

# Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition (PLAR) for Day School Students

## Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) Challenge Process

### What is Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)?

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition is a formal evaluation and accreditation process. Students may obtain credits towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) for knowledge and skills that they have acquired outside of secondary school. This prior learning is assessed and evaluated to determine whether the

- proof of relevant prior learning from another educational jurisdiction (certificates, etc.)
- proof of successful completion of courses identified as prerequisites for this course (transcript)

\*The PLAR package must be completed and submitted to your Principal before October 31st or March 31st.

You will be required to meet with the Principal/Guidance Counsellor upon submitting your PLAR package.

### Is Parental Permission Necessary To Apply For The Challenge Process?

Students under the age of eighteen (18) need parental approval before applying to challenge a course for credit.

### What is the Process if I am a Mature Student?

Please contact the Thomas Merton Centre for Adult & Continuing Education:  
Call 905-849-7555 and visit [merton.hcdsb.org](http://merton.hcdsb.org)

## Additional Challenge Information

### Appeal Procedure

In cases where there is a disagreement with the decision of the Principal about whether a student should challenge for a credit, the parent of a student who is not an adult may ask the Family of Schools Supervisory Officer to review the matter.

### Repeating the Challenge

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