

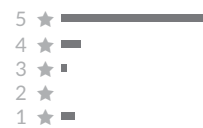
Q2 TECHNOLOGY

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

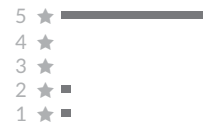
The technologies are often old and not functional The desktop computers are always old and barely ever work, the wifi is unreliable
Students Grades 9 to 12

4.3  (26 )



Schools should reduce smartphone use in class. Increasing evidence shows it contributes to anxiety and distractability. Keep them out of classrooms.
Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

4.2  (15 )



Strict "no phone" policy in the classroom Phones are disrupting students' learning and creating distractions for the whole class
Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

4.1  (29 )



Improving technology I know it's a funding issue but it's sort of hard to learn things (especially in tech or ICS) if your school computers are running outdated software.
Students Grades 9 to 12

4.1  (25 )



Less screen time - especially in Kindergarten. Videos seemed to be used as a baby sitter. Very passive learning and contributing to an overall abundance of screen time they will deal with throughout their life.
Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

4.1  (17 )



Young ppl r 'plugged' into screens so often, look at healthy options for counteracting the myriad of negative effects that this is having on them all Loss of critical thinking, creative self expression, add'l self led learning, human interaction, lack of physical activity etc. This is not ok :(

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

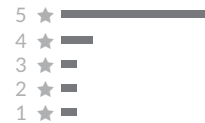
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Be much stricter with technology. Many schools and boards around the world have banned cellphone from schools. The OCDSB should be bold do the same. Students are distracted, lack social communication skills, and are in danger of being filmed and cyberbullied on social media while at school.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

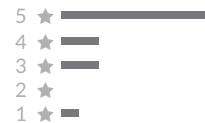
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Ban cellphones in elementary classrooms. Easy to do, extensive, expensive consultation not needed. It is a distraction and unnecessary. Parents already struggle with limiting kids' screen time. Being told they "need their phones for homework" is a huge blow to parents' efforts.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

4.0 ★★★★★ (25 👤)



More investment in technology There is a constant struggle for access to technology in classrooms. Added push to move resources online without board help to access the materials.

Secondary Staff

4.0 ★★★★★ (25 👤)



Technological Distractions Students are distracted by social media all the time; schools need to have stricter policies limiting the presence of cell phones in class

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

4.0 ★★★★★ (25 👤)



Update computers all the computers in the library take so long to load that we have less time to learn

Students Grades 9 to 12

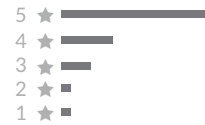
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Get rid of cell phones in the class. If the rule is established, "cell phones in the backpack at all times until after dismissal" and it is enforced by taking the cell phone to the office till the end of the day, kids would adjust and follow the rule. It should be a board policy, not a teacher's

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

4.0 ★★★★★ (24)



More chrome books and learning devices
Most of our work is done electronically and sometimes things like no accses to chromebooks can make it hard to get work done.

Students Grades 7 to 8

4.0 ★★★★★ (19)



DISRESPECT to teachers. Phones - please BAN them Class is not a YOUTUBE video or a holo deck. What message do we send if kids sit there on their PHONE texting while they TRY to teach?

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

4.0 ★★★★★ (18)



Improve quality of technology and access to technology. Precious time is lost waiting for computers that freeze or operate very slowly. This problem limits the flow of lessons and wastes students time.

Secondary Staff

4.0 ★★★★★ (17)



Improved infrastructure for technology access access should be seamless

District Office and Centrally Assigned Staff

4.0 ★★★★★ (16)



Make the technology we are expected to use reliable. Teaching staff get paid well to plan lessons, evaluate, teach, connect with students. Each hour spent trying to fix tech problems : wasted time/\$

Secondary Staff

4.0 ★★★★★ (16)



Equity between all schools, Some schools have more access to resources such as technology.

District Office and Centrally Assigned Staff

4.0 ★★★★★ (15)



Limited, outdated tech No more needs to be said. The OCDSB is simply behind in providing quality tech

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.9 ★★★★★ (25)



Making tech resources available Teachers fight for projectors and portables can't get ALREADY BOUGHT TVs installed

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.9 ★★★★★ (25)



I would like to see a board-wide ban of phones during school hours. Kids shouldn't use recess and lunch as times to look at screens on school property Allowing kids to bring phones undermines parents' ability to deny their kids phones, supports anti-social behaviour and increases screen time at school

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

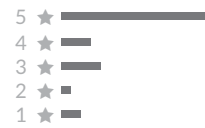
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Technology in the Classroom It doesn't seem right to have kids having access to cell phones in classrooms while in elementary school. It's distracting to others.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.9 ★★★★★ (24)



Cyberspace awareness and protection.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.9 ★★★★★ (19)



Better Internet Access! Guest wifi never works and the 'OCDSB' wifi only works on certain phones

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.9 ★★★★★ (17)



Improve internet access for teachers and classroom use. Give students own network.

We struggle to access the internet for learning while students are using up bandwidth to watch youtube or access social media.

Secondary Staff

3.9 ★★★★★ (17 👤)



Internet speeds With nearly everyone having a cellular I often felt like the internet spedsp get really slow when working on dinosaur computers.

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.9 ★★★★★ (17 👤)



Better access to technology Students and staff are at a tech disadvantage. BYOD is fine but where is the cash for a proper device? Staff needs a subsidy, not a one-size solution

Secondary Staff

3.9 ★★★★★ (16 👤)



Better investment in technology for students and teachers in the school So much learning can incorporate technology - this can help students be more engaged and learn to use tech productively.

Secondary Staff

3.9 ★★★★★ (16 👤)



More funding for supplies, libraries and technology

Secondary Staff

3.9 ★★★★★ (16 👤)



Access to technology is lacking in HS classrooms We are encouraged to use tech but are not provided with the means to do it

Secondary Staff

3.9 ★★★★★ (14 👤)



Technology needs are not being met. Internet speed is not acceptable and technology is way too old or non-existent.

Secondary Staff

3.9 ★★★★★ (13 👤)



Update computers Extremely slow and outdated computers are the norm in offices and classrooms.

Secondary Staff

3.9 ★★★★★ (13)



Less unproductive screen time. How can we regulate screen time at home when we have no control at school? Computers for Research projects, slide shows, typing documents, great! Youtube and playing games, should be at the discretion of parents at home.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.9 ★★★★★ (9)



Uneducational TV not needed in school. As a parent I should have discretion over what my child watches on TV. Children should not be watching movies and cartoons in school. Use the time more constructively. I don't mind end of year treat, but not frequently!

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.9 ★★★★★ (9)



The amount of available tech at different schools is widely different. Kids in high needs areas should have as much access to high quality tech as any other area of the board.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.8 ★★★★★ (28)



Improve the versions of apps downloaded on the computers. In my school, I struggle in ppt presentations bec. of the old version of ppt installed on the computers.

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.8 ★★★★★ (25)



More education around social-media and safe internet use for teachers, students and parents. Kids are online so much and there are countless problems. Everyone needs to better understand the risks and the social implications.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.8 ★★★★★ (25)



The technology needs to improve (Glebe student) The computers are outdated, the chromebooks do not work consistently and they don't replace computers, the wifi is unreliable and often causes problem

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.8 ★★★★★ (25)



-technology incorporated in student-learning
-It is important to help students learn better

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.8 ★★★★★ (24)



Technology can be a tool for learning, otherwise it should not be in the classroom. Interpersonal skills need to be taught. People are suffering from depression and anxiety because they have not developed skills needed to make connections.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 2

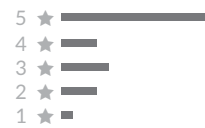
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Many of the teacher computers at schools are antiquated and prevent teachers from effectively integrating technology We want to teach students to become digitally fluent and must be provided the adequate resources to do so.

Elementary Staff

3.8 ★★★★★ (23)



Kids don't know how to 'EXPERIENCE STILLNESS OR QUITE' Constant screen time is causing kids to not be able to deal with periods without CONSTANT 'input'. How does a teacher compete? Implement 'STILLNESS'

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

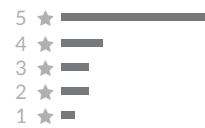
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Should limit the use of electronic devices and technology in class at young ages. Kids learn best with hands on experience and exploration

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.8 ★★★★★ (18)



Spend money on new computers - NOT chrome books - instead of replacing carpets and office furniture every few years. Self-explanatory. Money is being poorly spent in areas that do not benefit the students.

Secondary Staff

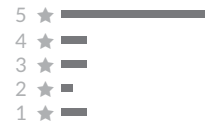
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Use TV sparingly, not as a "sit and be quiet" tool. Some kids are already great at staying quiet with a book, etc. and all would benefit from practicing this skill instead of being passively entertained

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.8 ★★★★★ (18)



Should not allow calculators in early grades. Kids hardly know how to count or multiple in their heads. We care falling behind Kids do not grasp a feel for numbers if all they do is punch those into a keypad in the calculator. They need to be able to do basic maths mentally

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.8 ★★★★★ (17)



Stop taking away technology without replacing it Bring Your Own Device only leads to students spending all their time on a cell phone

Secondary Staff

3.8 ★★★★★ (17)



Train teachers and parents on tech distraction/addiction It is a current societal issue that needs addressing at home and at school

District Office and Centrally Assigned Staff

3.8 ★★★★★ (17)



Better technology there is not enough access to technology for students. 25 chromebooks per department is not enough

Secondary Staff

3.8 ★★★★★ (16)



more technology in smaller schools larger schools seem to have more access to technology while smaller schools might think they dont need a lot which can be false

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.8 ★★★★★ (14)



Getting more Chromebooks and other devices for classes. Chromebooks are a valuable classroom tool and make learning easier, more efficient and just better in general.
Students Grades 7 to 8

3.8 ★★★★★ (12 👤)



follow through on IEP accommodations - esp supporting technology use for students with LDs providing the technology will have limited benefit if student doesn't know how to use the technology to its greatest potential.
Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.8 ★★★★★ (12 👤)



Access to updated, reliable technology is key and needs constant attention. Teachers need access as well as students. Teaching staff waste a lot of time waiting for technology to warm up or even work.
Secondary Staff

3.8 ★★★★★ (6 👤)



We need up to date technology in our classrooms. When a computer takes 15 min for a computer to turn on, this takes away from the flow of the classroom instruction.
Community Members

3.7 ★★★★★ (30 👤)



Bring in a variety of classes related to technology Digital art isn't offered at school. Offer programming for grade 9's as well and anything technology related really because jobs require it.
Students Grades 9 to 12

3.7 ★★★★★ (25 👤)



Have workshops on how online social networking affects the minds of minors and how to deal with it. Social networks tend to affect the self-esteem of minors, particularly girls, at a time when their brains are developing social skills.
Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.7 ★★★★★ (25 👤)

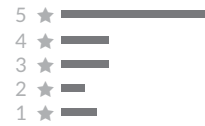


Teacher use of Technology in the Classroom

I see more and more teachers quickly checking their cell phones during class time (when I'm volunteering in schools). I don't love this.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

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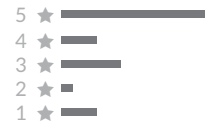


Do not allow electronic devices (and social media) in the classroom

They cause a distraction from learning and are rarely if ever put to good use. Students should learn without the distractions of listening to music e

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.7  (24 )



STOP THE USE OF PHONES IN CLASSROOMS

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.7  (24 )



Stop pouring money into large-scale, untested experimental programs and follow proven models from other countries that work.

Technology is not the answer to everything. Relationships, personal development, caring, effort and rigour are. If Finland can do this, surely we can.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.7  (24 )



It would be really useful to have more funding in terms of technology

As school work gets integrated to the internet, students need more opportunities within class to use technology to improve their education

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.7  (23 )



Formal education regarding online safety (equally as important as sexual education or religious teachings etc...). Should implement into curriculum.

Online cyber bullying and safety issues impact children and adolescents. Many parents are unaware of the mental health repercussions.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.7  (20 )



More technology in the hands of students to increase digital literacy Populations are growing, Labs are being taken away from regular classroom space, and no more technology is provided to make up the gap

Secondary Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (20)



I have concerns about how much technology is being used in the classroom My children are shown YouTube and other types of media daily. Parents have been given guidelines to minimize screen time at home, but how are schools considering these recommendations? Kids watch too many screens

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.7 ★★★★★ (18)



technology in the schools is paid for by parent councils so rich schools benefit more than poorer ones this is not fair to students who do not have the same opportunities only because they are from poorer demographic areas

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.7 ★★★★★ (18)



Staying on top of technology. We don't want our students to be left behind as tech moves forward.a

Secondary Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (17)



The access to technology for staff is not thought out. I cannot print as the desktop in my office is too slow and if I print to the cloud I am limited. Several times I have had to ask another staff member to print for me

Secondary Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (17)



More devices in classrooms I look forward to each classroom having a tub that ensures the 4:1 ratio the school board is striving for. I would love 1:1 even better.

Secondary Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (16)



More technology, less phones. Students often have to rely on phones to research, etc b of a lack of technology. Ban phones!

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.7 ★★★★★ (16)



Better planning and investment in our districts embedded classroom technology The tools that teachers are required to use on a daily basis to teach, frequently fail. This creates a environment of uncertainty in our classrooms

Secondary Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (15)



Increased availability and quality of technology. In most, laptops and computer labs are either unreliable and insufficient to reliably offer blended learning and promote digital literacy.

Secondary Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (15)



Have small group courses on using devices in a healthy way. Too many of the children I see do not know how to have a healthy relationship or conversation that is not on their phone.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.7 ★★★★★ (14)



Relying on technology and internet for students to complete their work. Some students don't have access to a computer or internet. If you're going to assign stuff on tech, maybe give them time in class to use the chromebook

Students Grades 7 to 8

3.7 ★★★★★ (13)



Pushing 1:1 up to date technology for every student Technology can be challenging to work with and time is precious. We shouldn't have to struggle with performance issues such as login speeds in class.

Community Members

3.6 ★★★★★ (34)



Too much focus on technology Our child still struggles with handwriting because all assignments are due in online platforms.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.6  (29 )



there should be more online courses. there aren't enough. as someone who suffers from an anxiety disorder getting to school is always a challenge, working from home on an online course would help greatly.

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.6  (25 )



Schools need to have more restrictions on phones in the schools. Kids don't know social cues or how to build relationships

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.6  (24 )



Better equity in tech resources throughout the board

Elementary Staff

3.6  (23 )



There is too much screen time, and not for educational purposes or special occasions. Why is a tv show put on during every snack time? Class sizes are too big and teachers are overwhelmed. Too much screen time is not good for development and should not be used to keep classrooms calm

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.6  (23 )



Better rule on the use of cell phones in class. Cell phones should be left at the door in each class. Equip classes with the appropriate tech so kids do not need to use their cell phones in class.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.6  (20 )



Providing more stable technology Students can't always connect to the network. Interrupts their lesson flow

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.6  (20 )



Technology Replacement / refresh of technology must be done more frequently. 5-6-7 year old technology is slow, inefficient, and does not meet the current need

District Office and Centrally Assigned Staff

3.6  (17 )



Increasing access to technology. Many students still do not have access to digital tech (true across the school board), and need access in order to develop skills we assume they have

Secondary Staff

3.6  (16 )



wifi is slow... ocdsb wants us to use google classroom, but kids can't access it.

Secondary Staff

3.6  (16 )



Fix the intranet. It's an embarrassment. Seriously, please. We can do so much better. It's not easy to navigate or find forms. I would like to have easy access to curriculum support, A&E documents, monographs, NTIP resources, etc.

Secondary Staff

3.6  (15 )



Chromebooks cannot replace PCs. Better technology and more comprehensive tech support is needed.

Secondary Staff

3.6  (13 )



More chromebook's and that are more up to date So we can learn better with more chromebook's and more up to date because I have a Chromebook that is version 71 and my SEA is at version

Students Grades 7 to 8

3.6  (13 )



Technology at school should be limited to a specific class. No phones in school or at least classroom. Phone is the #1 tool used in bullying today. We say we want our kids to keep up with technology. Make it a specific class! Studies show that unrestricted use causes addiction, depression & more

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.6 ★★★★★ (13)



Safely using the internet. Not sharing too much information and knowing the consequences of doing so.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.6 ★★★★★ (11)



No TV watching in schools Why is this considered acceptable? This is not teaching, it's babysitting for lazy teachers. Use the time to learn cursive, math, writing, exercise...

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.6 ★★★★★ (9)



Too much screen time in school. Some is necessary but EDP is playing videos, video games=rewards in class etc -- less screen and more books please. Screens are distracting, reduce physical activity, impede social development.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.6 ★★★★★ (9)



Lunch time an opportunity to be social, and a chance to learn from and relate to others. I don't want "silent lunch" or "screen time lunch". Eating is an important, social part of culture.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.6 ★★★★★ (6)



Access to Technology More and better access to technology to support students and facilitate learning in the 21st century classroom.

Community Members

3.5 ★★★★★ (31)

