

Q1 LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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Q1 What are some things that the OCDSB is doing well to support learning and well-being?

Supportive learning environments with great teachers Our kids are dealing with a lot both at school and at home. School should be a safe place where they are encouraged to explore and grow.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

4.3 ★★★★★ (24)



Dedicated and caring staff Impacts positively students

Elementary Staff

4.3 ★★★★★ (21)



Hiring good, caring teachers for the most part. A good teacher can have a massive impact on students success.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

4.2 ★★★★★ (21)



Staff there are some talented staff members who work hard to support and meet students' needs

Elementary Staff

4.2 ★★★★★ (10)



Teachers who are GREAT are your very best offering The teachers who care and love their job inspire children

Community Members

4.1 ★★★★★ (26)



Hiring good teachers The teachers make all the difference

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

4.1 ★★★★★ (25 👤)



The schools are doing a great job transitioning the students into high school with their Link Crew initiatives and other community building initiatives Students need to know that they are part of a bigger community than just their class/grade. They are a network.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

4.1 ★★★★★ (22 👤)



Teachers seems to truly care about the wellbeing of students. Empathy and understanding are key to success

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

4.1 ★★★★★ (22 👤)



supportive teachers great tools for learning

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

4.1 ★★★★★ (21 👤)



Committed staff and an adequate curriculum. My son is in grade 7 and for the past two years he has had excellent male teachers -- rare in the early grades. They have offered good role models.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

4.1 ★★★★★ (20 👤)



We have dedicated and excellent teachers.

Elementary Staff

4.1 ★★★★★ (13 👤)



Having wonderful teachers and staff They are critical teaching and monitoring children

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

4.1 ★★★★★ (12 👤)



Hiring kind and capable staff Children spend a lot of time at school and modeling after their peers and adults too.

Community Members

4.1 ★★★★★ (12)



Students should have certain level of respect with teacher for better communication

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

4.1 ★★★★★ (12)



The Teachers, not the board itself, are KEY to support learn/wellbeing. W/O them many kids dont have chances with tech (even boys), sports, perform... Teachers give variety outside "class" time. Bonds made with the kids in clubs carries over to the class, confidence, interests beyond the textbook.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

4.1 ★★★★★ (9)



I appreciate that my child's individual teachers seem engaged and invested in my child's success. I believe a partnership between parents-teachers-children is pivotal in promoting social-emotional wellness & academic success.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

4.0 ★★★★★ (25)



Many individual teachers are wonderfully committed to the students and show a love of kids, learning, and broader social well-being

Teachers are the heart of the system -- nothing works without good teachers with access to the resources they need to do a good job

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

4.0 ★★★★★ (23)



Strong, caring staff Children learn best when they feel connected

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

4.0 ★★★★★ (23)



Hiring teachers and staff who are caring and competent The #1 determinant of learning is the caring bond between student and teacher.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

4.0 ★★★★★ (22)



Focusing on staff capacity building in the areas of attachment (building healthy relationships), self-regulation and resiliency. This provides the foundation for all learning. It's all about relationships!

District Office and Centrally Assigned Staff

4.0  (20 )



I feel like most teachers are compassionate towards the students. Everybody has problems, usually complex, kids included.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 1

4.0  (20 )



Some teachers have been so inspiring for my kids Hiring the best teachers helps motivate the kids and builds confidence in themselves and their abilities

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

4.0  (20 )



Teacher Involvement with the Students Teachers who are involved with their students can be positive examples and it offers opportunity to understand student needs.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 1

4.0  (20 )



Teachers Professional at all times. good communications

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 1

4.0  (20 )



teaching the relationships between my kids and their teachers are excellent, the teachers clearly care a lot about what happens in their classrooms

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 1

4.0  (20 )



Demonstrating care for their students

Secondary Staff

4.0  (19 )



We hire great people! The staff that we have in schools are incredibly dedicated and supportive of each other.

Elementary Staff

4.0 ★★★★★ (19)



I think there are many dedicated teachers working hard, but not to burn-out level. Many of them care greatly for the children and youth The kids have mentors and adults who they know care for them.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 1

4.0 ★★★★★ (18)



Many caring teachers and principals that work hard to support the needs of children - social, emotional and academic Children who do not feel valued cannot learn to their potential. They often disrupt others

Elementary Staff

4.0 ★★★★★ (18)



There are some very dedicated and knowledgeable staff Teachers and support staff makes all the difference. Some of them are extremely effective while others do the bare minimum.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

4.0 ★★★★★ (17)



Great teachers, please support them Teaching staff are the most important asset to OCDSB in terms of supporting learning and well-being of students

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

4.0 ★★★★★ (15)



There are some wonderful teachers at the OCDSB who go above and beyond to help students academically, and to grow as young people. Teachers can have a profound influence on a person's life.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.9 ★★★★★ (29)



Excellent teachers Kids connect well to personable teachers

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.9 ★★★★★ (25)



Hiring caring, dedicated staff. By creating a welcoming environment with engaging learning opportunities, teachers have set up the foundation for a love of learning.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.9  (25 )



Educators are committed to students' well-being and learning. It is important because care of our students should be our number one goal.

Elementary Staff

3.9  (24 )



Some amazing teachers which genuinely care about the welfare and learning of the students.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.9  (24 )



Teachers that take time out of their personal life to do extra things It shows they care, and they are the backbone of school

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.9  (24 )



Caring teachers

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.9  (22 )



Hiring the right people to be teachers: Not just anyone can make a good teacher: talent, temperament, and troth really matter!

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.9  (22 )



I believe teachers try hard to do their best with the students. Inclusiveness and acceptance of diversity are vital.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.9  (22 )



The staff are absolutely wonderful. My kid always feel supported at school and the staff is incredible.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.9  (22 )



The staff at the school are approachable and really caring for each and every student. They understand the needs and weakness of the students. This is vital so students don't fall through the cracks or they get turned off of school and they resent learning etc. This is so important!

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.9  (22 )



I find school and teachers to be very supportive and responsive to students. Teachers have helped my daughter adapt to various challenges . Listening to our youth and supporting them is the most important job of all.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.9  (21 )



Empowering staff to respect all people and to be collaborative in seeking solutions Autocratic rule doesn't respect people. Everyone has their skills and ideas, be it families, kids, co-workers. Kids w self determination flourish.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.9  (20 )



I can't say enough wonderful things about this school, they teachers and staff really care about your kids and want them to succeed. When you have a child with special needs it is a great comfort to send your child to school knowing they are happy and learning real skills for a job.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.9  (19 )



Schools strive to create environment that encourages learning Teachers are dedicated to encouraging students to learn

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.9  (19 )



I like the OCDSB. However, whenever they hire a teacher, they should reconsider, as not all teachers are good. I had a terrible experience with one of... ..my teachers, where she just hated me the moment I entered that class, she didn't want me to succeed whatsoever & I still have mental issues with that.

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.9  (18 )



The teachers, librarians, social workers and other educators, principals, who dedicate themselves to the children's learning and wellbeing. These are the people whom our kids spend the most time, so they are an important role model and adult figure in nurturing our children.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

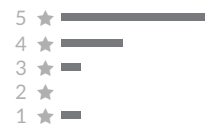
3.9  (13 )



OCDSB educators are providing safe and calm school environment. This is apart of welcoming students and families.

Community Members

3.9  (12 )



Hiring wonderful teachers who are invested in our children's learning and well-being No one in the board has more of an impact on our kids than their classroom teachers

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.8  (26 )



I love my kids' JK-8 school and have had the chance a few times to volunteer (I work full time). The individual teachers are the key. Individual teachers are the key within a very positive school environment. The care that individual teachers give our kids is the foundation.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.8  (25 )



On thing that is great at my school is the support that colleagues have for one another.

Elementary Staff

3.8  (25 )



Caring teachers, coaches that get to know kids and build relationships in order to enhance the learning /school experience.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.8 ★★★★★ (24)



Most of the teachers that we've encountered are caring, engaged and professional.

Teachers have a huge impact on the experience that our kids have in the classroom.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.8 ★★★★★ (23)



Committed staff who work very hard - you've got staff who are working so hard every day to support kids where they're at. Students spend their day with people who care about their future, their success, their well-being and have that at the heart of all actions

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.8 ★★★★★ (21)



As a board and at the school level, I believe we do provide a safe and caring learning environment. I think relative to all the problems in society

Secondary Staff

3.8 ★★★★★ (20)



The first thing is the very nice and cooperative teachers It's really important to improve the moral of the students

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.8 ★★★★★ (20)



Great elementary teachers - a mix of backgrounds and specialties, and a diverse range of genders . My son has been exposed to a wide variety teachers and approaches to learning

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.8 ★★★★★ (19)



Caring teachers Caring teachers are the foundation of learning

District Office and Centrally Assigned Staff

3.8 ★★★★★ (18)



I believe that having different levels within a grade increases my awareness of how good I have to be in school to increase my chances of a bright ftr I believe have different people that are learning the same thing interact with each other about what they have learned in class will help and encourag

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.8 ★★★★★ (18 👤)



Some very involved and interested teachers. It gets the kids interested and motivates to learn.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.8 ★★★★★ (18 👤)



The LINC crew was great The kids helping kids approach to grade 9 was really helpful for our son.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.8 ★★★★★ (18 👤)



I loved how open some of my teachers are Some of my teachers are completely honest with us and it makes me feel more comfortable.

Students Grades 7 to 8

3.8 ★★★★★ (17 👤)



Teachers and ECEs in JK/SK classes seem to be very caring and engaging the young kids

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.8 ★★★★★ (17 👤)



Teachers who are approachable, empathetic Not every student learns the same way and often post-class assistance or assurance can make all the difference to struggling, low-confidence students

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.8 ★★★★★ (17 👤)



The Teachers are great So children can have an idea of how to do something, and how to make school a positive place

Students Grades 7 to 8

3.8 ★★★★★ (17 👤)



The office staff are very helpful and seem to know students and context Helps when engaging the school

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

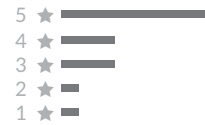
3.8 ★★★★★ (17)



Growth mindset *The* most important aspect to success. Personal growth comes more easily when failure is seen as something to embrace rather than shun

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.8 ★★★★★ (16)



Provide training to staff to build understanding and empathy for students at risk As significant adults in children's lives this knowledge and the application is vital to school and life success

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.8 ★★★★★ (12)



Unfortunately, I feel the board is not doing all that it can do and is lacking in this area.

Elementary Staff

3.8 ★★★★★ (12)



I believe that the overall learning environment is helpful and needed to succeed. I sometimes have trouble staying involved/focused, but the programs and teachers almost get rid of any loss of focus and involvement.

Students Grades 7 to 8

3.8 ★★★★★ (11)



Lots of good teachers I love all of my teachers. All of them are super supportive which helps me out a lot

Students Grades 7 to 8

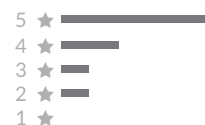
3.8 ★★★★★ (10)



Positive attitude and support from teachers. Creates safe learning environment and confidence.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.8 ★★★★★ (9)



Office staff and organization The front office staff at our school are simply amazing. They are extraordinarily organized and supportive.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.7 ★★★★★ (25 👤)



Staff are very good at bonding and establishing trust with children

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.7 ★★★★★ (25 👤)



At my children's school, staff are extremely engaged in supporting students Supportive, caring staff supports students' learning

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.7 ★★★★★ (24 👤)



Most staff is dedicated and encouraging. An indifferent teacher could destroy kids' interest in learning.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.7 ★★★★★ (24 👤)



Our kids have generally had kind teachers but some don't understand exceptionalities.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.7 ★★★★★ (24 👤)



Excellent, caring teachers Children need teachers that are interested and engaged in their learning in order to succeed.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.7 ★★★★★ (22 👤)



NOT ALL*, but SOME teachers pay attention to who is struggling . They work overtime/stay after school to provide the help needed to those students. Particularly important. Many students don't have the luxury of hiring a tutors or have smart parents. This can also make the student love the subject

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.7 ★★★★★ (22 👤)



Some excellent teachers & clubs. When a child is inspired by a teacher there is nothing else like it.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.7 ★★★★★ (22 👤)



The staff are inclusive and are all well rounded. They are understanding and very helpful with the child's interest at heart. We all want our children to feel included and to be a part of loving and caring learning environment.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.7 ★★★★★ (22 👤)



(Most) teachers care about students learning and well-being. There are some, however, who seemingly do not care about their students whatsoever. Students are able to gain a lot more by having supportive teachers who care about their development than by having teachers who don't care about them.

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.7 ★★★★★ (21 👤)



I like how there is a separation between Gr. 7-8 and high school. Younger students need time to transition, and older students prefer it too

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.7 ★★★★★ (21 👤)



Hardworking staff Staff at the OCDSB are very hardworking. They care about their jobs and they put 100% and more into their duties and responsibilities

District Office and Centrally Assigned Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (20 👤)



Thank goodness there are still some enthusiastic caring teachers around. Had too many negative experiences to list here.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.7 ★★★★★ (20 👤)



They have some great teachers that care. I also appreciate the ratio of kids to teacher, as in Grade 2. Better learning opportunities for the kids

Community Members

3.7 ★★★★★ (20 👤)



Dedicated teachers who care about individual student success Youth can tell when teachers care about them and their learning experiences

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.7 ★★★★★ (19)



The board tries to have students learn in a place where kids are heard and understood. Most students that I know I have no fear to ask for extensions on tests or assignments and they feel at ease communicating with teachers and other educators.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.7 ★★★★★ (19)



OCDSB try's to understand each and every kids opinon. That is important because teachers tend to teach better when they understand the thinking of each student.

Students Grades 7 to 8

3.7 ★★★★★ (16)



the ocdsb encourages kids to learn. some school boards make school boring .

Students Grades 7 to 8

3.7 ★★★★★ (16)



The teachers here give the students a welcoming experience and constantly help them head on. This is really important because the students can have a easier time understanding and learning the subject.

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.7 ★★★★★ (14)



If staff do not have the physical or mental ability to give their best to students, the learning environment will suffer.

Elementary Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (13)



The OCDSB has a dedicated teaching and support staff that tries to bes for the students in their care.

Elementary Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (8)



I think they're doing a good job at supporting their students dreams! I think this because all of the teachers at my school are really supportive and open to ideas from their students. The teachers are also really nice!!

Students Grades 7 to 8

3.7 ★★★★★ (7)



Caring teachers Our children are our future. They need to be nourished and school is a major contributor to their future well-being.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.6 ★★★★★ (24)



My son feels loved and nurtured at school if he doesn't feel safe he won't learn

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.6 ★★★★★ (23)



School "family" - the school population is divided into groups that consists of members from each grade Teaches children how to appreciate, respect and interact with each other, irrespective of age or grade

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.6 ★★★★★ (23)



Hiring Great Staff Everyone at my children's school is professional, kind, welcoming and very great to deal with.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.6 ★★★★★ (22)



Most teachers are very good Kids are with teachers for a large part of each day, so it's important that teachers create a safe, caring environment.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.6 ★★★★★ (22)



The teachers are engaging and have adapted to the kids This the the most fundamental aspect to engage children

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.6 ★★★★★ (22)



Encouragement of the children

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.6 ★★★★★ (20)



A lot of accomodation Students have endless opportunities to succeed

Secondary Staff

3.6 ★★★★★ (18)



OCDSB has some committed teachers When the hiring is right, the commitment some teachers bring to bear is impressive. If formula could be cracked, all teachers could be like top 25%.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.6 ★★★★★ (17)



OCDSB is doing well to support learning by providing the tools and environment i need to have for healthy learning. This is ver important for me because i sometimes struggle but with the teachers help they get me right back on track in a safe environment.

Students Grades 7 to 8

3.6 ★★★★★ (17)



Most of the teachers my children have had are doing a great job of working with the children This is important to make the school environment be as positive as possible and to engage the children in learning

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.6 ★★★★★ (16)



you are very nice and friendly teachers with the kids, answering what they asked you in honest way. you are focusing on the physical skills which is good and trying to develop their skills.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

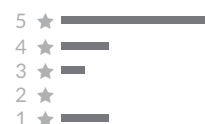
3.6 ★★★★★ (13)



Having good teachers who appear genuinely interested in my daughter and her learning.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.6 ★★★★★ (11)



Teachers & staff obviously care about students. I've received phone calls about non-urgent matters concerning my kid that I really appreciated. They gave me information about my child's attitudes at school that I can use to work with her at home.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.6  (11 )



Hiring good teachers It's important because students won't learn anything from a teacher who 1# Doesn't teach well & 2# who doesn't care about their students

Students Grades 7 to 8

3.6  (9 )



Good teachers and hardworking staff

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.6  (8 )



Teachers are engaged in our education. it important because students need to know that there is someone who is there rooting for them.

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.6  (8 )

