



# Partnership Initiative school reviews — information for parents and the community

Reviews play an important part in how the Department of Education supports school improvement.

All Queensland state schools undergo a review at least once every 4 years. Schools in the Partnership Initiative have a Partnership Initiative school review. These reviews have a stronger focus on connecting with the local community and other government agencies.

Partnership Initiative school reviews occur over an extended period of time, generally 4 to 6 months. This approach allows a range of community members to provide their input about the school and for the review process to be tailored in consideration of the school's context.

## Review process

Reviews are led by experienced principals who are seconded to the department's reviews team. Review teams are generally made up of 2 to 4 people, but the number of reviewers and length of review depends on the size and context of each school.

Reviewers use the *School Improvement Tool*, a framework outlining activities that schools can do to improve outcomes for students.

Schools are not ranked or given a performance rating. They are provided with a report that summarises the school's effective practice and recommendations to support the school's next steps for improvement. A community report is also provided with a simplified version of the review findings.

The school publishes a summary or the 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 about the school from parents and the community is an important part of the review. Everyone is encouraged to have their say. All feedback remains private.

You can find out when a school will be reviewed by checking the schedule on the school reviews website at [schoolreviews.education.qld.gov.au](https://schoolreviews.education.qld.gov.au).

There are 2 ways that parents and community members can provide feedback as part of the review.

### 1. Speak with a review team member

These conversations can be in person or over the phone. To register your interest in participating in a review, please contact your school office or email [reviews@qed.qld.gov.au](mailto:reviews@qed.qld.gov.au).

### 2. Speak with a review community connector

Community connectors are local people selected by the school. They support the review process by gathering information from the community before the review team visit the school and then provide a summary of this information to the review team.

## More information

Visit the school reviews website at [schoolreviews.education.qld.gov.au](https://schoolreviews.education.qld.gov.au) or phone (07) 3035 2217.