

Q2 CORE CURRICULUM

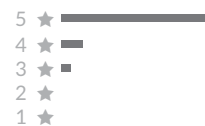
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Q2 What are some ways that the OCDSB could improve how we support learning and well-being?

More focus should be on writing, grammar, spelling. It is important to have a good base in grammar and spelling to become a competent writer.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

4.3 ★★★★★ (16 👤)



Teach basic literacy and spelling These are gone but yet very necessary skills.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.9 ★★★★★ (25 👤)



Increase math & science in curriculum These subjects should be fun and exciting, not scary and boring

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.9 ★★★★★ (19 👤)



Add more content in science. More projects and practical work from elementary level

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

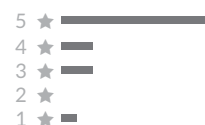
3.9 ★★★★★ (18 👤)



Improve the education system Elementary school = too easy + more fun and games than actual education --> High school comes = Struggling, no time management capabilities --> stress

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.9 ★★★★★ (14 👤)



Get back to the basics. Students in class. Classes as safe and civil spaces for learning. Education as a priority. School staff, teachers and administrators, are constantly being pushed and pulled in too many directions by the latest initiative. Focus on basics.

Secondary Staff

3.9 ★★★★★ (13)



STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) learning Comprehensive learning umbrella for the 21st century learners

Community Members

3.8 ★★★★★ (29)



Academic performance, math, grammar, all the basics. Play-based learning is great for younger children but as they get older, more emphasis should be put on academic performance, especially math, grammar

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.8 ★★★★★ (28)



Base curriculum decisions on evidence and research, not on budgets. The loss of one hour from the EFI program has diluted the program. It was done for budgetary reasons, rather than on best practices.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.8 ★★★★★ (27)



More education about neurodiversity (ADHD, sensory processing, trauma impacted kids, asd) etc. Our classrooms are more diverse in terms of learning and adequate supports are not in place for teachers to address diversity of needs or for kids.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.8 ★★★★★ (19)



Grammar for both English and French should be thought earlier and in a more formal way

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.8 ★★★★★ (18)



support for learning cursive - so students can communicate with older generations learn their history needed to be taught at home, so they could even read a note from their grandparents

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.8 ★★★★★ (16)



Spelling counts. Not enough stress put on proper spelling and grammar. Not helpful for essay writing as they get older.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.8 ★★★★★ (14)



Getting back to basics in math and grammar, spelling Kids are losing these basic skills. Less focus on new math (teach them to memorize times tables, etc). Put focus back on basics like good grammar.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.8 ★★★★★ (7)



Increase BACK TO BASICS. Not EVERYTHING is TECH! If our kids cant spell, "use the spellcheck"-20 kids lined up the last kids miss valuable class time! Basic Dictionary skills. All can use, not 1 at a time at the computer. (Gr 4+) Handwriting! Saying "its on the computer so neat" doesnt improve skills

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.8 ★★★★★ (6)



Stop participating in EQAO. Standardized testing is recognized as a waste of learning time by the best education systems in the world (Finland).

Elementary Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (29)



Promote Core French as a great option for learning French alongside great English learning.

Elementary Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (25)



dump support for EQAO--the testing has been watered down over the past 20 years so that it means very little Parents are now telling their kids to not bother to answer questions or to make little effort--the results no longer provide useful information

Elementary Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (25)



Start giving grades that reflect where the student is at...giving everyone B's does nothing but hurt the students.

Elementary Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (24)



CURSIVE WRITING back to schools! It develops motor skills, activate different parts of the brain, helps students with dyslexia, it is an art form

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.7 ★★★★★ (23)



Provide French ECE's in French Kinder classrooms. Board says they deliver a bilingual approach in Kinder but the reality is that kinders do not get 50/50 instruction. it's more like 20french/80.

Elementary Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (23)



Provide support for French Immersion students. They have needs too. Most of the support is given to English students

Elementary Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (22)



Writing - both printing and cursive Handwriting efficiently is fundamental even in the computer age (take it from someone in high tech). Cursive practice helps in efficient writing.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.7 ★★★★★ (19)



Bring back spelling and writing letters! Although we may be headed to voice activated everything SURTI/speech-text...we STILL NEED TO KNOW HOW TO SPELL and have confidence with a pen/pencil.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.7 ★★★★★ (17)



Increase time and resource investment in education of math, science and core learnings Teaching in these areas is lacking and talented students are unchallenged

3.7  (17 )

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4



Making sure that we don't relearn the same thing every year Sometimes we'll learn something one year and relearn it the next year, and the year after that. I understand that repetition helps but it gets boring.

3.7  (17 )

Students Grades 7 to 8



While teaching social skills, etc. are very important, please keep the teaching of math and science front and centre Math and science understanding and skills are simply essential for all aspects of a productive career later in life

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Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4



Team up with groups like IEEE to bring STEM into the classroom - inexpensive and helps teachers poor in STEM to teach better. The Teacher in Service Program and tryengineering.org website help teachers teach stem and involve kids in teams to rely on their diverse interests.

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Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4



Force students in EFI and MFI who attain D or R on report cards in French over two terms to switch to English. Many children not developing adequate first language skills while squandering their time unable to understand in French, Social Studies and Science.

3.6  (25 )

Elementary Staff



Bring back grammar, spelling and English classes. Require handwriting not just typing on computers. Kids are less literate today, despite "Literacy" courses. Reliance on spell-check and apps like Grammarly are destroying kids' ability to write well.

3.6  (24 )

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2



Separate JKs and SKs and French Immersion for SKs only JKs need to focus on routines, rules, self-reg and social-emotional issues and communicating in one language.

Elementary Staff

3.6  (23 )



Focus on science The science curriculum from K to 6 is uninspiring. Bring back elementary science fairs to foster curiosity and a love of science.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.6  (22 )



If we do not teach English in Grade 1, parents should be informed that they are expected to teach their child to read in English at home.

Many students in EFI enter grade 2 as non-readers. Parents are unaware.

Elementary Staff

3.6  (22 )



French SLP -Differentiate among staff regarding SLP. Give French Immersion teachers the opportunity to participate in SLP that is meaningful and relevant to their practice.

Elementary Staff

3.6  (21 )



Teach some good things about Canada too, not just past injustices. Canada has done some amazing things for the international community, but these things never get the same attention as injustices of the past.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.6  (21 )



Relevant PD for ESL/FSL/other subject teachers "Numeracy can apply to every subject" only works for so long - we could be doing PD that is more relevant to other subjects.

Elementary Staff

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you have to focus more on math, reading and science

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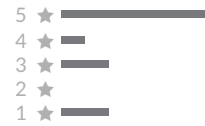
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Dual language kindergarten is not for everyone. Parents should have a choice Many of our children are struggling with English as a third language already or have special needs. Adding on two new languages without choice is...

Elementary Staff

3.6  (11 )



Science should be taught in English in predominantly English-speaking schools. Science is a core subject with quite a few unfamiliar terms. My children struggle to grasp simple concepts because of the language issue

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.6  (5 )



innovative teaching curriculum

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

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