

What is a QR-JIT Review and which schools are eligible?

Schools identified by the New York State Education Department as Persistently Lowest Achieving (PLA) or Restructuring Advanced (RA) and subject to a State Joint Intervention Team (JIT) review will receive a collaborative, NYSED/NYCDOE, Quality Review-Joint Intervention Team (QR-JIT) Review as permitted by scheduling limitations. The QR-JIT will follow both City and State guidelines, and the alignment of these processes will limit the number of days of disruption to the school community.

- The QR reviewer will focus exclusively on collecting evidence aligned to the twenty indicators in the QR Rubric. The QR standard protocols (classroom visits, principal interview, etc.) will be adhered to, but in some cases the protocols may be conducted in collaboration with the JIT reviewers. Evidence collected by all reviewers will be considered in determining the final QR score.
- The JIT will assess the school’s educational program, using multiple measures of current and trend quantitative performance and progress data and rigorous qualitative information. The focus of the JIT review will be to analyze school progress and performance in identified area(s) and make advisory recommendations to the Joint Intervention Team comprised of a senior SED representative and a senior DOE representative. Although the two teams will work together throughout the visit, their findings will be separate.

Quality Review	JIT Review
1 lead reviewer; possibly 1-2 associate or shadow reviewers	4-5 reviewers, including Outside Educational Expert, DOE representative, SED representative, and content area specialist(s)
2-2.5 days, depending on school size	5 days with 2 days spent within the school
Findings delivered onsite to principal/network leader at the end of the review	Findings delivered in writing after the end of the review
<i>Ongoing collaboration throughout the time in the school will occur, including joint interviews with various stakeholders, joint classroom visits, joint teacher team visits, etc. Reviewers are expected to dialogue throughout the process, however each review is responsible for its own findings.</i>	

Schools undergoing a QR-JIT PLA or QR-JIT RA should expect:

- A joint review between January and March of this year
- A joint contact from both reviewers in the week before the review to go over the schedule and expectations for the visit
- A sharing of key documents, including school data, SSEF, etc.
- Ongoing dialogue between the two reviews
- Schedule disruption limited to one visit rather than two.

If you have any questions, please contact qualityreview@schools.nyc.gov.

For specific questions regarding the JIT process, please call the Office of School Improvement at 212-374-5757 and ask for Sarah Kleinhandler, Elizabeth Iadavaia, or Bob Klein.