

Q1 LEARNING SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Ottawa-Carleton District School Board
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Q1 What are some things that the OCDSB is doing well to support learning and well-being?

Having a Learning Support Centre To help students who need extra help outside of class time

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 1

4.2 ★★★★★ (23)



Providing tutoring services with other students, and teachers offering additional help at specific times Allows students who need more help in specific subjects to learn from their peers and teachers in a very non-intimidating way; confidence builder!

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 3

4.2 ★★★★★ (19)



Our Learning Support Teachers and Student Success Teachers are doing a good job supporting student learning. It's important to recognize individual student learning needs and implement supports to help them achieve success.

Secondary Staff

4.1 ★★★★★ (19)



I love that they have reading buddies. For the younger kids it is great to have an older peer to help them especially if they don't read at home. The older students feel good about helping.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

4.1 ★★★★★ (12)



Academic support is important

Community Members

4.0 ★★★★★ (25)



Maintaining a variety of program options for learners with spec ed needs, like specialized programs, LST support, and EA support in regular classes. Our learners have such a wide variety of needs.

Secondary Staff

4.0 ★★★★★ (21)



Providing sensory tools and spaces to help kids (re) focus Helps kids cut through the noise and achieve more things under their own power by helping them manage their emotional responses.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

4.0 ★★★★★ (20)



Student Success rooms and teachers. Extra supports and flexibility for very at-risk students.

Secondary Staff

4.0 ★★★★★ (20)



Supporting diverse learning needs Everyone has a right to learn to their full potential

Secondary Staff

4.0 ★★★★★ (17)



Extra Help after school This is very helpful as I can get really good help from other students who understand the content. It also helps me stay focused cause I am at school!

Students Grades 9 to 12

4.0 ★★★★★ (16)



Extra support for kids who need help with academics

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

4.0 ★★★★★ (15)



You have homework clubs after school. It helps that my child has a quiet space to do homework.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

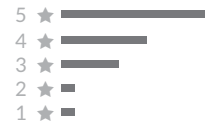
4.0 ★★★★★ (15)



SRB Mentoring new grade 9 students Less stressful transitions for new students, creates relationships and support groups within the student populations across all grades

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.9 ★★★★★ (22)



South Carleton high school teachers offer tutoring sessions on lunch break and mass tutoring in the cafeteria just before exams. Its important for students to feel accomplished and it creates a trust between students and teachers.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.9 ★★★★★ (22)



I am very impressed with the fact that the board and the ministry have finally recognized the importance of the SST role at the elementary level. We say we meet every child where they are at; but this is simply impossible without more EAS and LRTs. The SST model allows for earlier interventions.

Elementary Staff

3.9 ★★★★★ (19)



There are student success rooms, and opportunity rooms in which we can get access to technology, printing, and food if we don't have that at home. Transportation for those who live far is free, which is very helpful to those that have to travel far and can't afford it.

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.9 ★★★★★ (16)



Their allowing extra help for certain subjects during lunch Because some people can't learn from one teacher so having more than one teacher can always help

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.9 ★★★★★ (15)



Choosing and focusing on developmental specific activities based on the child's age and level of learning not all children learn at the same pace, it is important to foster individual needs when possible

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.8 ★★★★★ (23)



Mentoring initiatives (LINK Crew, Reading Buddies) Supports reciprocal teaching & empowers students. Reduces stress around transition (to kindergarten, or grade 9)

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.8 ★★★★★ (22)



Smoother transition into grade 9 with the use of a "Link Crew" of more senior student guides, welcome BBQ, and an orientation day on the first day Going to high school for the first time is tough!

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.8 ★★★★★ (22)



I like the concept of LINK CREW LINK CREW made my daughter feel welcome when she arrived in grade 9. It helped her to socialize. Now she's on LINK CREW herself, learning leadership.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.8 ★★★★★ (19)



Providing good learning support like resource room Its important because some students learn differently

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.8 ★★★★★ (15)



Extra support Student who find some Topics difficult are able to meet teachers and join some group for better understanding.

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.8 ★★★★★ (14)



OCDSB schools provide help and encourage seeking for help, academically and mentally These services help for students to stay caught up and understand the material so they don't feel helpless and "stupid" for not understanding.

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.8 ★★★★★ (9)



Providing clarity around SLP and data; providing coaching support for the most vulnerable schools If educators understand how to support and how to target support, they are better able to meet with success

Community Members

3.7 ★★★★★ (27)



Homework club An open forum for help on any subject

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.7 ★★★★★ (22)



In most schools there are a lot of in lunch or after school homework and subject help It's so important because it provides more and detailed help when a student is in need for extra attention and knowledge

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.7 ★★★★★ (22)



Specialized programs (GLP, DSP, DD, ASD, BIP) provide appropriate support of students needs. Placement in the appropriate program sets students up for success when they finish high school.

Secondary Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (20)



I believe that the OCDSB is attempting to support learners in K-8 environments through a myriad of interventions Early interventions are key to closing gaps later in a students' academic journey

District Office and Centrally Assigned Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (19)



SST program Students need support beyond the classroom

Secondary Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (19)



Provide resources for guidance, resources and SST Very important to give students alternate spaces when they need it, sometimes for their benefit as well as for the benefit of the class.

Secondary Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (18)



Providing a one-on-one assistance to struggling students. These students are given the opportunity to meet the required expectations of the OCDSB.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.7 ★★★★★ (16 👤)



My daughter's school has a "home base" where student's can go if they aren't feeling well or if they are feeling anxious or depressed. For someone with many issues from Anxiety to un-diagnosed stomach issues to dystonia, it is extremely important for her to have somewhere safe to go.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.7 ★★★★★ (12 👤)



Reading intervention programs are great when they are available They really hep kids read

Community Members

3.7 ★★★★★ (9 👤)



Language Learning Disability Program Kids need intensive support in a small environment

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.6 ★★★★★ (29 👤)



There are a number of specialized classes that address the highest and most at risk students in the board. Teachers are spread thinly in regular class Students with special needs often have greater mental health and well being needs. They require more small group work and specialized class teachers

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.6 ★★★★★ (27 👤)



I believe that having a specialized class for learning support is important and am glad that it is available for students in need. Students can dislike school if they are behind, and in this case, it is very important.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.6 ★★★★★ (26 👤)



Investment in intervention programs (Empower, LLI, etc.) Provides the needed tools for struggling students

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.6 ★★★★★ (24)



Providing support before/after and during school Teacher availability is imperative to helping kids understand lessons and curriculum

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.6 ★★★★★ (24)



After school learning workshops for students and parents Added support outside of regular learning schedule

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.6 ★★★★★ (23)



Student Resources Extra support is given to students to help them succeed in classes. Student Resource center has been a crucial place for my success in school.

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.6 ★★★★★ (23)



Offering tutoring for free to students in need Because my son got accepted to the program and I am excited about it

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.6 ★★★★★ (22)



My school has a resource room where I can go and do my tests or work should I need to With my IEP, I can sometimes get distracted and resource offers me a quiet place to work

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.6 ★★★★★ (20)



The OCDSB tries to introduce new initiatives to keep students wanting to learn new things. The board also provides lots of support for kids with learning disabilities.

Secondary Staff

3.6 ★★★★★ (20)



Student Success rooms-very important. Allows kids to catch up if they fall behind and get more individualized attention

Secondary Staff

3.6 ★★★★★ (18)



Our children have benefited a lot from the extra help that is available, especially the occupational therapist to help with handwriting. Some children need extra help to master basic skills.

3.6  (17 )



Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

Providing quality education plus offering services to help students who are struggling with school. Having good education is important for success in the future and providing support is also important to ensure that everyone understands the material.

3.6  (17 )



Students Grades 9 to 12

I have two sons attending the school. My older son is in grade 12 now and he got lots of support from the principal and his student success teacher. Student success is a great program for kids having difficulty at school.

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Secondary Parents and Guardians - 2