



School reviews — information for parents and the community

Reviews play an important part in how the Department of Education supports school improvement. They provide schools with independent feedback, tailored to their context and needs.

All Queensland state schools undergo a review at least once every 4 years. Schools are generally reviewed in the year that they are due to update their 4-year strategic plan. Review findings and feedback help to inform this planning process.

Through meaningful engagement and input from school staff, students and communities, reviews involve the evaluation of evidence and practice.

The majority of schools are designated one of 2 types of review – either a school review conducted by the department or a school-led review which is conducted by the school and then validated by the department.

A small number of schools may engage in a differentiated review type in consideration of their unique context. These reviews are conducted by the department in collaboration with the school community.

Review process

Reviews are conducted by experienced educators trained in the use of the *School Improvement Tool*, an internationally recognised framework for reviewing practices that contribute to school improvement.

Review teams generally consist of 2 to 4 reviewers, but the number of reviewers and length of each review depends upon a range of factors, including the size and context of the school.

Schools are not ranked or given a performance rating. They are provided with a comprehensive report detailing the key findings and recommended improvement strategies for consideration.

The school publishes the executive summary or full report on its website. 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.

Conversations with a review team member can be in person or over the phone. All feedback remains confidential.

Reviewers endeavour to connect with parents and carers before or after school around school grounds and car parks. To register your interest in participating in a review please contact your school office. Alternatively, you can register your interest via email reviews@qed.qld.gov.au.

More information

Visit the school reviews website at schoolreviews.education.qld.gov.au or phone (07) 3035 2217.