

March 15, 2021

Re: 2020-2021 Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) Challenge for Adolescents

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Through a formal evaluation and accreditation process known as Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR), students enrolled in TDSB secondary schools and Continuing Education programs may have their skills and knowledge evaluated against the overall expectations outlined in provincial curriculum policy documents in order to earn credits towards the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (O.S.S.D.).

Students' prior learning is assessed for the purpose of granting a credit for a Grade 10, 11 or 12 course developed from a provincial curriculum policy document published in 1999 or later. Students in Grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 may apply to challenge for credit for certain Grade 10, 11 or 12 courses.

For more information about the PLAR challenge, please [click here](#) to visit the [TDSB PLAR website](#).

As the first step in preparation for this process, all interested students and parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to attend the Information/Orientation session on:

Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Zoom: <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/94747780189>

To request an Interpreter: <https://forms.gle/y6QgWX9dqDH8DHY7>

The webinar will be available for families to join from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the presentation will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The challenge process will be explained and curriculum specialists will host subject-specific webinars from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with regards to the expectations of the challenge process.

Application forms will be available online from Wednesday March 24th, 2021 on the [TDSB PLAR website](#). Students in Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 who wish to challenge for a Grade 10, 11 or 12 course must complete an application and return it to the school Guidance office by April 7, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. Students are encouraged to consult with the school Guidance Counsellor for feedback in advance of the submission deadline.

PLAR Applications that are deemed to be complete and appropriate will be assessed by central curriculum staff to determine if the challenge application is approved to proceed to the final evaluation. All applicants will be notified in writing of the status of their challenge application by May 3, 2021. The challenge process of assessment and evaluation will be conducted from May 25 to June 11, 2021.

If you have any questions about PLAR or the challenge process, please contact your school's Guidance office or visit the [TDSB PLAR website](#).

Sincerely,

K. Johnson

Mr. Johnson
Principal

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