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**Improving School Quality.
Improving Educational Quality**

Services

The ISQ collects data, statistically analyses and finally edits them in order to provide student and school performance feedback reports.

The work of the ISQ is based on empirical methods applied in social sciences, in particular in educational research, psychology and sociology.

Results are fed back to various stakeholders, that is to schools, parents and the Ministries of Education of both states.

In this way the ISQ is able to keep record of positive developments as well as to point out problematic tendencies and thus enables evidence-based policy decisions in education.

The ISQ therefore not only contributes to the systemic quality assurance in education and the development of quality in schools but also enhances the development of common educational grounds in the Berlin-Brandenburg region.

The ISQ works
on behalf of:



The Berlin-Brandenburg
Institute for School
Quality Improvement (ISQ)



Two states. One Institute.

The Institute for School Quality Improvement (ISQ) was founded by the two neighbouring states of Berlin and Brandenburg in early 2006. The ISQ is an independent academic institution located on the campus of the Freie Universität Berlin (FU Berlin). The ISQ cooperates closely with the Department of Educational Research at FU Berlin. As a service provider, the ISQ advises schools, school administrations and the Ministries of Education of both states to collaboratively enhance the quality of education.



Responsibilities

- Administration, analysis and feedback of state-wide assessments and central examinations
- Support of internal and external school evaluations
- Monitoring the implementation of national education standards
- Support of national and international assessment programmes on educational outcomes (e.g. PISA)
- Publication of regional educational reports

Funding

The ISQ is funded by the states of Berlin and Brandenburg and is registered as a non-profit association.

→ Members of the ISQ

- The state of Berlin represented by the Senate Department for Education
- The state of Brandenburg represented by the Ministry of Education
- Freie Universität Berlin
- Universität Potsdam
- Berlin State School Advisory Board
- Brandenburg State School Advisory Board
- Federation of Commercial Enterprises in Berlin and Brandenburg

Scientific Advisory Board

In order to ensure the scientific quality of its work, the ISQ is supported by a scientific advisory board. The board members represent the three universities in Berlin, the University of Potsdam, the Max Planck Institute for Human Development and the Confederation of German Trade Unions.

