

What are the most important things our schools currently do well or need to do better to ensure that all Haldane students graduate with our critical skills and attributes (listed below)?

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## Here are 20 thoughts that received the highest star ratings

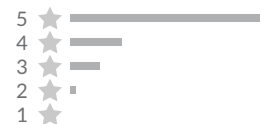
**They need to develop emotional regulation skills, empathy, and tolerance for difference.**  
Research has shown that kids who are emotionally literate, compassionate and empathetic fare better & are more successful.

4.4 ★★★★★ (40 👤)  
Ranked #1 of 20



**Dig deeper into our conversations around equity, diversity, racism and tolerance through concrete, actionable education**

4.3 ★★★★★ (37 👤)  
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**There are still teachers that withhold recess as a consequence, and this needs to be replaced with more effective, less detrimental measures.**

It's been established that recess, play, and being outdoors contribute to cognitive development, and personal wellbeing.

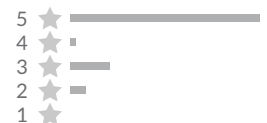
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**Conversations about tolerance and diversity should include students with learning differences**

There's a lot of talk about empathy and tolerance and compassion, yet a lot of complaints about special needs students need more support.

4.3 ★★★★★ (31 👤)  
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**Truly being inclusive is #1, this means special needs, all races, religions, beliefs... all things should come after that.**

Because everyone deserves an education

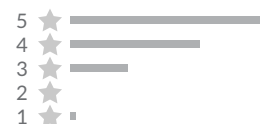
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**We need to ensure students feel like they are part of our school community .**



If students feel like they "belong" it can increase confidence & provide them with positive self esteem which can influence their growth as learners.

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### Improving an understanding of our diverse world



The community of Haldane is small and not particularly diverse, but understanding and compassion for a broader experience can be developed.

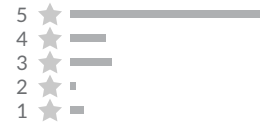
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### We can do better to provide equitable access to education and to support tolerance of those who look different or have special needs



Integrated and diverse classrooms promote critical thinking, problem solving, and creativity.

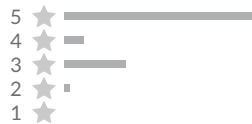
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### We need to educate our kids about diversity, identity, bias, and prejudice.



Kids see race and other differences, and if we don't talk about them directly, they can make unfortunate inferences.

4.2  (40 )  
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### The outdoors spaces for learning are so valuable and right there. Teachers & staff should be encouraged to use them!


Learning outside gets students problem-solving, thinking critically. Resilience in diverse settings, & personal well being are supported.

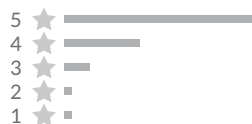
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### Greater emphasis on writing, particularly in middle school so that students enter high school courses with a solid foundation.



No matter who they become, the ability to accurately communicate and thoroughly express themselves in writing is vital to success.

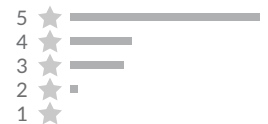
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### It would be helpful for teachers and staff to undergo anti-bias training.

We've had some bias-related incidents in the community & it would be helpful for teachers to have training on how to respond and support students.

4.2  (35 )  
Ranked #12 of 20



**Music and the Arts matter -- and are often undervalued, in the schedule and in funding.** Aside from their intrinsic value, music and the arts have been shown to improve students' overall growth and performance.

4.2 ★★★★★ (31 👤)  
Ranked #13 of 20



**Continue emphasis and support for the Arts** Engagement with the Arts helps students become better communicators, improve their emotional intelligence and be better learners.

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Ranked #14 of 20



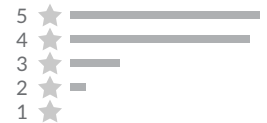
**We could do a better job at helping our students have difficult conversations with individuals who have differing opinions.** Most basic elements of civil discussion come down to a single theme: making the other person in a disagreement a partner, not an adversary.

4.2 ★★★★★ (27 👤)  
Ranked #15 of 20



**provide easily accessible resources for mental health issues** some students families dont help them outside of school and having things that can help inside school would help us a lot. mr many helps out a lot

4.1 ★★★★★ (51 👤)  
Ranked #16 of 20



**Writing and research--plus rewriting and source review--is one of the best ways to teach critical thinking, perhaps the most important academic skill.** We know it is more important than ever for citizens to be able to distinguish fact from spin.

4.1 ★★★★★ (42 👤)  
Ranked #17 of 20



**I love that our students have amazing outdoor learning spaces.** Students learn better when all senses are engaged. Study after study proves the myriad benefits of outside classrooms, both academic and social-emo...

4.1 ★★★★★ (40 👤)  
Ranked #18 of 20



**Peer-led conferences for restorative justice, empowering students as leaders in resolving emotional or mental health crises.**

When students develop their own capacities as caregivers they build empathy, emotional intelligence and resilience.

4.1 ★★★★★ (35 👤)  
Ranked #19 of 20



**All K-12 students should be given frequent opportunities to connect directly and deeply with their local environment. Take advantage of our location!**

Learning that is embedded in local nature (rather than just the indoor classroom) helps develop almost all the goals (thinking, resilience, wellness)

4.1 ★★★★★ (34 👤)  
Ranked #20 of 20

