

POLICY:	PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT AND RECOGNITION (PLAR)	#	506		
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A: **POLICY**

1. 1.1 The Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board recognizes that learning takes place in many aspects of students' lives and is committed to facilitating, enhancing and acknowledging students' education successes from all sources and areas of study.
- 1.2 This policy is written in accordance with Policy/Program Memorandum 129, Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR), and the Ministry of Education document Ontario Secondary Schools, Grades 9 to 12: Program and Diploma Requirements.
- 1.3 It is the policy of the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board to evaluate a student's skills and knowledge against the expectations outlined in current Provincial curriculum policy documents in order to earn credits towards the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) through a Challenge and Equivalency Process.

B: **GUIDELINES**

2. 2.1 All credits granted through the Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition process will represent the same standards of achievement as credits granted to students who have taken the courses.
- 2.2 No fees will be charged to students for undergoing the challenge or equivalency process.
- 2.3 Students may challenge for credit only for Grade 10, 11, and 12 courses in Provincial Curriculum Policy documents.
- 2.4 Opportunities for students to challenge for credit will be provided only for courses that are taught in schools operated by the Board.
- 2.5 Students may challenge for credit for a course only if they can provide reasonable evidence to the Principal that they would likely be successful in the Challenge Process.
- 2.6 The Challenge Process is an evaluation process and may not be used as a way for students to improve their mark in a course for which they have already earned a credit, nor as a way to obtain a credit for a course they have previously failed.
- 2.7 The Equivalency Process is used for placement only.
- 2.8 The Director of Education is authorized to issue such procedures as may be necessary to support this policy.