

Q3 LIFE SKILLS

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

Teach things kids will actually use in real life. Budgeting, finance, investments, cooking, nutrition, cleaning, should be mandatory, not electives Our kids will have less debt, be healthier and know how to run a home.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

4.1 ★★★★★ (24)



Teach kids life skills Students need to know how to cook, do taxes, prepare and follow a budget

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

4.1 ★★★★★ (10)



continue to focus on strengthening our children's resiliency by teaching the educators and students how to manage stress, not to fear making mistakes, and to take healthy risks. Increased staff understanding of mental health and well being beyond the curriculum.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

4.0 ★★★★★ (25)



I think that we should be taught more about being an adult for example learn about filing taxes and how to budget. All of this is only taught if you take a business course but it should be something that is mandatory for everyone.

Students Grades 9 to 12

4.0 ★★★★★ (24)



Financial literacy. Elementary children all the way to high school should be taught financial literacy that goes beyond recognizing currency and basic math.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

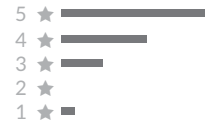
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Resilience and independence Kids need to learn how to fail , to work through challenges, etc.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

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Focus on kids, not making the OCSDSB look successful. Kids need to learn responsibility, resilience and independence, not how to write a standardized test.

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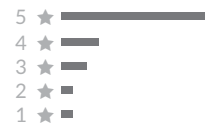
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freedom in education we learn music abstract dissection yet we don't learn about the goverment taxes human rights that seems askew students are denied so much for what?

Students Grades 7 to 8

4.0 ★★★★★ (18 👤)



Including a course on life skills in high school curriculum. Young people lack basic skills, such as managing basic finances, nutrition/cooking, filling out gov. forms, dealing with rejection , cyber security

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

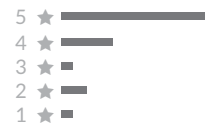
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Properly teach students that failure is an option and how to handle the consequences of our actions. Many students depend too much on the near infinite opportunities offered to them. These opportunities are not realistic in the real world.

Secondary Staff

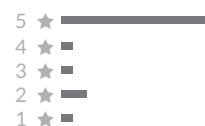
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Introduce financial literacy

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.9 ★★★★★ (16 👤)



The importance of duty, responsibility and shared values among different cultures, religions and nationalities. Ottawa (and Canada) includes diverse communities. It is important that children learn about duty, morality, ethics, common values, about each other.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 1

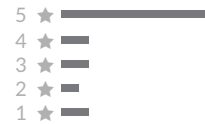
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Basic finances How credit cards work, savings, investing, basic accounting, filing an income tax return

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

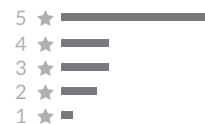
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Preparing students for their lives as adults. (Preparing taxes, budgeting, critical decision making..)

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.8 ★★★★★ (24)



Teach about the real world. Diversity. Acceptance. Finances. Budgeting. Planning. Skills for Life!

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.8 ★★★★★ (23)



Life skills and emotional management. Couldn't we all use this in one way or another. The more tools for life we give them, the better off they'll be in being self sufficient.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.8 ★★★★★ (21)



Financial literacy Survive the real world

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.8 ★★★★★ (19)



Making learning skills and organizational / time management courses skills mandatory for all students for graduation These are important life skills that all our kids need.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.8 ★★★★★ (18)



Student Attitude Because kids in the future will need a life to sustain themselves

Students Grades 7 to 8

3.8 ★★★★★ (18)



Personal finance does not have enough importance/time placed on it. Young adults need to understand basic personal finance and money mgt for independent living post high school.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.8 ★★★★★ (17)



Are we teaching kids how to be financially responsible

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.8 ★★★★★ (15)



Teaching persistence and resiliency to children. It is important that children acquire these traits

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.8 ★★★★★ (12)



I believe giving more responsibility and leadership roles to students at younger ages, specifically middle school. It's important because being a leader and a part of a community is an important life skill. Also schools with involved students create good environmen

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.7 ★★★★★ (23)



Teach more time management skills Deadlines aren't something that is negotiable when you reach the workforce

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.7 ★★★★★ (18)



The OCDSB should focus on creating students who are reliable, punctual and ready for the real world. The teachers should focus on teaching the student s to be proud of their work quality and who they are as people.

Secondary Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (17)



More Risky play. More teaching students how to take risks safely. Teaching teachers how risky play is a vitally important part of learning. Learn to risk analyze situations to form plays on how to take risk safely. No forts, no running, no snowhills, no playstructure, no sliding, no fun.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.7 ★★★★★ (16 👤)



Provide a structured approach across all grades to teach civics and citizenship The rise of populism and uninformed citizens are damaging our democratic society. They need to learn their roles and responsibilities as citizens

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.7 ★★★★★ (16 👤)



Update the curriculum to incorporate basic life skills -- relationship between disease + lack of physical activity + poor nutrition, budgeting, etc. US: 40% adults + 20% children are overweight / obese + rates of heart disease, diabetes, cancer are increasing -- kids today are too sedentary

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.7 ★★★★★ (16 👤)



High quality nutrition and discussions around food and active lifestyle. It's important for our kids' health and well-being.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.7 ★★★★★ (14 👤)



Kids need to learn how to manage their money. There should be a mandatory class for high school students where they learn about budgeting, credit etc

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.6 ★★★★★ (23 👤)



help kids learn more practical skills that they will not forget so easily and that they will be able to use as adults

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.6 ★★★★★ (21 👤)



General life skills - such as what taxes are, how to file them, how to maintain a home, money management, banking, saving, etc. These are skills that EVERYONE needs to learn. Not everyone needs to know how to do calculus or physics.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.6 ★★★★★ (20)



Life skills like cooking, nutrition, budgeting, and such should be compulsory. Most other functional countries of healthy people make these types of subjects mandatory. It leads to healthier more functional citizens.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.6 ★★★★★ (19)



adding in financial literacy courses

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.6 ★★★★★ (19)



Implementing courses that teach life skills like finances etc so they know how to be fiscally responsible Young adults don't understand things like credit etc and can get into financial trouble easily when they leave high school

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.6 ★★★★★ (17)



Deliver the message to parents that "they" are responsible for teaching their children manners and how to behave We are there to simply coach, support and give feedback. Too often we are left to teach and parent 25 students. Basic manners are not taught at home.

Elementary Staff

3.6 ★★★★★ (13)



OCDSB should focus on best practices nationally and globally for preparing students for the realities of life after high school While strong basic education should remain the priority, exposure to life skills like digital and financial literacy will improve lives & choices

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.6 ★★★★★ (12)



Teach the children to cook, handle money, budget, small appliance repair. How to be self reliant. Why be a generation that pays someone else to do everything for you. Give them back the power. Stronger nation because of it.

3.6  (11 )



Secondary Parents and Guardians - 2

There is a great need to have en basic required economics class. They need to learn how to manage money. How do you budget. How do you read a bank statement? A bill? What is trading account?

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Secondary Parents and Guardians - 3