

Instructional Quality School Reviews



Instructional Quality School Reviews (IQSRs) provide charter school authorizers, departments of education, schools, school districts and school management organizations with independent, external evaluations of school effectiveness.

The challenge to schools and organizations responsible for improving schools is to lay the foundation for sustainable improvement. IQSRs do that by providing decision makers with the detailed information they need to improve school performance.

Areas of review include:

- A measure of the quality of teaching and learning gained from classroom observations and the evaluation of school-wide instructional practices, structures, and programs.
- A measure of whether resources are provided equitably for all students to meet performance standards.

- A measure of the culture for learning that is created by school leaders and instructional staff across the school.
- A measure of the quality of the partnerships schools have with families and the local community and the contribution these relationships make to student achievement.
- A measure of the capacity of school leaders to assess and improve the quality of instruction and raise academic and social achievement.
- A measure of the organizational and financial capacity of the school to fulfill its mission and meet student achievement goals.
- A measure of the effectiveness of the school's leadership and governance structure, student assessment systems, curriculum, programs for at-risk students, and teacher evaluation systems.

IQSRs are data-driven and evidence-based. Our tested methodology includes a review of documents, interviews with school leaders, teachers, parents, and students, and classroom observations. The IQSR report includes findings that identify programming and instructional gaps that should be addressed to improve school performance. The report also includes and prioritizes action planning to address report findings.

"The time with Class Measures lasted just two days, and though the purpose was to perform a school quality review, the actual result...was a revolution in my practice as a principal and in our school's instructional focus."

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Benefits

IQSRs are an increasingly important element of school improvement efforts and serve a number of purposes, including:

- A measure of the effectiveness and impact of organizational structures in schools.
- A measure of instruction and supporting processes during the charter school contract renewal process.
- A measure of school improvement efforts, both for schools, districts, and states as well as for use in satisfying the monitoring requirements for state and federal grant programs.
- A diagnostic tool a school leader can use to identify action planning priorities.
- An internal measure of progress both on a periodic, routine basis as well as in preparation for regulatory visits.

ABOUT US

Class Measures has a fundamental commitment to raising the standard of student learning and improving student outcomes. We achieve this by providing high quality tools, services and support processes that have been proven to increase the accessibility, range and quality of educational opportunities. We contract with trained consultants, including former successful superintendents, principals and teachers, who understand how good schools work and who have the capacity and experience to identify what is working well in a school and what areas need improvement.

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