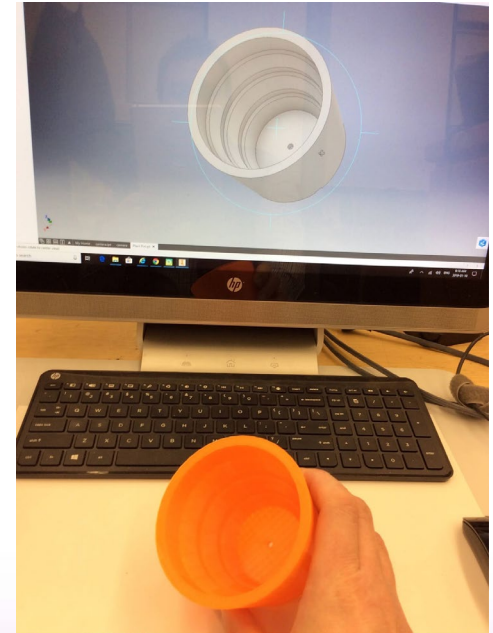
- Ancaster High offers five SHSM's
- Students will graduate with specialized skills, knowledge and certifications relevant to their chosen industry
- Students take a 2-credit co-op and a bundle of 5 credits in addition to English and Math



## Specialist High Skills Major in Manufacturing

### Careers

- Engineer
- Machinist
- Welder
- Industrial Designer
- Technologist

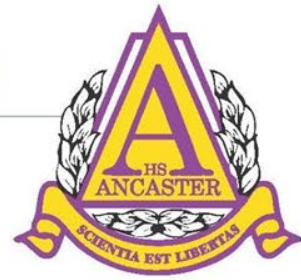


In Grade 9...take  
Technology (TAS101)!

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## Specialist High Skills Major in Hospitality

### Careers

- Event Planner
- Health Inspector
- Chef
- Flight Attendant

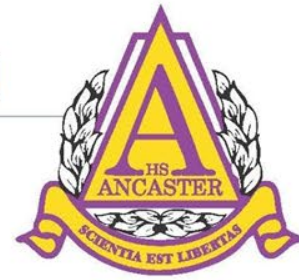


In Grade 9...take Family Studies (HIF1O1)!

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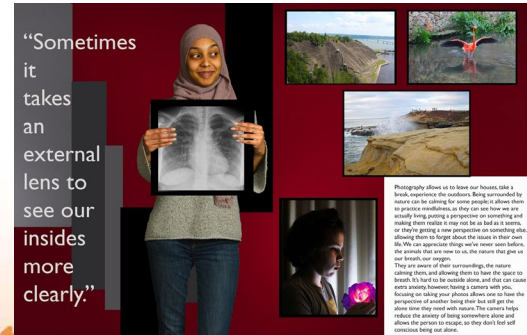
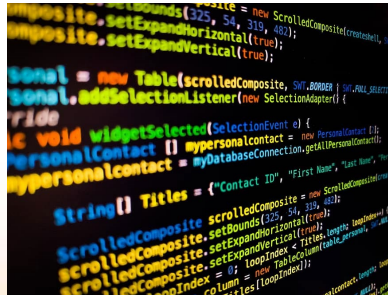
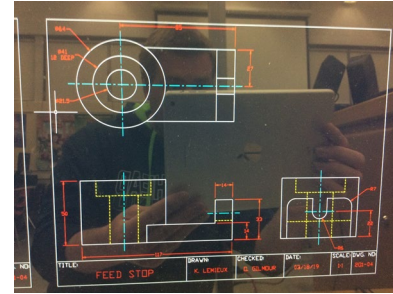


## Specialist High Skills Major in Information & Communication Technology

### Careers

- Programming
- Network Security
- Technological Design
- Media

In Grade 10, take Digital Technology (IDC201), Computer Technology (TEJ201), and Communication Technology (TGJ201)!



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## Specialist High Skills Major in Arts & Culture

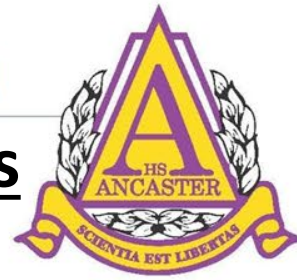
### Careers

- Actor
- Musician
- Graphic designer/illustrator, visual artist
- Technician for movies, broadcasting, performing arts, etc.
- In Grade 9...take any of the five Arts courses!



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# Specialist High Skills Major in Health & Wellness

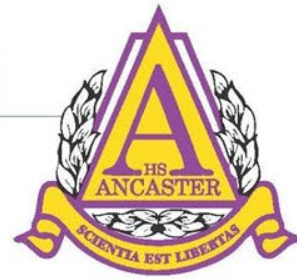


## Careers

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







## International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

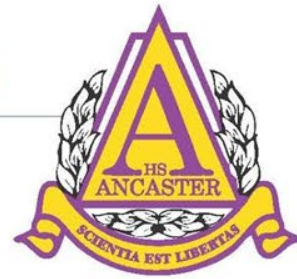
Students prepare by taking  
Grade 11 Math (MCR3U1)  
before Grade 11



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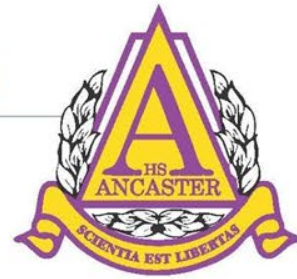
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## What is I.B.?

- 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 11-22
  - Parents/guardians approve course choices in Parent Portal (web version only)



## 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  
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