

Q3 CORE CURRICULUM

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Q3 What are some important priorities for the OCDSB to focus on for the next four years?

Math skills and reading/comprehension are important to me and I feel the OCDSB should continue to focus on this.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

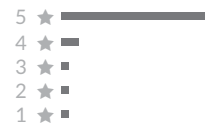
4.3 ★★★★★ (10 👤)



Get rid of EQAO. Wastes scare dollars. Tests children on modified IEPs with a grade level test that does nothing good for them. Causes student stress/anxiety. MEAN!

Elementary Staff

4.2 ★★★★★ (20 👤)



Insist on educational excellence. Keep up to date on the very best practices in teaching from all over the world, and use it in the classroom.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

4.1 ★★★★★ (22 👤)



Stress the basics such as math and literacy (it wouldn't hurt to dust off some grammar lessons either). It seems a lot of students enter university or the work force, unable to put a sentence together.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

4.1 ★★★★★ (21 👤)



Reading Fundamental for continuous learning

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

4.1 ★★★★★ (20 👤)



reading skills better reading education at lower levels so fewer kids get left behind in the early grades

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

4.0 ★★★★★ (23 👤)



Try to bring our education in particular for Math & Science to world standards

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 1

4.0 ★★★★★ (20 👤)



Build well-rounded students. Numeracy and literacy are important, but there is so much more to life.

Secondary Staff

4.0 ★★★★★ (17 👤)



Developing well-rounded students As much as STEM is important, students need to excel in all areas.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.9 ★★★★★ (23 👤)



Mathematics, science, and literacy Once again, this is related to the recent media report on how postsecondary students are failing or just passing numeracy and literacy tests.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.9 ★★★★★ (22 👤)



Basic numeracy and literacy needs to be reinforced so students can perform without aid of a Chromebook for spellcheck, or a calculator to divide Students are not able to learn autonomously without a good basic foundation. Coding is great, but adding and multiplication builds a platform to grow

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.9 ★★★★★ (18 👤)



Focus on the basics The basic concepts of language and mathematics need to be taught well before complex concepts are taught.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.9 ★★★★★ (17 👤)



Literacy Math

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3.9 ★★★★★ (17)



math, science and technology Important for innovation. Canada needs to make up for lost ground in this area over the past decade in order to compete globally.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.9 ★★★★★ (11)



Don't neglect the basics (reading, add-subtract-multiply-divide) in favour of flashy "Days of Code" etc. Critical thinkers/good decision-makers need to be able to sustain attention, read closely, be thoughtful--screens don't help much with these.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.9 ★★★★★ (9)



Literacy and math in younger grades. Noticing many students who lack basic principles and are being passed forward and end up holding back their peers Standardized testing is not a bad thing and fundamentals of learning is necessary at a young age when basic learning is required.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.8 ★★★★★ (23)



A stronger focus on literacy, versus French and numeracy. Students need to be able to read and write in order to be successful.

Elementary Staff

3.8 ★★★★★ (22)



Challenge the high achieving students I don't believe the curriculum, esp. math and science, are challenging bright students enough. If we set the bar high, they will strive to reach it.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.8 ★★★★★ (22)



Writing Fundamental

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.8 ★★★★★ (20)



Language with focus on grammar, spelling, sentence structure and well structured report/story writing

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.8 ★★★★★ (19)



STEM in primary Foundation of the future

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.8 ★★★★★ (19)



Teach kids how to print properly. Very little time is spent teaching kids proper printing and their other school work suffers for it.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.8 ★★★★★ (19)



Focus on areas all teachers can invest in - more than math year after year Not that math isn't important but language and social skills are falling behind

Elementary Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (21)



writing well, good grammar and verb conjugation in English and French. Basics of good writing are critical in world of work.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.7 ★★★★★ (21)



too many students reach grade 3 without being able to read; more Empower training for SpecEd teachers

Elementary Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (20)



Bring back the health curriculum.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.7 ★★★★★ (19)



Having basic skills/foundation to build on: math, writing and typing there is still a need to know the basic skills of writing, typing, basic math concepts so that you can be proficient in computers, STEM, life skills

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.7 ★★★★★ (19)



Reading & Writing (enough with this hyper focus on MATH!) With increased use of technology our kids are losing the opportunities (& ability!) to get back to some core curriculum & basics. Spelling and Grammar

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3.7 ★★★★★ (19 👤)



The arts and sciences Learn critical thinking, discovery and innovation through these fields

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3.7 ★★★★★ (19 👤)



More challenging and intensive curriculum

The current curriculum is too slow, kids are falling behind private school educated kids. Why?

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3.7 ★★★★★ (18 👤)



broad spectrum learning need to encourage and enable children of all grades (including high school) to take music, arts, sports, and a variety of subjects. promote participa

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3.7 ★★★★★ (18 👤)



Language and math skills are critical from Day

1. Communication skills and numeracy skills are the foundation of virtually all other courses in education. Ensure success here early.

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3.7 ★★★★★ (5 👤)



Literacy. Reading helps develop critical thinking skills. Makerspace sure amazing, but students still need library time.

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3.6 ★★★★★ (23 👤)



Proper Printing and Writing in grades JK - Grade 2. Print letters the right way, not backwards, etc. and say "that's normal". Kids will be printing for the rest of their lives. They need to learn the skills early.

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3.6 ★★★★★ (23 👤)



Focus on printing, spelling, grammar, more math practise, more homework. Kids learn by making mistakes, but they need more practise

3.6 ★★★★★ (22 👤)

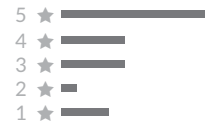
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Teach cursive! Teach spelling. Teach editing. Emphasize full literacy. Not all jobs or communities have access to computers. You are allowing functional illiteracy and kids who can't work in many jobs.

3.6 ★★★★★ (21 👤)

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Get rid of EQAO There is evidence that standardized testing is ineffective in advancing and positively supporting learning.

3.6 ★★★★★ (20 👤)

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Math and science learning Biggest gap for education system

3.6 ★★★★★ (20 👤)

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math and science skills kids will need it to succeed.

3.6 ★★★★★ (20 👤)

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Greater focus on overall course expectations versus specific curriculum expectations. This leads to greater student success, creativity and output from students. It needs to be less about content and more about inquiry.

3.6 ★★★★★ (18 👤)

Secondary Staff



spelling learn to spell with tests each week or a quiz. It is so overlooked.

3.6 ★★★★★ (18 👤)

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Improve numeracy and literacy levels

Students entering college and university need to have much better math, english reading, english writing (grammar) skills than they currently do.

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