

Choosing Grade 12 Courses

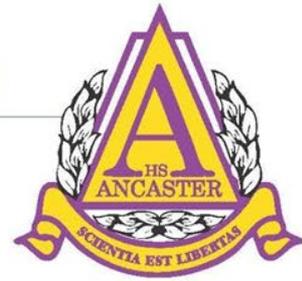
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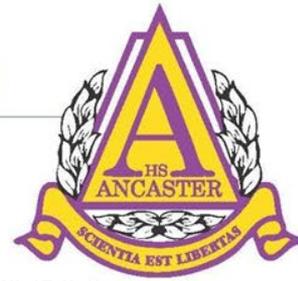
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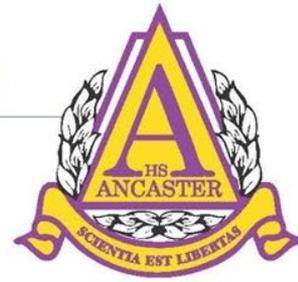
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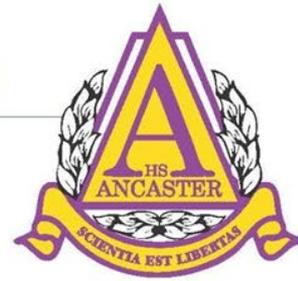
Timetable Changes Open January 26

- Since August, counsellors have already made about 500 changes
- Many students requested multiple changes...and some asked us to reverse the change we already made!
- Students continue to book guidance appointments to ask for changes to semester two – please stop!
- Check your e-mail on January 26 if you want to submit a request
- Most semester two classes are full and all e-Learning is waitlisted
- **Plan carefully for next year and pick favourite courses NOW – this will prevent the need for making timetable changes next year**



Do Lots of Planning – Important!

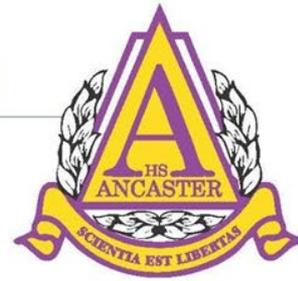
- It can feel too early to choose courses for next year that will continue until June 2027
- We are here to help if something big changes, but...
- HWDSB uses the data inside myBlueprint **as of March 6, 2026** to decide how many classes Ancaster High School will have next year
- So...do lots of planning on what you need for your apprenticeship, college program, or university program NOW so that you pick the right courses for next year
- If you pick accurately by the deadline of March 6, this is your best chance that we'll have enough classes for everyone



Spend Lots of Time on These Sites



- www.ontariocolleges.ca to learn what **college** programs require. Remember – they have **degrees** too – future nurses should look carefully
- www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca to learn what **university** programs require
- If you're interested in an apprenticeship – find a technology teacher and ask lots of questions and make sure to take co-op in Grade 11 *and* Grade 12



Steps to Picking Courses for Next Year

Step 1 **Done!**

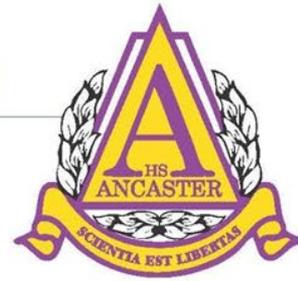
- Download the Official Course Selection Sheet from Mr. Nicholson's December 14th e-mail

OR

- www.hwdsb.on.ca/ancasterhigh/student-services/course-information

Step 2 **Done!**

- Attend the Elective Course Fair (December 15)



Steps to Picking Courses for Next Year

Step 3

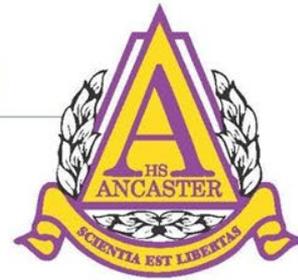
- Book an appointment with your counsellor for help planning your courses before March 6. Parents/guardians are invited too!

Step 4

- Attend a drop-in counselling sessions for last-minute advice on March 3, 4, or 5 in the library at lunch. No appointment needed!

Step 5

- Officially select your courses in MyBlueprint by March 6. Please show your choices to your parents/guardians.



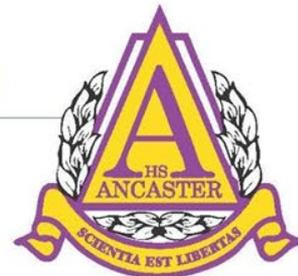
Steps to Picking Courses for Next Year

Step 6

- Check your e-mail on March 9 to see if any elective courses have been cancelled. Students affected will have an extended deadline (Friday, March 13).

Step 7

- Ask your parents/guardians to log into Parent Portal (web version only, not mobile) between March 30 and April 2 to verify your courses. Please e-mail your counsellor if there is a mistake or you changed your mind.



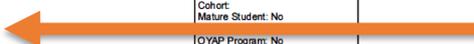
Tracking Graduation Requirements

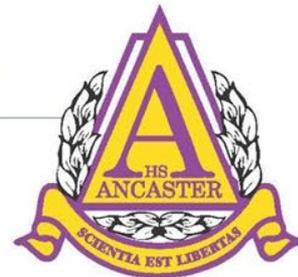
Current courses & mid-semester grades



Current Courses										Completed Courses										Assigned Diploma Information		
Course	Daily Type	Int	Potential Credits	Abv	Dip	X	Enrolled	Notes	Course	Mark	Date	Credit Earned	Dip	Notes	Course	Mark	Date	Credit Earned	Dip	Notes	Diploma Type:	Diploma Date:
ENG3U1-14	1		1.00	0	3				PPLE10M	80	2022/11	1.00	12								Ontario Secondary School Diploma	
FSF3U1-12	1		1.00	1	99				TJ101	83	2021/11	1.00	17								Ontario Scholar: No	
SPH3U1-11	1		1.00	1	99				FSF1D1	91	2022/02	1.00	5									
TMJ3C1-13	1		1.00	1	99				SNC1D1	89	2022/02	1.00	8									
DCO3O2-23	4		2.00	0	99			C	ADA1O1	80	2022/06	1.00	11									
RCR3U1-21	1		1.00	0	7				CGC1D1	80	2022/06	1.00	10									
SCH3U1-22	1		1.00	0	99				ENG1D1	77	2022/06	1.00	1									
									MTH1W1	85	2022/06	1.00	6									
									CHV2O3	92	2022/11	0.50	13									
									ENG2D1	75	2023/02	1.00	2									
									SLC2O3	83	2023/02	0.50	14									
									SNC2D1	89	2023/02	1.00	8									
									TMJ2D1	87	2023/02	1.00	99									
									CHC2D1	90	2023/06	1.00	9									
									FSF2D1	81	2023/06	1.00	15									
									MPM2D1	91	2023/06	1.00	6									
									PAL2D1	80	2023/06	1.00	16									

Completed courses with final grades





30 Credits Needed to Graduate

- 18 compulsory*
- 12 electives*

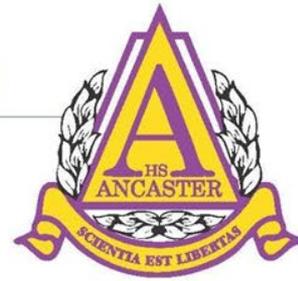
**The Ministry of Education asks that you take two of these via e-Learning or ask your parent/guardians to opt out in Parent Portal*

BTT101-21	1	1.00	0	16	GLC203	89	2020/07	0.50	14
CGC1D1-23	1	1.00	0	10	ADA101	90	2021/02	1.00	11
FSF1D1-22	1	1.00	0	5	ENG1D1	90	2021/02	1.00	1
PAL101-24	1	1.00	0	12	MFM1D1	86	2021/02	1.00	6
					SNC1D1	93	2021/02	1.00	8
Diploma Credit Summary	Req	Previous Earned	Scholar	Potential Earned					
For Diploma	30.00	5.00	0.00	9.00					
Compulsory	18.00	5.00	0.00	9.00					
Optional Credits	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
1 English 9	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00					
2 English 10	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
3 English 11	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
4 English 12	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
5 French	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00					
6 Other Math	2.00	1.00	0.00	1.00					
7 Senior Math	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
8 Science	2.00	1.00	0.00	1.00					
9 Canadian History	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
10 Canadian Geography	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00					
11 The Arts	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00					
12 Health and Physical Education	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00					
13 Civics	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.50					
14 Career Studies	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.50					
15 Group 1 EN/TLSS/CDN & W	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
16 Group 2 PHE/BUS/ARTS	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00					
17 Group 3 SNC/TECH	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
99 Optional Credits	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
Credits to date		5.00	0.00	9.00					

Potential column means the credit will be finished in June

Previous means the credit has been achieved

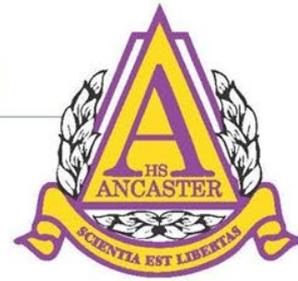
Required indicates the number of credits needed in that category



Groups

Group 1

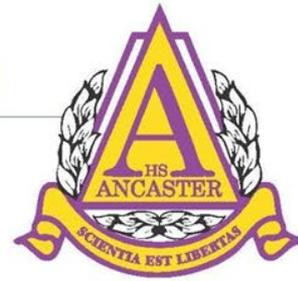
- English - including the Ontario Literacy Course – OLC4O1 (*Ex: EMS30 or EWC4C1*)
- French (*Ex: Any French after grade 9*)
- Native Languages
- First Nations, Métis, and Inuit studies
- Classical studies and international languages (*Ex: Spanish*)
- Social sciences and the humanities (*Ex: anything that starts with “H” like HFC3M1*)
- Canadian and world studies (*Ex: anything that starts with a “C” like CGG3O1*)
- Guidance and career education (*Ex: anything that starts with a “G” like GWL3O1*)
- Co-op



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Group 2

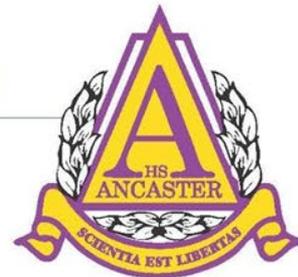
- Additional Art course (*Starts with an "A" like AVI301*)
- Additional Physical Education course (*Starts with a "P" like PAL301*)
- Additional French course like *FSF2D1*
- Any Business course (*Starts with a "B" like BMI3C1*)
- Co-op



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Group 3

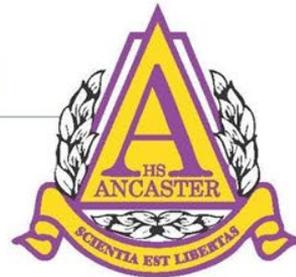
- Additional Science course from Grade 11 or 12 (*Starts with an "S" like SVN3M1*)
- Additional French course like *FSF2D1*
- Any Technology course (*Starts with a "T" like TMJ3C1*)
- Any Computer Studies/Computer Science course (*Starts with an "I" like ICS3U1*)
- Co-op



Community Involvement & Literacy

- Students require 40 hours of community involvement
- Students must pass the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test
*(*The Literacy Course is available to some students)*

COURSE 1				COURSE 2				Assigned Diploma Information		
Date	Credit Earned	Dip Cat	Notes	Course	Mark	Date	Credit Earned	Dip Cat	Notes	Diploma Type:
2020/01	1.00	1								Ontario Secondary School Diploma
2020/01	1.00	5								Diploma Date:
2020/01	1.00	12								Ontario Scholar: No
2020/01	1.00	8								
2020/06	1.00	11								Other Information
2020/06	1.00	10								Cohort: 2019
2020/06	1.00	6								Mature Student: No
2020/06	1.00	17								Entered OSSD After Gr 9: No
2021/02	1.00	9								OYAP Program: No
2021/02	1.00	2								Community Involvement Hours
2021/02	1.00	8								54.00
2021/02	1.00	99								Ontario School Literacy Req.
2021/04	0.50	13								Successfully completed in English
2021/06	1.00	16								Online Learning Grad. Req.
2021/06	0.50	14								Not applicable
2021/06	1.00	15								Awards/Student Programs
2021/06	1.00	6								Course Selection
2021/11	1.00	99								Course
										Credit
										Total Potential Credits: 0.00



Course Options for 2026-2027

- Use this sheet to plan 8 courses for next year (9 if you take Repertoire Music)
- Most courses are also offered via e-Learning (make your choices in myBlueprint)

Version 4 February 9, 2023 ANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS (2023-2024)



Courses on this document are offered in-person. Most are also offered via e-Learning. Students choose preference in Xello. Some courses not listed here are offered **ONLY** via e-Learning. Students find e-Learning-only courses in Xello under the e-Learning discipline.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS – ANCASTER HIGH

Ancaster High School offers six special programs that add to your Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). All begin in Grade 11 and require little to no preparation in Grade 9 and 10. They are:

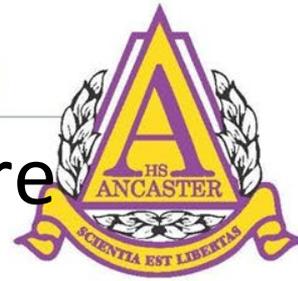
- International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (e-mail Mr. Taylor at dtaylor@hwdsb.on.ca). This requires PSF2D1 & MCR3U1 in Grade 10.
- Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM) in Hospitality & Tourism, Information & Communication, Manufacturing, Health & Wellness, and Arts & Culture. Please see back of page for a summary of required courses

SPECIAL PROGRAMS – SYSTEM WIDE

HWDSB offers seven system programs at other schools and require applications and sometimes interviews/auditions. All begin in Grade 11. Please select the course code in Xello to alert your guidance counsellor to your interest and then make an appointment:

1. "Work in Progress" Program (HWWIP) offers paid co-op for students who need help graduating.
2. ArtSmart (HWARTSM) offers specialized courses in drama, voice, instrumental, dance, and musical theatre
3. Building Careers from the Ground Up (HWWUILD) provides courses in residential/commercial construction
4. Canadian Forces Co-op Program (HWCDF) enrolls students in the Canadian Forces (militia) for one semester
5. Healthcare Support Services Program (HWHCAL) teaches students clinical/support skills in a simulated hospital ward setting
6. Mohawk College Dual Credits (HWMCD) offers students a half-day at Mohawk College in college courses that also count for high school
7. Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program – Accelerated OYAP (HWOYAPA) offers students with co-op placements Level One training

ARTS	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
Drama	ADA101	ADA201	ADA3M1	ADA4M1
Drama – Music Theatre			ADB3M1 or ADB3O1	ADB4M1 or ADB4E1
Visual Arts	AV1101	AV1201	AV13M1 or AV13O1	AV14M1 or AV14E1
Visual Arts – Crafts	AWA101 (New!)	AWA201		
Visual Arts – Ceramics			AWC3M1	
Visual Arts – Drawing & Painting				AWM4M1
Visual Arts – Stage Design			AWJ3O1 (New!)	AWJ4E1 (New!)
CANADIAN & WORLD STUDIES	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
American History			CHA3U1	
Analyzing Current Economic Issues				CIA4U1
Canadian and International Law				CLN4U1
Canadian History: Since World War 1		CHC2D1 or CHC2P1		
Civics and Citizenship (also take GLC203)		CHV203		
Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity			CHG3B1	
Issues in Canadian Geography	CGC1D1			
Legal Studies				CLN4C1 (New!)
Travel and Tourism: A Regional Geographic Perspective			CGG3O1	
Understanding Canadian Law			CLU3M1	
World History since the Fifteenth Century				CHY4U1 (New!)
COOPERATIVE EDUCATION	GRADE 11 & 12			
Co-op – (2 credits) *Notes: 4-credit co-op's are not always approved. Choose "2 credit" co-op + 2 regular courses and discuss with counsellor			Students will meet with the coop teacher to discuss placement. Listen to announcements for date of the Orientation Meeting (April, 2023)	DCO3O2
ENGLISH	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
English	ENG1W1	ENG2D1 or ENG2P1	ENG3C1, ENG3E1, or ENG3U1	ENG4C1, ENG4E1, or ENG4U1
English – Locally Developed		ENG2L1		
Ontario Literacy Course				ILCAO1
The Writer's Craft				EW4C1 or EW4U1 (New!)



e-Learning, Summer School & Your Future

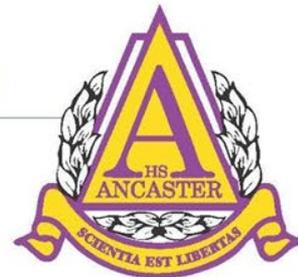
<https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/admissions/repeated-courses>

year will not affect your application to any program.

Engineering and Math programs

If you are applying to a program in the Faculty of Engineering (including the Architectural Engineering program, but excluding the School of Architecture) or the Faculty of Mathematics, you should avoid taking courses required for admission outside of your regular day school or school board if possible. We want to see how you perform in each of the required courses during the school year where you will be balancing other courses and activities outside of the classroom as we assess your ability to be successful in our demanding full-time programs. If a required course is taken outside of your regular day school or school board, your admission average may be adjusted to reflect your previous performance in that subject.

For some programs, we may ask you to identify courses taken or being taken outside of your regular day school and to explain why the course(s) was not completed in your regular school.



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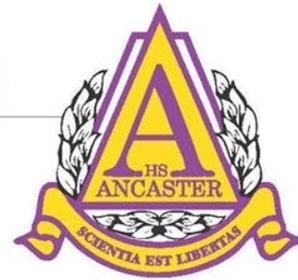
- Grade 9 Science (Grade 9 • SNC1W1 • 1 Credit • Open)
- Grade 10 Science (Grade 10 • SNC2D1 • 1 Credit • Academic)
- Grade 10 Science (Grade 10 • SNC2L1 • 1 Credit • Locally Developed)
- Grade 10 Science (Grade 10 • SNC2P1 • 1 Credit • Applied)
- Grade 11 Environmental Science (University/College Preparation) (Grade 11 • SVN3M1 • 1 Credit • University/College)

Below the course list are expandable sections for Biology, Chemistry, and eLearning. A red arrow points to the 'eLearning' link.

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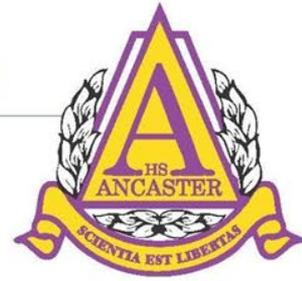
- BIOLOGY SBI3C1eL (Grade 11 • SBI3C1eL • 1 Credit • College)
- BIOLOGY SBI3U1eL (Grade 11 • SBI3U1eL • 1 Credit • University)
- BIOLOGY SBI4U1eL (Grade 12 • SBI4U1eL • 1 Credit • University)
- CHEMISTRY SCH3U1eL (Grade 11 • SCH3U1eL • 1 Credit • University)
- CHEMISTRY SCH4C1eL (Grade 12 • SCH4C1eL • 1 Credit • College)
- CHEMISTRY SCH4U1eL (Grade 12 • SCH4U1eL • 1 Credit • University)
- EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE SES4U1eL (Grade 12 • SES4U1eL • 1 Credit • University)
- SCIENCE LOCALLY DEVELOPED COMP

A red arrow points to the 'BIOLOGY SBI4U1eL' course entry.



e-Learning has Class Maximums Too!

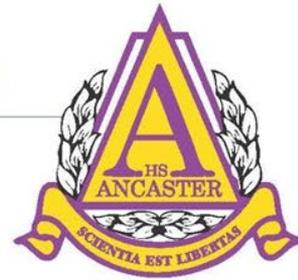
- Remember – all e-Learning must be chosen by March 6th
- After myBlueprint closes, we cannot guarantee e-Learning to anyone who asks to change a class from in-person to e-Learning
- Every e-Learning course is taught by a teacher working in a high school somewhere in Ontario and has a class size maximum
- We cannot make more room in e-Learning
- So...if you want e-Learning in grade 12 – please choose it in myBlueprint by March 6th!



What's Your Best?

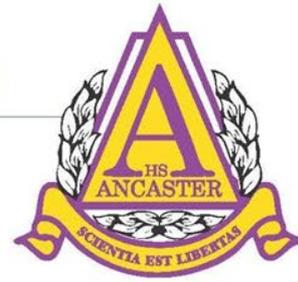
- Grade 12 is the year to do your best in each course
- Will you be able to achieve the admission average to attend the school and program of your choice?
- Make sure that you are taking courses that allow you to succeed to the levels required for admission to your apprenticeship, college, or university program

Queen's University Business	University of Toronto Mississauga Commerce
Admission: 87+	Admission: Mid 80s



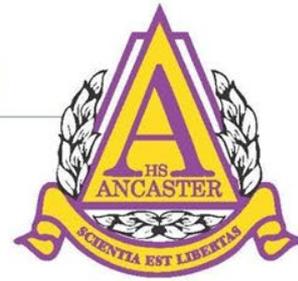
Full Disclosure

- Applies to Grade 11 and 12 courses only
- Starting **five days after mid-semester report cards**, all courses in which a student is registered will be recorded on the transcript
- Courses that are dropped, failed, or repeated after this date will appear on your transcript
- Check post-secondary schools' policies



Which Schools Consider Dropped, Failed, or Repeated Courses?

- It is the student's responsibility to research this and consider this before dropping or repeating a course
- **Most universities will consider only the attempt resulting in the highest grades**
- Some schools insist on using the most RECENT attempt, even if the grade is lower than the first attempt (*it happens!*)
- Some schools take the average of your two attempts
- We suggest reviewing the University of Waterloo, University of Toronto, and Wilfrid Laurier's policies



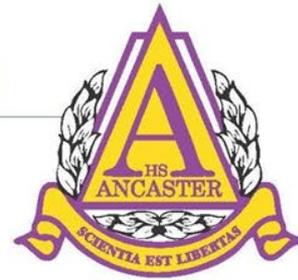
Pathways to Post-Secondary

A	C	U	W
Apprenticeship	College	University	Workplace

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Degree Programs (College & University)

- Universities mostly offer three and four-year degree programs, most also offer diplomas/certificates as supplemental qualifications
- Please remember that “colleges” also offer degree programs



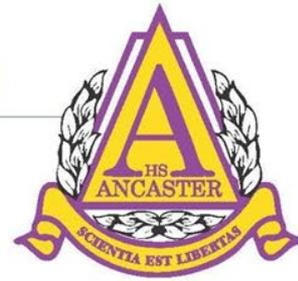
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“College” is Okay!



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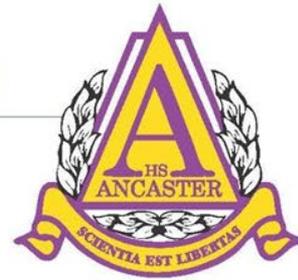
He graduated with a bachelor's degree in history from **Trinity College** at the **University of Toronto** in 1984.



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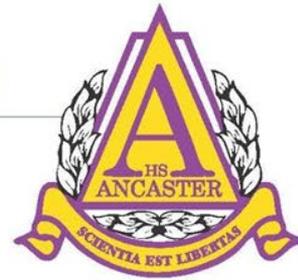
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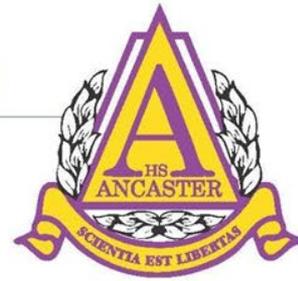
Pathway - University

- All Ontario universities require:
 - Six Grade 12 University Pathway (4U) or Grade 12 University/College-Level (4M) courses
 - “6 4U/4M Courses”
- Most Ontario universities require that **ENG4U1** is one of those six
- The “other five” requirements change from program to program and (less so) from university to university



University Application Process

- Students start applying in September 2026
- The deadline to apply with guidance support is December 11, 2026
 - There are other deadlines for portfolios, supplemental information, and interviews in 2027
- In September 2026 we will send the universities all Grade 11 marks and any completed Grade 12 marks from this year
 - This includes any course taken in July 2026. Please make sure we get your report card if you are taking courses outside of HWDSB



University Application Process

- Some universities will extend an early offer of admission based on a combination of **five** 3U/3M or 4U/4M grades (if available) in **required** courses (*i.e. English, Math, Physics, Chemistry, etc.*)
- “Early” offers mean any time before May 2027!
- Final decisions arrive after **Semester Two Mid-semester Grades**
- Ultimately, decisions are based on **final** and **mid-semester** grades in **six 4U/4M** courses



McMaster University

Repeated Courses

- We will use the highest grade reported in the calculation of the admission average.
- We may ask students who repeated more than 2 courses, or individual courses more than twice, to provide a letter detailing any extenuating circumstances that may have led to repeating multiple courses.

Special Consideration

- Students with extenuating circumstances may submit a request for a special consideration form.
<https://admissions.mcmaster.ca/manage/login>
- We evaluate extenuating circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

Summer/Night School, Virtual/e-Learning, Private School and Correspondence Courses

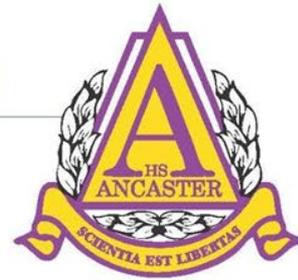
- We accept all Ministry-inspected and -approved courses.
- Students may not use summer school courses taken in 2024 to meet the conditions of an offer of admission for September 2024 because the course work is completed after the June 30, 2024, deadline.

Grade 11 Grades

- All programs will make offers of admission using Grade 12 grades only.
- Midwifery may review Grade 11 English, Biology and Chemistry grades for applicants to the Midwifery program if the mandatory Grade 12 prerequisite courses are in progress at the time of application.

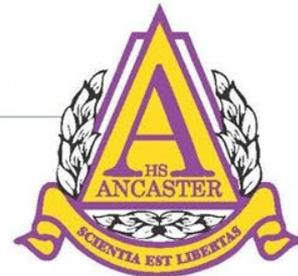
Fall Offer of Admission

- **First Round:** Late February to early March. Based on 4U/M grades available as of the end of February. Students must present a minimum of 3 courses with final grades and registration in any remaining required courses (for a minimum of 6 enrolled courses), or 6 interim grades including all required courses, to be completed by June 30, 2024. **Note:** Some by-selection programs will not make offers during this round.
- **Second Round:** Late April to early May. Based on six 4U/M courses, including all required courses available as of early May. Where students are unable to present grades for six 4U/M courses, we will assess them on the available grades provided they are registered in any outstanding courses with a completion date of June 30, 2024.



University Application Process

- Start researching universities now
- Start looking at samples of non-academic requirements like essays, portfolios, interviews, etc.
- Visit this website often: www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca
- Go to the Ontario Universities' Fair in September 26-27, 2026



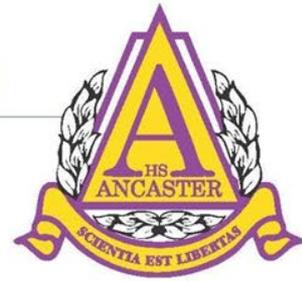
Top Schools in 2024



Mac	52
Guelph	24
Western	18
Toronto	15
Laurier	15
Waterloo	8
Brock	7
Ottawa	5
Queen's	5
York	3



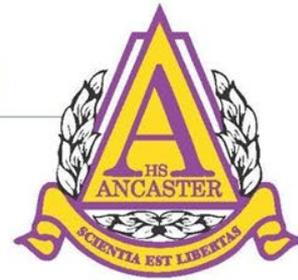
Mohawk	43
Sheridan	6
Fanshawe	6
Seneca	4



Pathways - College

- Colleges offer some degrees (same requirements as a university - 6 4U/4M courses)
- B.Sc.N. degrees are very popular
- Colleges mostly offer:
 - One-year certificates
 - two-year diploma programs
 - three-year advanced diploma programs (these can lead to degrees)
- All diplomas require Grade 12 College Preparation English (ENG4C1) or Grade 12 University Preparation English (ENG4U1)

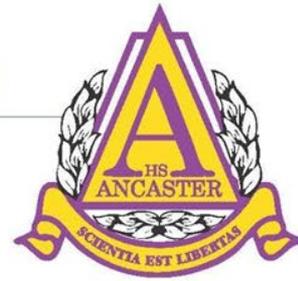




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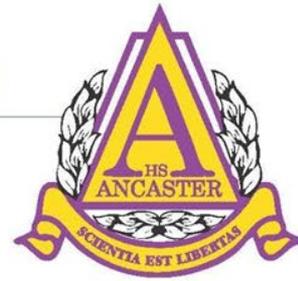
- Students apply in November 2026
- Colleges use Grade 11 OR Grade 12 marks for admission
- *If your Grade 12 English (ENG4C1/ENG4U1) isn't until Semester Two next year, colleges will use your final grade in **Grade 11 English!***
- Offers of admission begin as soon as you pay for your application, **OR** in February 2027 and continue until all spaces are full
- Some programs are HIGHLY competitive
- High grades in college preparation courses are better than lower grades in university preparation courses





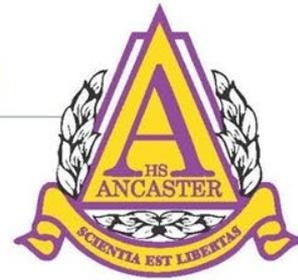
Pathways - Apprenticeship

- Apprentices must graduate high school
- Apprenticeships can only be acquired through sponsorship or employment by a person or company from the related trade
- High school co-op can lead to an apprenticeship
- Dual Credit opportunities at college can also lead to apprenticeship



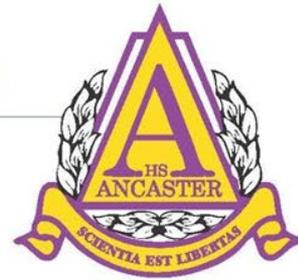
The One Course All Grade 12's Must Take

- All Grade 12 students require a fourth **English** credit
- If you have failed a compulsory Semester One class, please re-take this in Grade 12 (English or Math)
- Students should choose any remaining Group 1, 2, or 3 compulsory credit



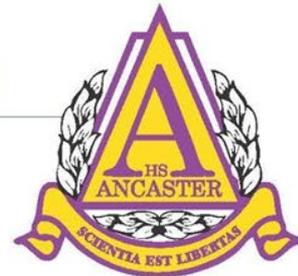
Electives

- Must have a Grade 11 Arts credit to take a Grade 12 Arts (Visual Arts or Dramatic Arts)
- Must have a Grade 11 Music credit to take Grade 12 Music (Instrumental or Repertoire)
- Must have Grade 11 French to take this in Grade 12
- All Grade 12 Technology courses require a Grade 11 pre-requisite



Choosing Electives

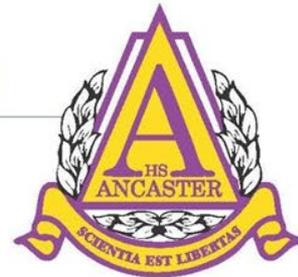
- Talk to your Grade 11 teachers about other courses they teach
- Talk to your guidance counsellor about courses that you should take for your future career
- Use myBlueprint for detailed course information



Pre-Requisites for Grade 12

Many Grade 12 courses have only general prerequisites

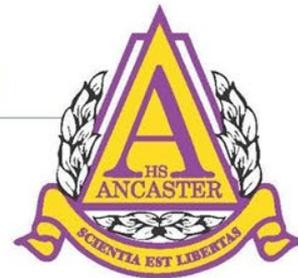
Grade 12 Course	Pre-requisite in Grade 11
Social Science/Humanities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 11 English • Any Grade 11 Social Science/Humanities • Any Grade 11 Can. & World Studies
Canadian & World Studies	
<i>Examples: World History, Law, Nutrition & Health, Economics</i>	<i>Examples: American History, Food & Culture, Intro. to Anthropology, Psychology, Sociology</i>



Pre-Requisites for Grade 12

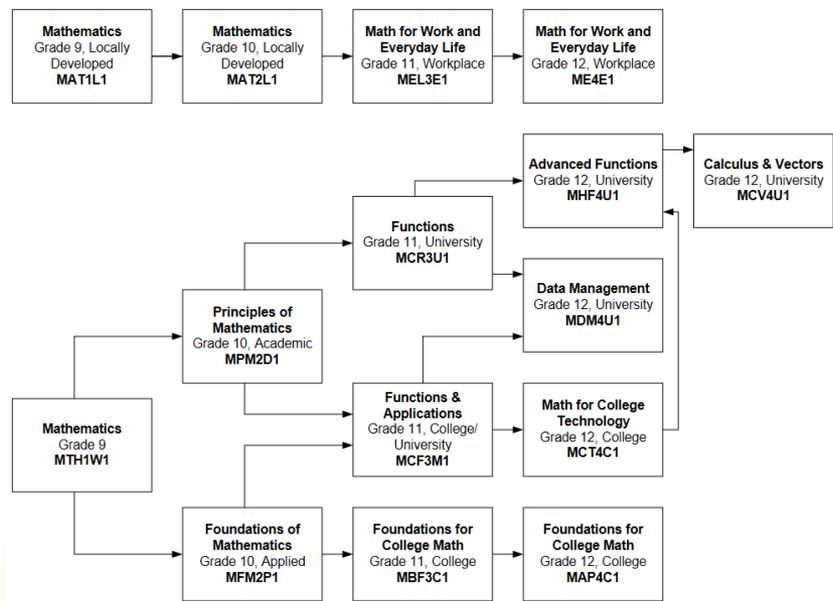
Some grade 12 courses have “specific” prerequisites

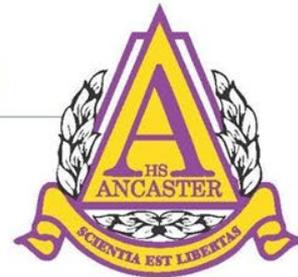
	REQUIRES
Grade 12 University Science	Grade 11 University Science
Grade 12 Accounting	Grade 11 Accounting
Grade 12 Technology/Art/Language	Grade 11 Technology/Art/Language
Grade 12 Computer Science	Grade 11 Computer Science



Math

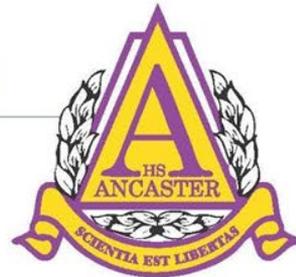
Choosing the correct level of Math in Grade 12





Some Degrees **Require** and Some **Recommend** “Any” Grade 12 **University-Preparation** Math

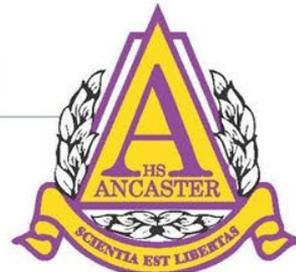
Area of Study at University	Grade 12 Math Required	Grade 11 Pre-requisite
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nursing ● Education (Primary Grades) ● Some Kinesiology ● Management (not “Business”) 	<p>Only one 4U Math which could be:</p> <p>Data Management (MDM4U1)</p>	<p>Functions & Relations (MCF3M1)</p>



Universities Might **Require** One or Two **Specific** Grade 12 University-Level Math

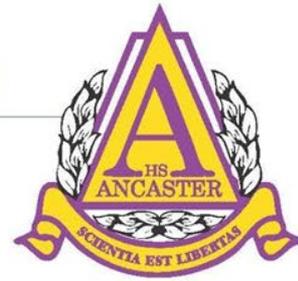
Area of Study at University	Grade 12 Math Required	Grade 11 Pre-requisite
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineering • Science • Computer Science • Business (Accounting, Marketing, Finance, etc.) • Some Kinesiology 	Calculus & Vectors (MCV4U1*) and/or Advanced Functions (MHF4U1)	Functions (MCR3U1)

**MHF4U1 is the pre-requisite for MCV4U1*



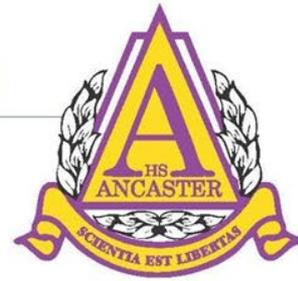
Colleges **Might** Require One Grade 12 Math

Area of Study at College	Grade 12 Math Required	Grade 11 Pre-requisite
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engineering Technology Veterinary Technology 	MCT4C1 (Math for College Technology) or High grades in MAP4C1 (Foundations for College)	Functions and Relations (MCF3M1) or MBF3C1 (Foundations for College)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non technical programs 	High grades in MAP4C1 (Foundations for College)	MBF3C1 (Foundations for College)



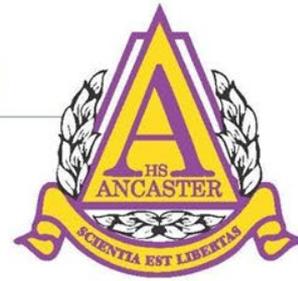
Math and Apprenticeship/Workplace

- Any Grade 10 Math course is okay for an apprenticeship
- Grade 10 Applied (MFM2P1) is recommended
- For future Electricians...more Math is better!
- www.skilledtradesontario.ca



Planning for Year 5

- Most students plan to graduate in four years
- We support five-year graduation plans
- Students who wish to return for a fifth year of high school are allowed **Semester One** classes only
- Return with a PLAN!
- Do your best in grade 12!



**Special Programs at
Ancaster High School**
*(Started in September 2025,
Still Time to Register!)*

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Special Programs that Began in September 2025

(Still Time to Register!)

We have five Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM)

- Students take a two-credit co-op in Grade 11, 12, or summer
- Students take a special bundle of five courses (see back of option sheet for the complete list)

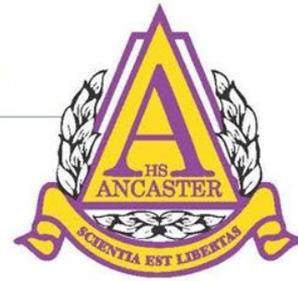
Students can choose **one** specialist high skills major from these areas:

- Arts & Culture
- Information & Communication Technology
- Health & Wellness
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Manufacturing

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Picking IB Courses in myBlueprint: Don't Forget the "B"

Everyone in Grade 12 IB takes the same 7 courses:

ENG4U1B, ETS4U1B, MCV4U1B, SBI4U1B, PSK4U1B, SCH4U1B,
SNC4M1B

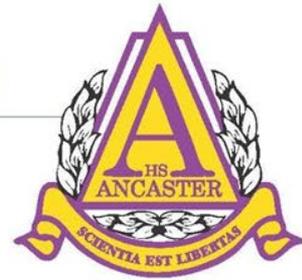
Mr. Nicholson will add TOK later – this will appear as HZT4U1B

Ab initio Spanish Students Take 8 courses:

Please choose LWSDU1B

IB French Students Can Choose ONE OSSD elective!

NOTE: there is a high chance of conflict with your one OSSD elective



Special Board-Wide Programs

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HWDSB Dual Credit Programs 2026-2027



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Dual Credit students:

- Spend half the day at Mohawk College and half the day at their home school
- Earn 2 college credits and 2 high school credits
- Are taught by Mohawk College instructors
- Are supported and monitored by a HWDSB Teacher
- Become ready for a successful transition to college

TRY COLLEGE FOR FREE! -- No cost for transportation, textbooks, or course materials.

Grade 11 and 12 Students are eligible to participate if:

- They have not yet graduated (*post-graduates are not eligible)
- Completed most, or all, of their compulsory credits
- Have had some success in college preparation courses
- Could benefit from a college pathway experience
- Has the potential to succeed and is ready to focus on reaching their full academic potential

Please see your guidance counsellor to determine eligibility

Semester 1: September – December 2026 (*Fennell Campus*)

AM Mohawk Bridge: Developmental Psychology & Health and Wellness

AM ESL Bridge: College 101 & The Canadian Job Market

PM Mohawk Bridge: Positive Psychology & Movies, Identity and Culture

PM Graphic Design: Graphic Design Layout 1 & Animation

Semester 2: February – June 2027 (*Fennell Campus*)

AM Mohawk Bridge: Positive Psychology & Movies, Identity and Culture

AM Community Services: Intro to Social Service Worker & Recreation Therapy

PM Mohawk Bridge: Developmental Psychology & Health and Wellness

PM Computer Technology: HTML and CSS & Computer Hardware and Software

PM Esports: Esports Fundamentals & Esports Marketing

Semester 2: February – June 2027 (*Stoney Creek Campus*)

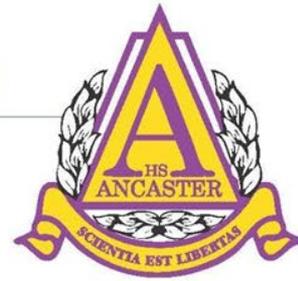
AM Welding: Introduction to Welding & Trade Calculations (Math Techniques)

Online Application: HWDSB Dual Credit Website

hwww.hwdsb.on.ca/secondary/programs/dual-credit

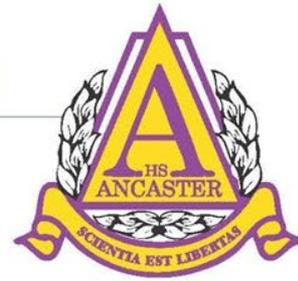
Apply Soon for 2026-2027
Dual Credit Programs!





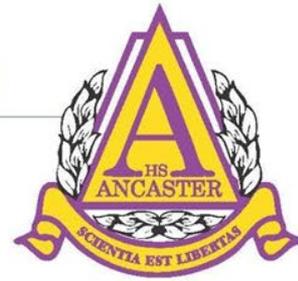
OYAP - Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program

- In high school, any co-op in an apprenticeship-able trade is OYAP
- Some special areas offer ACCELERATED OYAP. This means students leave high school with LEVEL 1 training!
- Some of the accelerated fields include:
 - Child Development Practitioner
 - Child and Youth Worker
 - General Carpenter
 - Construction Craft Worker
 - Automotive Service Technician
 - Assistant Cook
 - Hairstyling



Special Co-op

- Centralized placements require an interview (competing with students from other school boards)
 - City of Hamilton, Hamilton Health Sciences, St. Joseph's Healthcare, etc.
- Competitive co-op opportunities through HWDSB:
 - ArtSmart/Musical Theatre
 - Canadian Armed Forces Co-op
 - Building Careers from the Ground Up
 - Healthcare Support



Using myBlueprint

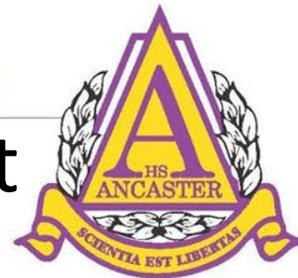
Please access myBlueprint this way:

Go to www.myblueprint.ca/hwdsb and then click

School Account Log In

All students choose 8 courses and one alternate course just in case we can't offer an elective course to you.

If you're taking an important course in summer school, myBlueprint might ask you to submit your courses with an error and leave us a note.



Summer School – Register in myBlueprint Starting March 2nd

www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/summer/summer-school-on-line/

Continuing Education Courses

Continuing Education

We believe in lifelong learning that continues beyond the regular school day, beyond school age, and beyond the regular classroom. A number of programs are offered for students and community members to support this belief.

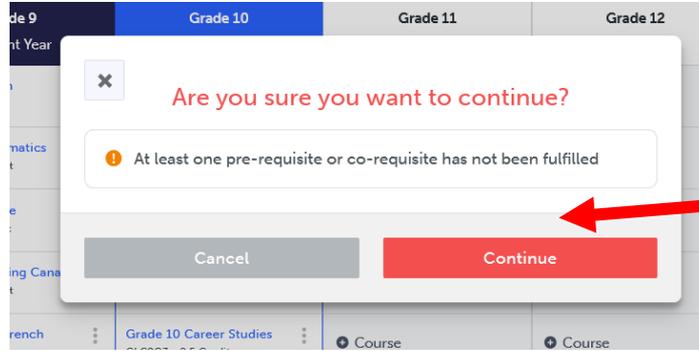
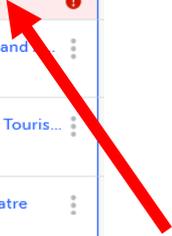
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Courses

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- > Summer School Reach Ahead ✗

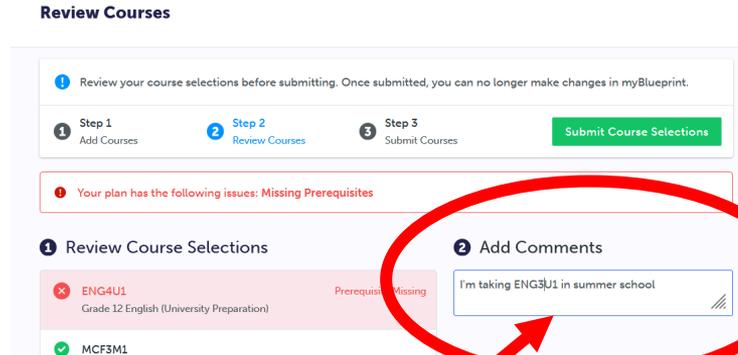
Grade 11 Next Year
Grade 12 English (Universi... ENG4U1 • 1 Credit
Grade 11 Functions and MCF3M1 • 1 Credit
Grade 11 Travel and Touris... CGG3O1 • 1 Credit
Drama – Music Theatre ADB3O1 • 1 Credit
Grade 11 Introduction to ... ICS3U1 • 1 Credit
Grade 11 Introduction to F... BAF3M1 • 1 Credit
Grade 11 Marketing (Colle... BMI3C1 • 1 Credit
Grade 11 Hockey PAD3O1 • 1 Credit
Repertoire Music
Alternates
Grade 10 Digital Technolo... ICD2O1 • 1 Credit



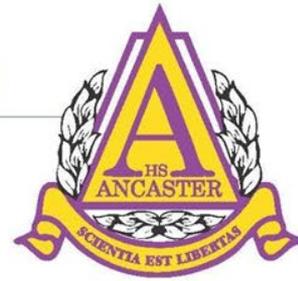
We've designed myBlueprint to still let you submit courses to us with "errors"

myBlueprint KNOWS this student has picked ENG4U1 without first taking ENG3U1.

myBlueprint is warning you that you need to take ENG3U1



You must leave us a comment like "I'm taking ENG3U1 this summer"



Parent Approval OPTIONAL in myBlueprint

ent/guardian so that they may confirm your selections

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Parent/Guardian Approval

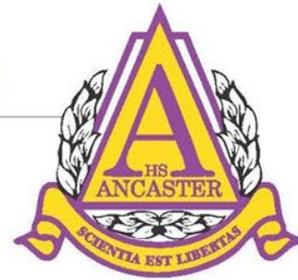
Please add a parent or guardian email below for us to share your course selection. Your parent/guardian will be asked to approve your course selection.

Parent/Guardian Email

Send Approval Email

This is NOT OFFICIAL but is a nice tool to show your caregivers what you picked

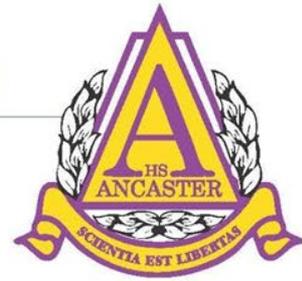
OFFICIAL
parent/guardian Course
Verification only
happens via Parent
Portal (web version)
from March 3-7



Need Help? Advice?

- Please book a guidance appointment before March 6.
- We are offering café-style guidance sessions in the library on **March 3rd, 4th, and 5th** at lunch for last minute questions

A-F	Ms. O'Sullivan	cosulliv@hwdsb.on.ca
G-M	Mr. Nicholson	snichols@hwdsb.on.ca
N-Z	Mr. Vukosa	pvukosa@hwdsb.on.ca



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