



School reviews – information for parents and the community

Every Queensland state school is reviewed by the School Improvement Unit (SIU) at least once every four years. The reviews are an important part of how the department supports and monitors schools.

The reviews provide schools with independent feedback, tailored to their context and needs.

Principals use the review findings to work with their school community and assistant regional director (or principal supervisor) to develop clear actions to move the school forward.

Review process

Reviews are conducted by experienced educators trained in the use of the *National School Improvement Tool*, a nationally-recognised framework for reviewing teaching and learning practices.

Each review team generally consists of two to four reviewers, but the number of reviewers and length of review depends upon a range of factors, including the size and context of the school.

Reviewers look closely at each school's performance data and speak with a wide range of staff, students, parents and community members to get an accurate picture of the school.

Unlike many other review systems, schools aren't ranked or given a performance rating. Instead, the school is given a comprehensive report for consideration.

The report details key findings and recommended improvement strategies to maximise student outcomes. Principals are encouraged to share this information with their staff and school community to help shape the school's strategic direction.

Parent and community participation

Feedback from parents and the community is an important part of school reviews, with everyone encouraged to have their say.

You can find out when your school will be reviewed by checking the schedule on the School Reviews website.

To register your interest in participating in the review, please contact your school office or email the SIU at siumb@qed.qld.gov.au.

More information

For more information about school reviews, please visit the School Reviews website at www.schoolreviews.eq.edu.au or contact the SIU on (07) 3035 2217 or at siumb@qed.qld.gov.au.