



Lawrence Public Schools

SQR Summary Presentation

SCHOOL EMPOWERMENT NETWORK

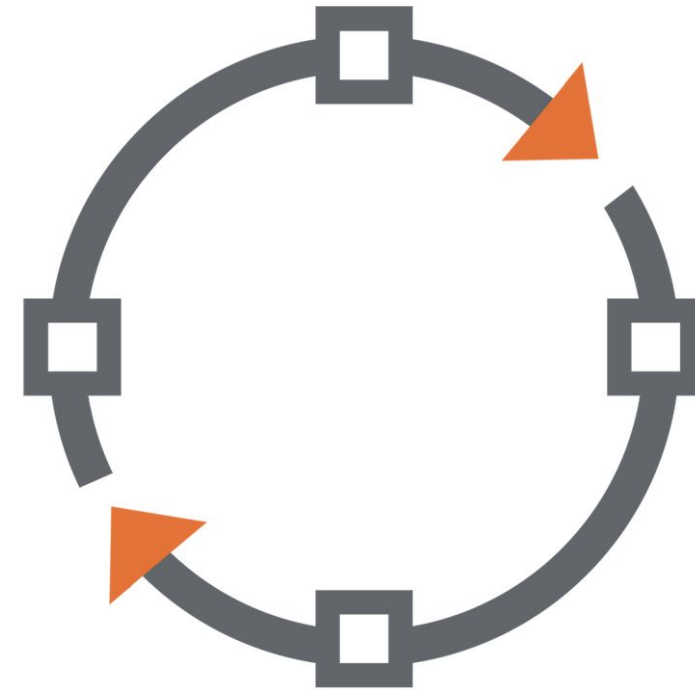
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Orientation to SEN School Quality Reviews

What is a School Quality Review?

A process

- Looks at how well schools are organized to support student learning and teacher practice
- Designed to support schools to engage in key practices correlated with raising student achievement



PROCESS

What is a School Quality Review?

A snapshot

- Review school documents and data
- One-day school visit
- Observe classrooms, non-classroom spaces and teacher team meetings
- Panels with parents, students, teachers, and school leaders



What is a School Quality Review?

A document

- Quality Review Report includes rating on 11 indicators of the SEN SQR Rubric
- Describes areas of strength and areas of focus
- Includes tailored, recommended action steps

Area of Focus # 1
Indicator 2: Pedagogy

Description:

There is an articulated set of beliefs about how students learn best, known in the school as the Pillars of Pedagogy, which are research-aligned instructional practices embedded in the life of the school and evidenced in the majority of classrooms. In math and science classrooms, many examples of multiple "at-bats" or interleaving were observed. Another pillar ("making lessons visual") was evident in all observed classes. Teachers utilized PowerPoint slides, educational technology tools, and visuals to make meaning. Teachers on the panel discussed the importance of visuals for supporting student understanding. In addition, there is a clear sense of urgency in the school and importance placed on bell-to-bell instructional minutes. The majority of classrooms utilized timers throughout the lesson, lesson plan formats outlined specific sections with time allotments aligned to the pillars, and feedback provided to educators in documents provided prioritized use of time in the classroom.

However, there is still work to do (as a community) around what Zaretta Hammond refers to as "dependent versus independent learners" and opportunities for students to demonstrate higher-order thinking in both work products and discussion. In the majority of classrooms visited, there was a larger amount of teacher talk time than student talk time during the lesson--which meant the teacher was doing the majority of the cognitive lift rather than the students. In mathematics, while students engaged in strategies, these were typically directed by the teacher. In instances where students utilized their own strategies, there was no evidence of students having the opportunity to make meaning of their own strategies with one another or to share their thinking with others.

Action Steps:

- **Revise the Pillars of Pedagogy to incorporate strategies which promote students carrying the cognitive load.** Utilize your identified priority of Culturally Responsive Teaching to revise the school's Pillars of Pedagogy in order to ensure opportunities for students to develop work products and engage in discussions which reflect high levels of student thinking, participation, and ownership.
- **Engage staff in review of lessons learned via the CRT Professional Learning Community (PLC).** Continue with monthly CRT professional learning with staff and have them continue to try out strategies in their classrooms. As teachers try out the selected research-based strategies, collect evidence on the impact they are having on shifting the cognitive lift to students. Codify strategies which have greatest impact.
- **Research the difference between dependent and independent student thinking and discourse.** Continue in deeper analysis (as a team) around research-based strategies to move toward increased opportunities for independent student thinking and discourse. Analyze these strategies--for each content area--with a focus on the expectations of the standards. Analyze these in concert with the draft Culturally Responsive rubric the team developed and refined based upon lessons learned.
- **Analyze and revise the current pillars to determine where to make shifts to increase student thinking and discourse.** Once CRT PLC analysis (of strategies within classrooms and the difference between dependent and independent) is complete, engage the staff in a review of the current pillars and consider which pillars to add and/or which to refine. Seek to understand:
 - What does a culturally-responsive classroom look like? Feel like? Sound like?
 - What is the role of the educator? The student?
 - What opportunities do students have to make their thinking visible and further define their thinking with their peers?
- **Utilize structures of coaching and PD to deepen practice.** Once pillars are finalized and codified, share them

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SEN School Quality Rubric Framework

The SEN School Quality Review rubric is comprised of 11 indicators belonging to three quality categories. The work of each category is informed by an equity lens to ensure the school community effectively involves and serves all stakeholders.

The Instructional Core

Indicator 1: Curriculum

Indicator 2: Pedagogy

Indicator 3: Assessment

School Culture

Indicator 4: Positive Learning Environment

Indicator 5: High Expectations

Structures and Systems for Improvement

Indicator 6: Leveraging Resources

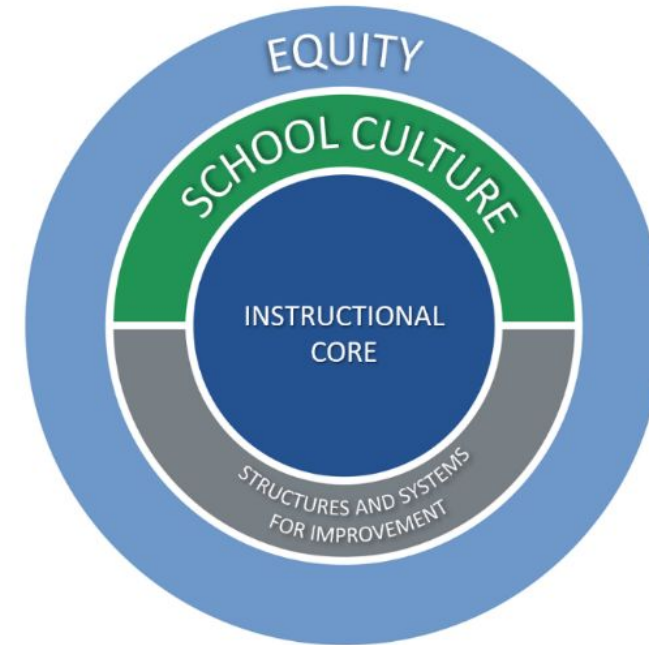
Indicator 7: Goals and Action Plans

Indicator 8: Teacher Support and Supervision

Indicator 9: Teacher Teams and Distributed Leadership

Indicator 10: Continuous Improvement

Indicator 11: Student Academics & Developmental Support*



** During the school year 21-22 SEN will provide a projected rating for this new indicator, which will be fully integrated into our rubric next SY*

Sample SQR Schedule

Timeframe	Activity
8:00 -9:15	Leadership Meeting (Principal + select members of team)
9:15- 9:30	Reviewer Reflection
9:30 -11:30	Classroom visits + debriefs
11:30-11:45	Reviewer Reflection
11:45-12:15	Student Focus Group
12:15-1:00	Teacher Meeting- cross section of teachers
1:00-1:30	Parent Meeting
1:30-2:15	Teacher Team Meeting Observation + Q&A
2:15-2:45	Outstanding questions for school leadership/final doc request
2:45-4:15	Final Reviewer Reflection
4:15-4:45	Feedback Conference

Data Review - Spring 2022

Summary of SQR Results - Spring 2022

LPS SCHOOLS

Indicator 1	Develop	Proficient	Proficient	Under D	Develop	Develop	Develop	Proficient	Develop	Develop	Proficient	Proficient	Develop	Proficient	Develop
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Areas of STRENGTH and FOCUS - Spring 2022

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School Quality Progress Spring 2021 vs Spring 2022

Evidence of Progress

- 16/30 schools improved index rating (average of all 11 indicator ratings)
- 9/30 schools have at least one indicator rated at “Well Developed” (up from 4)
- 5 schools have 3 or more indicators rated at “Well Developed” (up from 2)

Positive Learning Environment (indicator 4)

- Second year as highest rated indicator - though not as high as last year
- 23/30 schools rated P or WD
- Area of strength for 19/30 schools
- Little evidence of disruptions to classroom instruction
- For most schools, family members and students report students are well-known

Positive Trends

Leveraging Resources (indicator 6)

- Rated P or higher for 21/30 schools. Area of strength for 9/30 schools
- In most schools, leaders align schedule, resources, teacher and staff time to school priorities, values, and demonstrated needs.

Goals and Action Plans (indicator 7)

- Rated P or higher for 23/30 schools. Area of strength for 7/30 schools
- Most schools have clear, focused school-level goals
- Most schools' goals are informed by a data-driven needs assessment

Curriculum (indicator 1)

- Mixed results against this indicator. 11/30 rated P or higher.
- A growing number of schools have selected high-quality curriculum
- 19/30 schools rated at developing for curriculum, most often as a result of how curriculum is enacted

Positive Trends

Ongoing Progress
Positive Learning Environment
Leveraging Resources
Goals and Action Plans
Curriculum (selected, not enacted)

- **What do you notice?**
- **What do these trends indicate about the work of school and district staff in this school year and/or the years leading up to this year?**
- **How might school and district staff leverage these strengths to drive continued improvement in schools?**

Pedagogy (indicator 2):

- Rated D or U in 23/30 schools. Area of Focus for 19/30 schools
- Few schools have well-established instructional visions rooted in a set of beliefs about how students learn best
- Few instructional leadership teams have communicated expectations for pedagogy that are consistently driving classroom instruction
- As a result, in many schools, reviewers observed inconsistent instructional practice from class to class and grade to grade

Curriculum (indicator 1):

- Area of Focus for 19/30 schools. Most schools rated developing
- Many schools have selected and are utilizing high-quality curriculum (based on reviews by EdReports and MA CURATE)
- Enactment of curriculum in many schools/lessons does not emphasize higher-order skills
- Enactment does not consistently ensure cognitive engagement or access to curriculum for all learners

Area of Focus Trends and Implications

Teacher Support and Supervision (indicator 8):

- Clear progress. AOS in 7 schools - up from 3 in 2021. 13 schools rated P or higher - up from 8.
- Rated D or lower in 17/30 schools. Area of Focus for 14/30 schools
- Most instructional leadership teams do not consistently support teacher development with frequent rounds of observation and feedback
- Few ILTs regularly analyze teacher observation data and/or plan professional learning based on data analysis

Assessment (indicator 3):

- Rated D or lower in 20/30 schools
- Many schools administer common assessments. Some have established systems for analyzing data from common assessments.
- Few teacher teams consistently adjust curricula, lesson plans, or scopes and sequences based on analysis of student progress. Teachers frequently miss opportunities to use daily formative assessment to gauge student understanding and/or adjust instruction.

Focus Trends

Curriculum
Pedagogy
Teacher Support & Supervision
Assessment

- **What do you notice?**
- **What are the implications of these trends for your work?**
- **How is the district already supporting schools in these areas?**
- **How might district staff organize additional support for individual schools and groups of schools for whom these indicators are an area of focus?**