

## Q2 SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

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### Q2 What are some ways that the OCDSB could improve how we support learning and well-being?

**I think that something that OCDSB can improve on is that they provide more high schools that run the IB Program. It's important because a lot of students like me are ambitious and currently the only school that provides it is Colonel By SS, which isn't good.**

*Students Grades 7 to 8*

4.0 ★★★★★ (17)



**Recognize the work Alternates do to help and give success to the most at risk students in the board.**

*Secondary Staff*

3.8 ★★★★★ (16)



**We don't have Alt programming for Gr 9 & 10**

Students this age are at a very high risk for dropping out, so to force them into a mainstream school seems counter productive. They deserve programs.

*Secondary Staff*

3.7 ★★★★★ (21)



**Provide more opportunities for students with serious behaviour and learning issues** Some students benefit little from being in the class and disrupt the learning environment; easier access to an alternate setting would benefit all.

*Secondary Staff*

3.7 ★★★★★ (18)



**Parents have too much say in program placements for their children. Recommendations by school staff based on what is best for the student are ignored.** Placing students in programs that they don't belong in is detrimental to that student and the other students who should be in the program.

*Secondary Staff*

3.7 ★★★★★ (16)



**more high schools with IB program** they got colenelby & merival & thats 2 in 1 city people that dont make IB can home school, but if home school trash mine GHS then no where else to go.

*Students Grades 7 to 8*

3.7 ★★★★★ (8)



**Eliminate the tiered intervention for gifted students. It prevents them from accessing the most helpful programming.**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1*

3.6 ★★★★★ (19)



**Provide more support for gifted learners in the regular classroom or provide in-school pullouts.** This promotes integration and supports the mental health of gifted students who cannot or do not wish to attend a congregated program.

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1*

3.6 ★★★★★ (18)



**We should offer ESL programming at at least one more high school. Immigrant ant international student numbers are growing and Rideau H.S. closed.**

*District Office and Centrally Assigned Staff*

3.6 ★★★★★ (15)

