



PRIORITIZE QUALITY,
EVEN WHEN STUDENTS
AREN'T IN THE BUILDING.

Virtual School Quality Reviews

Gain immediately-useful insight into your school's strengths and areas of need as an effective learning institution, whether you are operating remotely, in-person, or utilizing a hybrid model. Our Virtual School Quality Review employs a transparent, research-based set of standards linked to positive student outcomes in order to evaluate the effectiveness of academic programs across all settings. It is conducted 100% remotely, through a combination of document review, surveys, interviews, focus groups, and remote observation of classroom instruction.

ABOUT SCHOOLWORKS

SchoolWorks is an education consulting group with the mission of advancing all aspects of student learning and well-being by building the capacity of educators to assess, plan for, and achieve student success.

SchoolWorks has reviewed and documented the work of thousands of schools and districts since the company's inception in 1998. Our team has developed a proprietary set of research-based criteria (SchoolWorks Quality Criteria) and an evidence-based classroom observation tool (SchoolWorks Classroom Visit Tool) to serve as the framework for this work.

With decades of insight into best practices, today, SchoolWorks helps schools identify strengths and weaknesses, develop and execute meaningful and achievable action plans, and monitor continued progress.

Why evaluate quality under atypical circumstances? Why not wait?

As your school adapts operations to minimize risk for students and staff, measuring the effectiveness of your efforts is integral to long-term success. A Virtual School Quality Review can be used to objectively identify what's working, and what isn't:

- Is the school delivering high-quality instruction (in-person, online, or otherwise)?
- Is data continually monitored, analyzed, and used to inform decisions in classrooms and across the school?
- Do parents understand how to access learning systems? Are factors at home impacting remote learning?
- Do students understand what is expected of them? Are they adequately challenged? Do they know how to ask for help? Do they feel safe?
- How is the overall morale of the school staff? Do teachers feel they are adequately trained for their changing role? Do they feel that they have a voice?

This vital feedback can help your team refine processes and systems in order to improve overall quality, especially now. →

How does the Virtual School Quality Review work?

- 1 PREPARATION.** The SchoolWorks team meets with the school leader to set a date for the Virtual School Quality Review, provide an overview of the process, request documents, and answer questions. During this session, the SchoolWorks team takes the time to understand how learning is being delivered (in-person instruction, online “live” instruction, online recorded instruction, asynchronous learning assignments, at-home packets, etc.) in order to define a process for rating all forms of instruction using the SchoolWorks observation tool.

After this session, dates are set for the virtual review, surveys are administered to students and parents, and the review team engages in document review. (A leader may plan to spend 3-5 hours preparing for the visit including all meetings, input, and communication.)
- 2 EVIDENCE COLLECTION.** The SchoolWorks team facilitates a two-day period of interviews and focus groups. The school principal may expect to participate in two 1-hour interviews, and other stakeholders (teachers, administrators and specialists) may each expect to participate in a 45-minute focus group. Classroom observations are conducted through a predetermined combination of 1) “live” observation of virtual instruction, 2) evaluation of recorded sessions, and 3) review and analysis of asynchronous learning assignments.

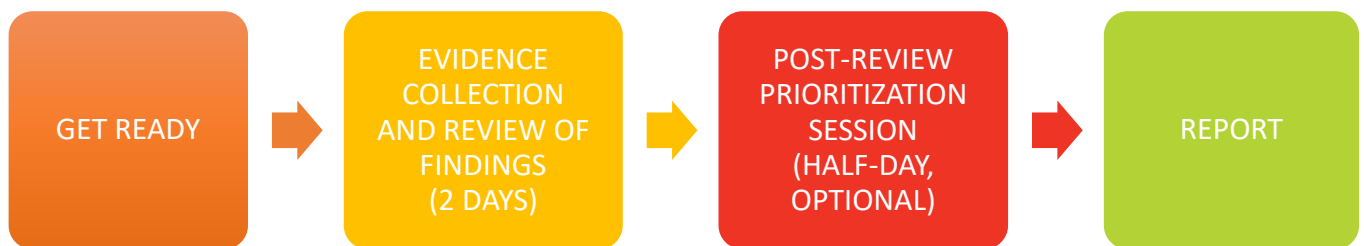
The SchoolWorks Team provides an oral debrief of findings to the school leader and/or leadership team at the end of Day 2.
- 3 REPORT.** Following the Virtual School Quality Review, the school receives a written report that includes detailed findings with supporting evidence.

Optional: Post-Review Prioritization Session

If the Virtual School Quality Review will be used to inform improvement planning, the school team may decide to engage in a Prioritization Session following the review (on Day 3).

During this 4-hour virtual session, the SchoolWorks team will unpack the findings of the review and assist the school leadership team in thinking through areas for improvement that are most important and most likely to impact student outcomes.

The end-result of this process is 1) a data-based prioritized list for improvement planning, ranked according to impact potential, and 2) an action plan of next steps, including strategies, dates and benchmarks for measuring ongoing progress.



Pricing

To ensure that the majority of instruction is observed, review pricing is based on student enrollment. Pricing ranges from \$14,700 for a small school (<400 students) to \$21,700 for a large school (800-1000 students). Virtual post-review prioritization is an additional \$1,500. To receive a custom quote, contact us anytime.

Want to learn more? Talk to us.

SchoolWorks has conducted almost thirty Virtual School Quality Reviews in 2020 alone. To find out more, email Jennifer Strock at jstrock@schoolworks.org to set up a quick call, or call us directly at 978-921-1674.