



## **You may have already earned a credit!**

**Through PLAR, prior learning assessment and recognition, you may be granted a credit(s) for past work or life experience.**

### Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition for Mature Students - Grade 11 and 12 Equivalency Credits:

#### ***Am I eligible?***

Eligible students are mature students who are earning at least 4 grade 11 or 12 credits toward their diploma.

#### ***A mature student is a student***

- at least 18 years old on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the school year
- is enrolled in a secondary school credit program for the purposes of obtaining a diploma
- has been out of school for a year

#### ***What are Equivalency credits?***

Equivalency credits are credits obtained through an application process in which a counsellor or principal evaluates students' previous education credentials and/or learning or work experiences. These credentials and documents must show evidence of outside learning that relates directly to the Ontario curriculum expectations for specific courses.

#### ***Who begins the process?***

A mature student, who will be earning no fewer than four grade 11 or 12 courses toward their diploma, may apply to have their past experiences / education / credentials evaluated for a credit by making an appointment with Mr. Flynn, our guidance counsellor. It is not necessary to bring any documents to the initial meeting. Book an appointment with Mr. Flynn by going to the main office and recording your name in the guidance appointment book.

#### ***Will I get a mark for the credit?***

Successful candidates will receive a standard course code with a credit value. No mark is assigned to the credit. EQV is recorded as the grade.

#### ***How many times may I participate in the grade 11 and 12 Equivalency process?***

You may participate once per school year, but you may request more than one credit.