

## CONTINUING and ADULT EDUCATION

### International Languages

A select number of International Language courses are available for credit for secondary school students. These programs run out of different school locations in Peel and operate on Saturday mornings. Information is available on the Peel board website at [www.peelschools.org/conted/il](http://www.peelschools.org/conted/il).

### Night School (for day school students)

Night School programs are available for secondary school credits. Active Peel day school students must register through their guidance office at their home school. Day school students from other boards must visit their guidance office to obtain permission and information on how to register for courses. Courses are offered for grade 11 & 12 students who wish to upgrade a previously earned mark, or take a course for the first time provided the prerequisites are met. Information is available on the Peel District School Board website at [www.peelschools.org/conted/ns](http://www.peelschools.org/conted/ns).

### Summer School

Credit Summer School operates during the month of July. Active Peel day school students must register through the guidance office at their home school. Day school students from other boards must visit their guidance office to obtain permission to register for a Summer School course. Summer School is designed for students wishing to complete a course in which they were previously unsuccessful, or who wish to attempt to upgrade their final mark. Two-week sessions (i.e., 55 hours) are open to students who have completed the same course during the academic year but who have not earned the credit. It will be at the discretion of the day-school Principal or designate as to whether the student can complete course requirements in the 55-hour session, or if it is in the student's best interest to complete the full 110 hours. **Students who have earned the credit but who wish to upgrade their mark MUST complete the entire 110-hour Summer School course.** In addition, students may wish to take a new credit for the month of July. Locations and course selections are indicated in the *Summertime* brochure, which becomes available in early April. Summer Cooperative Education, Summer Study/Travel and Peel eLearning-Summer courses are also available. Additional information is posted on the Peel District School Board website at [www.peelschools.org/SummerSchool](http://www.peelschools.org/SummerSchool).

### Adult Education Credit Program

Secondary school credits programs are offered during the day in both Brampton and Mississauga. Evening programs are offered in Mississauga for adults 18 years of age and over. More information is available on our website at [www.peelschools.org/adulteducation/adulted](http://www.peelschools.org/adulteducation/adulted)

Program Offered	Mississauga Campus	Brampton Campus
Day Classes (Sept-June)	Yes, for adults who are 21 years of age and older.  18-20 year olds may be admitted with permission of the Principal	Yes, for adults who are 21 years of age and older.  18-20 year olds may be admitted with permission of the Principal
Night Classes (Sept-June)	Yes, for adults who are 18 years of age and older.	No
Summer Classes (July)	Yes, for adults who are 18 years of age and older.	Yes, for adults who are 18 years of age and older.

### PLAR Process for Adolescents

*Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)* is a way of evaluating and recognizing learning that has been acquired outside of secondary school. The student's knowledge is evaluated against the expectations outlined in provincial curriculum policy documents in order to determine whether a credit in the subject should be awarded to the student without the student having to enroll and attend the course. Students may earn no more than four credits through the challenge process (with no more than two credits in any one discipline). Students may not challenge certain types of courses (e.g. Grade 9 courses, locally developed courses, Co-operative Education courses).

- All credits granted through the PLAR challenge process represent the same expectations and standards of achievement as credits granted to students who have taken the courses.
- Students may challenge for credit for a course only if they can provide reasonable evidence that they would be likely to be successful in meeting the overall course expectations as outlined in the curriculum policy documents. In Peel, students interested in PLAR challenge should obtain an "Information about the PLAR Challenge Process" guideline from the

guidance office.

- Students must submit to their principal an “Application to Challenge for Credit for a Course” as well as a PLAR Challenge Support Package to meet course selection timelines, no later than March 1. For challenges for credit for Grade 10 courses, only passing percentage grades will be entered on the Ontario Student Transcript (OST). No notation will be entered on the OST if the student withdraws from or receives a failing grade in the challenge process.
- For challenges for credit for Grade 11 and 12 courses, passing and failing percentage grades will be entered on the student’s OST. No notation will be entered on the OST if the student withdraws from the challenge process.

### **PLAR (Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition) Process for Mature Students**

A *mature student* is a student who is at least 18 years of age on or before December 31 of the school year in which he or she returns to school, who was not enrolled in a day school program for a period of at least one year, and who has enrolled in a secondary school program or an Adult Education program for the purpose of obtaining an OSSD.

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) for Mature Students is the formal evaluation and credit-granting process through which mature students who are enrolled in a secondary school course may obtain credits for their prior learning. Mature students may obtain credits towards the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) for knowledge and skills that they have acquired, in both formal and informal ways, outside secondary school.

In all cases, the knowledge and skills gained through education, work experience and training must be directly related to the provincial curriculum expectations. Through the PLAR process, a mature student may be granted up to 26 credits towards his/her OSSD by the principal. Mature students attending regular secondary schools should see their guidance counsellor for more information. Adults enrolled in or considering Adult Education should contact the Adult Education Centre Credit Program, Mississauga Campus at 905-270-6000.

Effective February 1, 2004, the following students will follow the PLAR process and be required to meet OSS requirements to be eligible for an OSSD:

- mature students who were enrolled in an Ontario secondary school in Grade 9 in 1999-2000 or later
- mature students who arrived from out of province after February 2004

### **Maturity Credits**

Mature students who were enrolled in an Ontario secondary school prior to February 1, 2004 may either be granted Maturity Credits and work towards the OSSD under OSIS diploma requirements or choose the PLAR process mentioned above and work towards the OSSD under OSS diploma requirements.

Maturity credits may be granted to students who were meeting the requirements of a diploma type that applied to Ontario secondary school students prior to September 1999. You are eligible for maturity credits if you have earned fewer than 26 Ontario secondary school credits and you were registered at an Ontario secondary school as a...

- grade 9 student prior to Sept. 1999  
or
- grade 10 student prior to Sept. 2000  
or
- grade 11 student prior to Sept. 2001  
or
- grade 12 student prior to Sept. 2002.

Adults who were new to the Ontario secondary school system and were registered in secondary school programs as a mature student prior to February 2004 may also be eligible for maturity credits.