

# Welcome Grade 8 Families



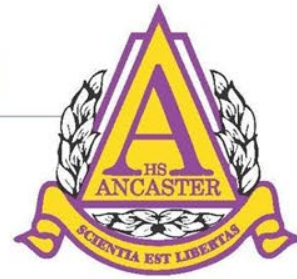
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# Families Living **In**-Catchment

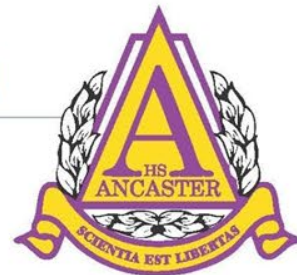
In-catchment families not attending one of our five associate schools:



- Attending an **HWDSB** school? Please make sure the office administrator changes your Next-School Indicator (NSI) to Ancaster High
- Students choose their AHS courses in Xello

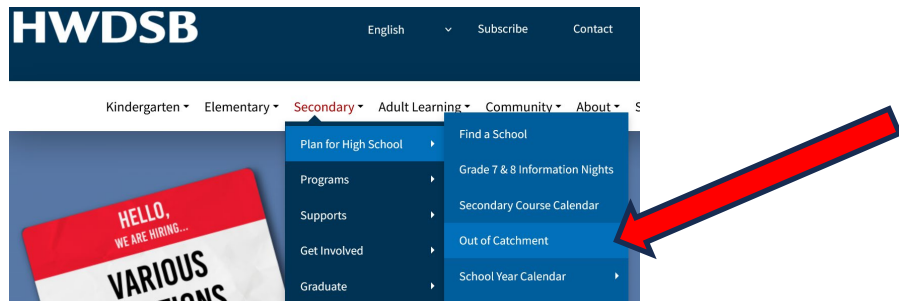


- Do you live in our catchment but attend a **non-HWDSB** school? Please download our grade 9 option sheet and e-mail it to [kmoon@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:kmoon@hwdsb.on.ca) by March 1st



## Families Living **Out-of-Catchment**

HWDSB announces on **January 29, 2024** if Ancaster High is Open or Closed to out-of-catchment applications



Applications are due around March 1<sup>st</sup> and decisions are made and communicated in one week. You will be asked to submit Grade 9 course choices at this time. Out-of-catchment families have equal access to grade 9 courses.



## 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

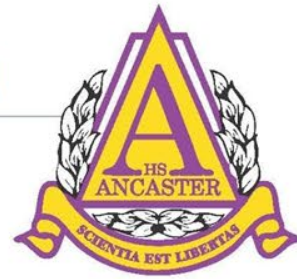
0 Credits

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

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# 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)



There are now **19** compulsory credits in Ontario



## 18 compulsory credits

**NEW: one technology credit in grade 9 or 10**

- TAS101 (\*new\*)
- TAS 201 (\*new\*)
- Any grade 10 course that starts with a "T" like TMJ201, TCJ201, etc.

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

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\*\*\*





## New Technology Requirement

NEW!		REPLACES	
TAS101	Grade 9 Technology and the Skilled Trades	TIJ101	Exploring Technology
TAS201	Grade 10 Technology and the Skilled Trades	N/A	N/A

We offer **seven** additional Technology courses in **Grade 10** that qualify for the new 19<sup>th</sup> compulsory credit:

*Communication, Computer Engineering, Construction, Hospitality, Manufacturing, Technological Design, and Transportation*



## Everything in Grade 9 Counts!

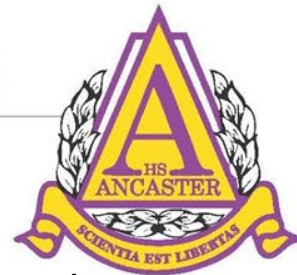
No matter which three electives students choose, they will satisfy one of the 19 compulsory credits needed to graduate!

All grade 10 electives are open to students without a pre-requisite.

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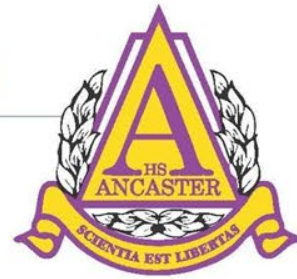
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# Group 1, 2, and 3

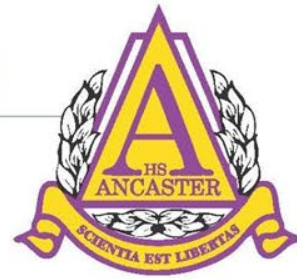
Only some of the 19 compulsory credits need to come from a particular grade.  
Group 1, 2, and 3 courses can be taken at any level (except Group 3 Science)

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English (including the Literacy Course)</li> <li>• French</li> <li>• First Nations, Métis, and Inuit studies</li> <li>• Classical studies/International languages</li> <li>• Social sciences and the humanities</li> <li>• Canadian and world studies</li> <li>• Guidance and career education</li> <li>• Cooperative education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health and physical education</li> <li>• The arts</li> <li>• Business studies</li> <li>• French</li> <li>• Cooperative education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science (Grade 11 or 12)</li> <li>• <b>Technological education</b></li> <li>• French</li> <li>• Computer studies</li> <li>• Cooperative education</li> </ul>



## 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



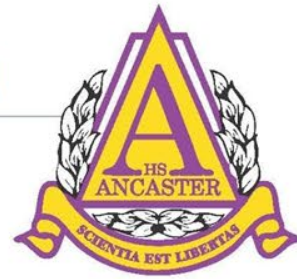
## Examples

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 Eight Courses

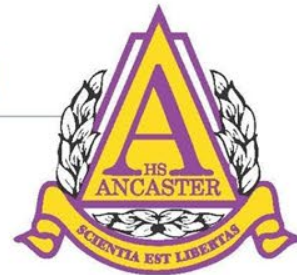
### Everyone Takes These 5:

- English, French, Geography, Math, Science

### Three More! (The focus of tonight's presentation)

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

We encourage one Art, one Health & Phys-Ed, and one Tech course in Grade 9 or 10

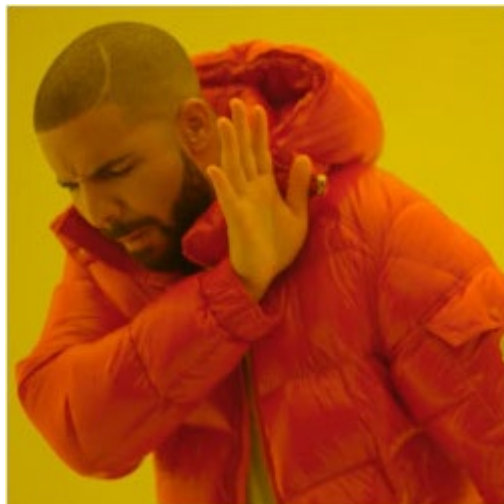


## High School Set Up

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

*\*we avoid designing a timetable with English, Math, and Science in the same semester*

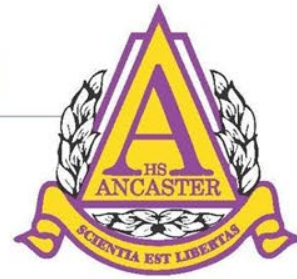




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electives  
to match  
your friend



Picking  
electives you  
like and suit  
your interests



## Dance

### Highlights Include:

- Choreography
- Jazz, ballet, modern dance techniques
- All experience levels welcome
- Join the Ancaster High Dance Team!





## Dramatic Arts

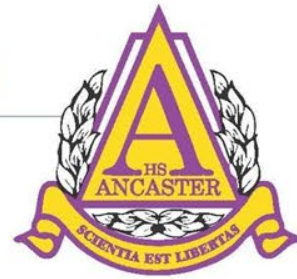
### Highlights Include:

- 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!

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# Visual Arts

## Highlights Include:

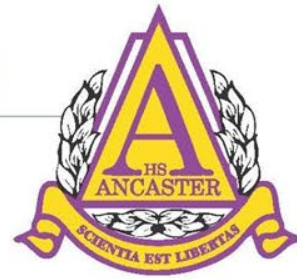
- Build creativity and innovation
- Connect to lived experiences
- Hands on, experiential learning
- A vibrant, welcoming space for all
- Engage with enthusiastic teachers, peers & artists!
- Educational excursions to theatres, museums and art galleries



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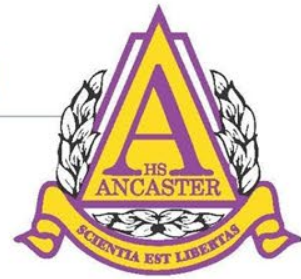
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# Arts & Crafts

- Students explore creativity, experimentation, and expression
- Students use a variety of materials and techniques to design functional art
- Cultural significance of crafts within diverse societies will be explored and analyzed

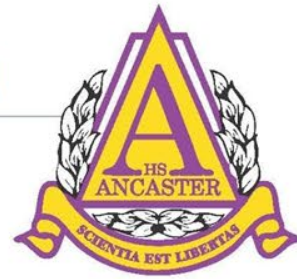




# Instrumental Music

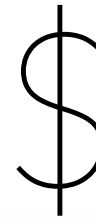
- Play a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument
- Get an extra credit with repertoire/concert band
- Join the band just for fun!

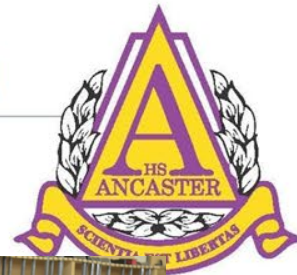




# Exploring Family Studies

- Sewing, cooking, raising a baby
- Meeting basic needs,
- How to relate to others
- How to become responsible members of society
- 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



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## 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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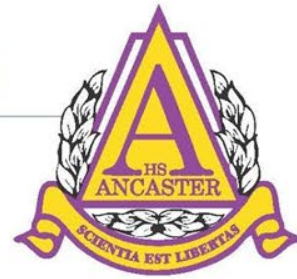
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# Physical Education - 3 Options!

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





# Healthy Active Living

(Male Identifying *or* Female Identifying)

## Sports and Activities

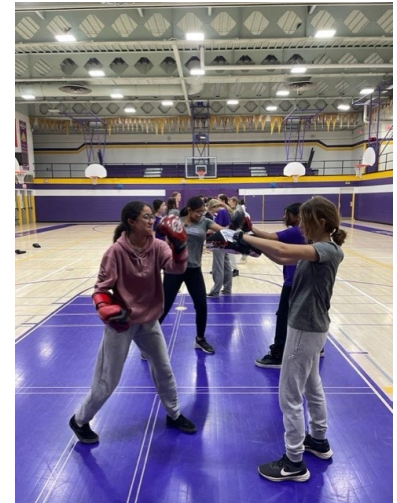
Traditional and non-traditional sports (i.e. archery, outdoor games and kickboxing). Promotes FUN and friendly competition

## Fitness Training

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

## Health

Same in all 3 courses





## Sport Performance (All Gender)

### Sports and Activities

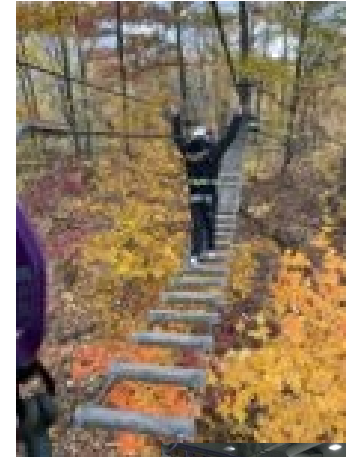
Skill development in **volleyball, soccer & basketball**.  
Competitive environment, high energy

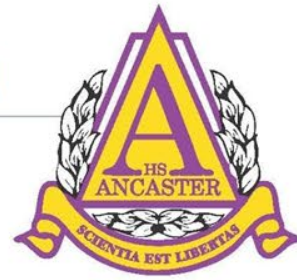
### Fitness Training

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

### Health

Same in all 3 courses





# Hockey (All Gender)

*\* Fees apply + 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

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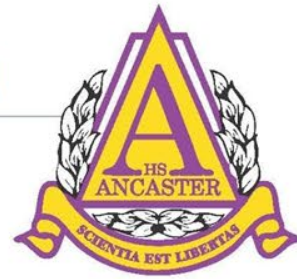
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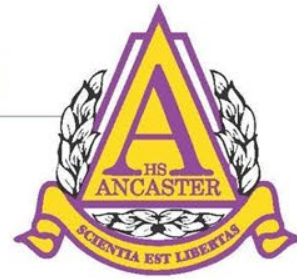


# Five Compulsory Courses in Grade 9

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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)

<b>FSF1D1</b>	<b>FSF1O1</b>
600 hours of elementary Core French instruction	Fewer than 600 hours of elementary Core French instruction

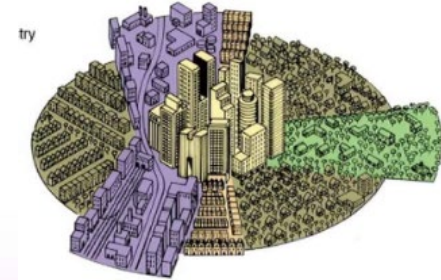
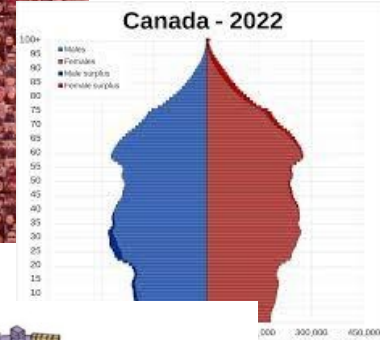




# Canadian Geography

<b>GRADE 11</b>	<b>GRADE 12</b>
CHG38 genocide	CLN4U law
CLU3M law	CLN4C law
CGG30 travel & tourism	CGW4U world issues
CHA3U american	CHY4U world history

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# Canadian History

Looking forward to **Grade 10!**

GRADE  
11

GRADE  
12

CHG38  
genocide

CLN4U  
law

CLU3M  
law

CLN4C  
law

CGG30  
travel &  
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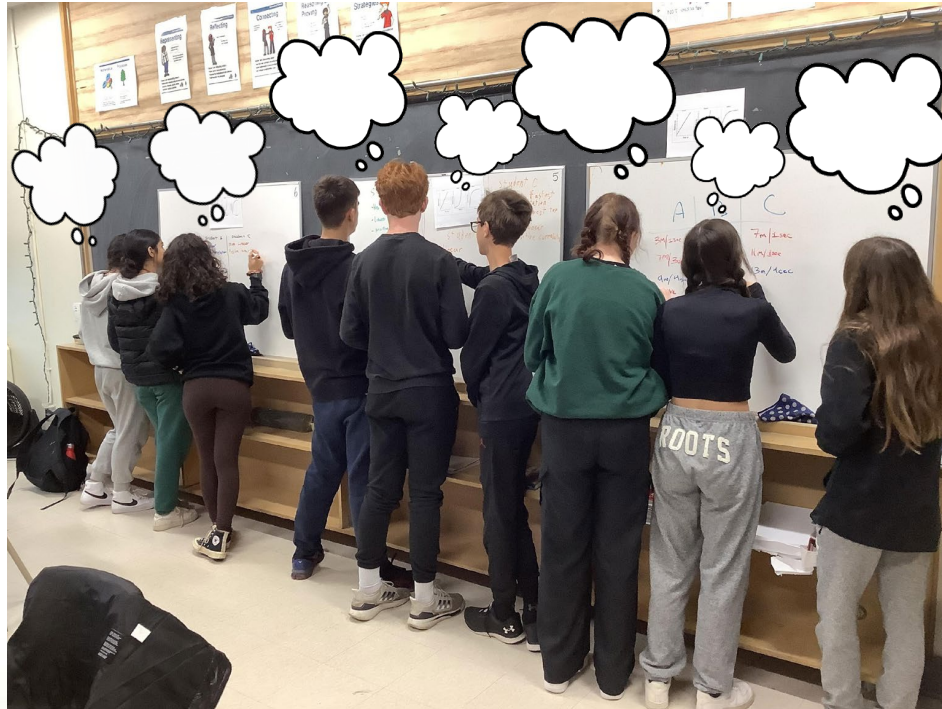


\*CIA4U - ECONOMICS

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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

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# Science

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Earth & Space Science

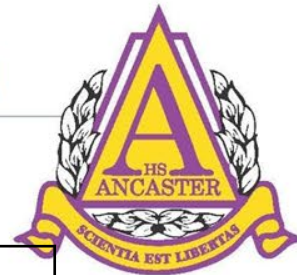
*Attend the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame's Discovery Days in Health Science in Grade 11*



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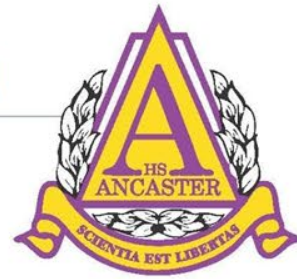
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## Planning 30 Credits

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
Gym	Elective	Elective	Elective
Art	Elective	Elective	Elective
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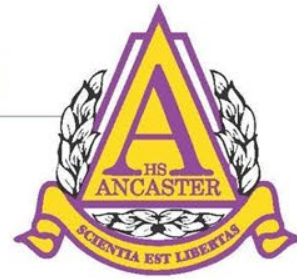


# Special Programs Start in Grade 11

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## Five 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 Grade 10 Math, Grade 11 Math
- Recommend Grade 10 French





# Important Dates Ahead

## February

- Grade 8 students from an HWDSB school enter course selections into Xello with help from Mr. Nicholson & Ms. Adams

## March 1<sup>st</sup>

- Deadline for all in-catchment, non-HWDSB course selections (e-mail to [kmoon@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:kmoon@hwdsb.on.ca))
- Course selections have already accompanied out-of-catchment applications

**\*March 11 – 22\***

- Parents/guardians approve course choices in Parent Portal



Questions?

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