

Jewish Federation of Ottawa
School Funding Report
Distribution of funding to schools for 2019-2020

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1. Introduction

Thanks to the great success of the Annual Campaign and the Challenge Fund, over \$1 million in new funding is available for 2019-2020. **Jewish education in Ottawa will benefit from this success, with funding to Jewish schools increasing by almost 40% over last year. A total of \$304,500 in new dollars are available for schools, for a total investment of \$1,162,539 in Jewish education.** This important investment demonstrates that strong Jewish schools and quality Jewish education remain a top priority for Federation.

There are a variety of ways in which Federation supports Jewish day and supplementary schools, and promotes Jewish education in the community:

- Federation provides annual school funding to day and supplementary schools
- Jewish schools are supported through capacity building grants
- Jewish education and the schools are promoted through ongoing marketing efforts directed at Federation’s broad network
- Federation’s successful PJ Library program actively partners with each of the schools, bringing new and potential families into direct contact with teachers and school leadership.
- Federation’s Shinshinim program provides Israeli emissaries and a strong Israel programming component to many schools.

2. Enrollment in Jewish Schools:

Day Schools:

Ottawa Jewish Community School (OJCS)
Torah Day School
Ottawa Torah Institute (OTI)

Supplementary Schools:

Chabad Hebrew School (CHS)
Ottawa Talmud Torah (OTT)
Ottawa Modern Jewish School (OMJS)
Temple Israel Religious School (Temple)
Torah High

Enrollment in Jewish Education over the Years

	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15
OJCS	172	158	184	199	216*
Rambam		-	-	43	55
Torah Academy		-	-	82	75
Torah Day School**	100	118	112	-	-
Ottawa Torah Institute	13	10	11	17	12
Total Day Schools	285	286	307	341	358
Supplementary Schools					
Or Haneshamah***	-	10	12	-	-
OTC Chabad	103	106	99	94	79
OTT	61	60	58	18	29
OMJS	44	47	44	43	43
Temple Israel	95	92	77	68	77
Torah High	76	75	104	106	102
Total Supp. Schools	379	390	329	330	308

*OJCS enrollment in 2014/15 of 216 students includes 24 high school students (beginning in 2015/16 there were no students in OJCS in Grades 9-12).

**Torah Day School was created through the unification of Rambam and Torah Academy in 2016.

***As of funding year 2018/19, Or Haneshamah receives "Program Funding" (not from the School Funding Envelope) so enrollment will no longer be tracked with schools.

2018/19 Enrollment in Ottawa Jewish Schools per Grade

Schools	Enrollment By Grade																	
	JK	K	1	2	3	4	5	K-5 Total	6	7	8	6-8 Total	9	10	11	12	9-12 Total	Total
Day Schools																		
Ottawa Jewish Community School		29	23	18	22	17	17	126	15	12	19	46						172
Torah Day School	5	19	6	13	10	6	14	73	8	11	8	27						100
OTI													7	4	1	1	13	13
																		285
Supp. Schools																		
OTC Chabad	7	7	15	8	8	10	21	76	14	13		27						103
OTT	11	10	10	8	7	3	2	51	7	3		10						61
OMJS		15	5	5	6	1	7	39	3	2		5						44
Temple	6	5	8	13	5	10	11	58	11	10	8	29	4	4			8	95
Torah High											12	12	24	20	9	11	64	76
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Note that the largest classes in OJCS and TDS are in Kindergarten, and this is encouraging.

3. Support for Jewish Education

Total School Funding through the Years			
Year	Day Schools	Supplementary Schools	Total
2015/16	\$707,566	\$100,973	\$808,539
2016/17	\$707,566	\$100,973	\$808,539
2017/18	\$707,566	\$105,473	\$813,039
2018/19	\$727,566	\$105,473	\$833,039
2019/20*	\$1,032,066	\$130,473	\$1,162,539

*Represents annual allocation plus the addition of NEW strategic funding.

New in 2019-2020, day and supplementary schools will receive annual funding, and also be able to apply for strategic funding, the details of which are described in the sections below. Overall funding for Jewish education in Ottawa will increase by almost 40% over last year.

Source of Funding for Schools in 2019/20			
	Day Schools	Supplementary Schools	Total
Annual School Funding	\$727,566	\$105,473	\$833,039
NEW Strategic funding for Schools	\$304,500	\$25,000	\$329,500
TOTALS:	\$1,032,066	\$130,473	\$1,162,539

In addition to annual school funding, schools have the opportunity to apply for Capacity Building grants. Below is the summary of grants to schools in the last year.

Capacity Building Grants to Schools in 2018			
Torah High	Smart Board	Winter 2018	\$5,500
Torah Day School	Chromebooks	Winter 2018	\$11,639
OMJS & Ganon	SmartBoards & Chromebooks	Spring 2018	\$10,000
Bus to Jewish Schools	Bus	Fall 2018	\$6,500
Torah Day School	Consultant for Org Health	Fall 2018	\$7,500
Total grants to schools in 2018			\$41,139

In addition to support through direct funding, Federation continues to be committed to seek ways to support Jewish education. Federation initiatives to support Jewish education include:

- The PJ Library program provides a pipeline for young families into the community and into direct contact with schools. 71% of eligible families in Ottawa subscribe to the program. Many of the families attend events throughout the year, and PJ families receive marketing material from Federation promoting Jewish education and connecting families to Jewish schools. Events are held in partnership with schools to bring families into contact with the school leadership and teachers. **Federation invests \$40,000 in providing monthly books mailed to families, and an additional \$12,000 for events and programs.**
- Federation’s Shinshinim program brings young Israeli emissaries into Jewish schools to enhance their programs with an infusion of Israeli culture and traditions, and Hebrew language. All funded schools have the opportunity to benefit from the Shinshinim. **Federation invests \$50,000 per year in bringing the Shinshinim program to Ottawa.**
- Training sessions for agency leaders and volunteers help strengthen organizations.
- Continued marketing efforts seek to increase the visibility of the schools within the community and to market the schools to new audiences.

4. Day School Funding

With the injection of new strategic funding, overall support for day schools will increase by almost 40% over last year, for a total of \$1,032,066 in support for day schools. Over and above Federation’s annual school funding, OJCS and Torah Day School have access to a total of \$304,500 in strategic funding, as outlined below.

An additional \$70,000 in operational funding is being directed to Torah Day School, following the recommendations of Federation’s recent Strategic Funding Task Force. Torah Day School’s operational funding will increase by 46% over last year, to \$222,040 and this increase represents 7% of the total amount of all new funds raised in this year’s Campaign.

NEW STRATEGIC FUNDING FOR DAY SCHOOLS 2019-2020	
Designated strategic funds for Day Schools	\$115,000
➤ Board designated strategic funding for Torah Day School: \$70,000	
➤ Donor-directed Supplementary Gift to OJCS: \$45,000	
New Fund for Special Education Support for Day Schools	\$76,000
➤ \$51k, already completed	
➤ \$25k available	
NEW Fund for Strategic Funding for Day Schools	\$113,500
3 Priority areas: Excellence in education, financial sustainability and collaborative projects	
TOTAL Strategic funding for Day Schools	\$304,500

The Jewish Federation of Ottawa recognizes that more funds are needed to support and sustain quality Jewish education into the future. The Strategic Funding Task Force called for a review of the formula used to determine day school funding, and Federation’s plan is to first raise the funds needed, and then to address the funding formula once more funding is available. Federation’s new 5-year Strategic Plan (which is in draft stages, and not yet approved by the Board) includes a large endowment to support and sustain the two day schools into the future, at the levels needed by each of the schools to be successful and provide high quality education.

The table below recommends that operational funding for day schools in 2019-2020, be provided as follows:

Proposed Day School Funding

School	Current Funding 2018/19	Proposed Funding 2019/20
OJCS	\$554,526	\$554,526
Torah Day School	\$152,040	\$222,040*
OTI	\$21,000	\$21,000
Day School Total	\$727,566	\$797,566

*Includes the \$70,000 recommended by the Board in new operational funding for TDS.

5. Supplementary School Funding

New in 2019, supplementary schools have access to \$25,000 in strategic funding. Schools will be able to apply for grants of up to \$10,000 to improve marketing efforts, increase enrollment and support special education.

The total amount of **annual** funding available for Supplementary Schools in 2019/20 is \$105,473. This amount remains unchanged from last year. **The combined total of all Federation funding for supplementary schools in 2019/20, is \$130,473.**

Since 2006, Federation has distributed funds to Supplementary Schools using a funding formula that takes into consideration enrollment and hours of programming. The formula is based on a 3-year rolling average of enrollment. Schools are allocated a proportion of the Supplementary School Funding available, based on their proportion of contact hours. See the full formula calculations in the Appendix.

Supplementary School Annual Funding

School	Contact Hours	% of Total Contact Hours	Allocation (Each receives a proportion of the funding envelope)	Current Funding 2018/19	Proposed Funding 2019/2020
OTC Chabad	257.5	22%	\$23,204	\$23,914	\$23,204
OTT	180	16%	\$16,876	\$13,516	\$16,876
Temple	320.5	28%	\$29,532	\$27,033	\$29,532
Torah High	255	22%	\$23,204	\$27,033	\$23,204
OMJS	135	12%	\$12,657	\$12,477	\$12,657
Total Schools	1148	100%	\$105,473	\$103,973*	\$105,473

*\$1,500 in funding that was put aside in the previous year (2018/19) for professional development for teachers. This amount has been added to direct funding for schools in 2019/20.

6. Conclusion

Jewish Federation is very pleased to be increasing the funds available for Jewish education in 2019/2020. Thanks to the great success of the Annual Campaign and the vision of the Jewish Superhighway, there is now additional strategic funding available for schools, which will help address excellence in education, financial sustainability and provide additional resources for special education. Federation funding to support schools has increased by 40% over last year, thanks to this new available strategic funding. Working together with Jewish schools, Federation will continue its unwavering support for Jewish education.

APPENDIX - Supplementary School Funding Formula Calculations

Since 2006, Federation has distributed funds to Supplementary Schools using a funding formula based on enrollment and number of hours of programming. The formula uses a 3-year rolling average of enrollment.

Supplementary School Enrollment – 3 Year Average

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	3-Year Average	3-Year Average
School	Enrollment	Enrollment	Enrollment	Total	Previous Year
OTC Chabad	99	106	103	103	100
OTT	58	60	61	60	46
Temple	77	92	95	89	79
Torah High	104	75	76	85	95

OMJS	44	47	44	45	45
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Calculation of Contact Hours

School	NEW 3 – Year Average Enrollment	Hours of Programming	Contact Hours: Enrollment x Hours of Programming
OTC Chabad	103	2.5	257.5
OTT	60	3*	180
Temple	See below**		320.5
Torah High	85	3	255
OMJS	45	3	135
Total Contact Hours:			1148

* OTT allows students to select the number of days that they attend each week, and each day offers 2 hours of programming. Some students selected 2 hours of programming per week and others selected 4 hours per week. For the purposes of the funding formula, we have calculated the average hours of programming at 3 hours per week (the average of 2 and 4).

**Temple Israel Religious School offers different hours of programming for each Grade level, therefore separate calculations are required (see below).

Calculations for Temple Israel Religious School

Temple	K	Gr. 1	Gr. 2	Gr. 3	Gr. 4	Gr. 5	Gr. 6	Gr. 7	Gr. 8	Gr. 9	Gr. 10
2016	13	6	11	9	10	8	5	8	4	1	2
2017	11	11	7	12	12	10	10	9	5	5	0
2018	11	8	13	5	10	11	11	10	8	4	4
3yr average	12	8	10	9	11	10	9	9	6	3	2

Temple Israel Religious School			
Grade	Hours of Programming	3-Year Average Enrollment	No. of Contact Hours
K-1	3	20	60
2-6	4.5	49	220.5
7-10	2	20	40
		89	320.5

Total Proposed Funding for Supplementary Schools for 2019/2020

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