



GRADE 9 OPTION SHEET for the 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Please use this sheet to plan **eight** courses for Grade 9 and **one alternate**. Students will upload their choices to myBlueprint with help from Ancaster High's Student Services Team when we return to your class in February!

COMPULSORY COURSE OPTIONS (CHOOSE ALL 5)

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| ENL1W1 (English) | FSF1D1 (French) | CGC1W1 (Geography) | MTH1W1 (Math) | SNC1W1 (Science) |
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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 myBlueprint, we'll ask students to choose **one** alternate course in case of cancellation/conflict. Please choose carefully.

ARTS

Drama - ADA1O1

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.

Music - AMU1O1

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.

Visual Arts - AVI1O1

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.

Visual Arts - Non-Traditional – AWT1O1

This course aims to create a hands-on experience with topics like **Urban Art** (graffiti & skateboard deck design), **Crafts** (carving, stitching, & pyrography), and **Outdoor Art** (chalk murals & found object sculptures). This might be a good option for those who are less confident with their drawing skills.

BUSINESS

Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset - BEM1O1

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

Exploring Family Studies - HIF1O1

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



Hockey - PAD1O1 (All Gender)

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. There is a \$40 fee to take this course for ice.

Sport Performance - PAL1O1 (All Gender)

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.

Sports & Games - PPL1O1F (Female Identifying) OR Sports & Games - PPL1O1M (Male Identifying)

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

Technology and the Skilled Trades - TAS1O1

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 – Repertoire – AMR1O1 *(Offered outside regular day)*

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.

ADDITIONAL COMPULSORY OPTIONS

Please consult your grade 8 teacher for the courses below. Please contact Ms. Adams for support at daadams@hwdsb.on.ca.

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| ENG1L1 (Locally Developed English) | FSF1O1 (Open Preparation French) | MAT1L1 (Locally Developed Math) | SNC1L1 (Locally Developed Science) | GLS1O1 (Learning Strategies) |
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ALTERNATE COURSE – What is one extra elective you might want to take instead?

*Some schedules experience a conflict between two electives (i.e. Hockey and Non-Traditional Art) and students need to pick an alternate elective



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Alternate Course? _____