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*From the child of five to myself is but a step.*

*But from the new-born baby to the child of five is an appalling distance - Unknown*

## To a student's credit

Learning takes place everywhere, credit is limited to schools; but that is changing. In addition to the traditional pattern of taking courses and writing exams, there are new options for earning credits in high school, college or university. Credits may be earned for learning outside school and in a variety of fields including sports, cadets, music, dance and 4-H to name but a few. It is based on the belief that learning takes place everywhere and learning outside school is not only important but may be counted for credit towards high school graduation

Arrangements for accepting or providing such credits are fairly common at the postsecondary level, including Holland College, UPEI and College Acadie I.P.E and are becoming increasingly available at the secondary level as well and include: :

- **External credits** – equivalent courses taken at another school or approved institution
- **Exemptions** – being excused from taking an exam based on exemplary work to date
- **Challenge exams** – where one writes an exam without having taken the course
- **PLAR or Portfolio** – where one makes a case for credit by preparing a portfolio that describes the learning and the learning process

Education 20/20 made a presentation on the subject to the English Language School Board at its regular meeting in Summerside on Tuesday evening, September 23, during which they asked the Board to put in place “a formal evaluation process whereby students can obtain course credit towards their high school diploma based on their prior learning”. A copy of the brief will be posted shortly on our website [www.education2020.ca](http://www.education2020.ca)

We'll keep you posted on developments.

## “From a Learner's Perspective”

An invitation for participants to chart the course of a learner working his/her way through the learning process

**Date:** October 22, 2014

**Time:** 7:00- 9:00 p.m.

**Location:** Southport Room, Stratford Town Hall

**The Workshop will be led by the 20/20 Team:**

- **Youth**...tell us the kind of help you need
- **Participants**...design a path to provide it
- **Panel** – discuss how to put it in place

**Contact us for more Information**

**Education –**

**...any experience**

**that has formative effect**

**on the way we**

**think, feel and act.**

*Don Glendenning, Editor*

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