

## Q2 ARTS

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

**Music in Elementary Schools so that it is available to all kids, not just ones with time & money for private lessons!** Music is such a valuable tool for learning and well-being but very few elementary teachers have appropriate training.

4.2 ★★★★★ (27 👤)



*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3*

**Provide access to music, drama, and media education** The arts are a key part of a balanced education. Plus an understanding of media and society are important in todays society

4.0 ★★★★★ (18 👤)



*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1*

**Comprehensive arts education** Teaching creative thinking and the discipline required for learning art forms such as dance, music, drama and visual arts should be a central piece

3.9 ★★★★★ (18 👤)



*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3*

**Music education is a valuable investment** Music encourages social interaction. Music encompasses aspects of math, physics, and health. Music relieves stress.

3.9 ★★★★★ (16 👤)



*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1*

**Music Class** Usually at my school, the gr. 7s and 8s get to have music class twice a week. However, they had to change that because of the increase of students! :(

3.9 ★★★★★ (9 👤)

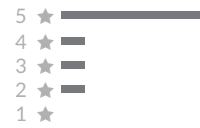


*Students Grades 7 to 8*

**There should be music taught by trained music teachers.** Music helps with math; develops social skills and teamwork; performance helps with presentation skills--so many benefits to learning music early!

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3*

3.9 ★★★★★ (9)



**Music education I would maintain if not expand musical education.**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4*

3.8 ★★★★★ (24)



**music for everyone** ukeleles, recorders, xylophones, hand bells whatever ... all kids need music

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4*

3.8 ★★★★★ (22)



**Actual music programs, with real instruments, would be incredible.** Playing instruments engages the brain in no other way.

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4*

3.8 ★★★★★ (20)



**Reinstate music and art classes taught by specialized teachers.** It was a real shame when the school elementary music teacher retired and was not replaced. I feel that my young child missed out.

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1*

3.8 ★★★★★ (19)



**More music in learning from very young age** Such an important part of a well rounded education

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4*

3.8 ★★★★★ (17)



**We need music and arts in schools** Music and arts are very important to children's expression and development

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4*

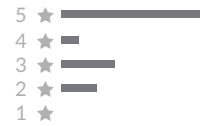
3.8 ★★★★★ (17)



**More focus on arts as an equally important aspect to students' lives as subjects such as math & technology.** Students need to take the opportunity to be well-rounded in high school and discover creativity, which will be necessary for professions of the future

*Secondary Staff*

3.8 ★★★★★ (14)



**To have all instruments available to all students** Ex: I really wanted to play the drums (because I'm horrible at the flute) but only kids who have a drum set at home can play them.

*Students Grades 7 to 8*

3.8 ★★★★★ (9)



**Bring back the Arts in School** School should be fun also

*Community Members*

3.7 ★★★★★ (30)



**More funding for certain programs, especially for band/orchestra.** Even at an arts school that we pay to attend, people are still playing very poor quality instruments and have to play extra for a lot of field trips.

*Students Grades 9 to 12*

3.7 ★★★★★ (22)



**A music program for the elementary school aged children would be an amazing addition to the already great education they get at Agincourt.** Music is a fundamental part of how children can express themselves and experience the world

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1*

3.7 ★★★★★ (19)



**Arts Programs in all schools** Understanding that some people's priority is art and it is important for academic teachers to understand this.

*Students Grades 9 to 12*

3.7 ★★★★★ (19)



**More music programming** Music is math is music. Both arts and science education can be enhanced by learning musical theory and practice.

*Community Members*

3.7 ★★★★★ (6)



**More music in elementary schools** Music helps your brain

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2*

3.6  (28 )



**expanding the music program - earlier and broader** Music is critical to development - start early and have have qualified teachers

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2*

3.6  (23 )



**Hire qualified music teachers. Get decent, full-sized electronic pianos in every school.** So the kids can learn to sing along to an accompanist at events like the holiday concert.

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4*

3.6  (21 )



**teaching children to do more practical things that children will remember long term like: learning how to play a musical instrument**

*Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4*

3.6  (17 )



**To have grade 8 arts be optional like high school** There is no point in doing them when u just arent interested and by grade 8 u know what you like and don't like

*Students Grades 7 to 8*

3.6  (11 )

