Independent Review Standard

Preparation draft for student research review. Governance review and shared-sample calibration are required before adoption.

Four dimensions, 30 points

Dimension	Maximum
Research design and execution	8
Analysis and results	8
Independent contribution	8
Communication and academic practice	6

Evidence levels

L1: self-reported. L2: document-checked. L3: complete process evidence and independent review. Missing or outside-platform process evidence caps the record at L2.

Independent procedure

Reviewers are matched by field and screened for conflicts. Mentors cannot select reviewers or score the work. Student identity and school are withheld during written review. Two external reviews are followed by a 20-minute defense.

Arbitration and appeals

A final score gap greater than four points triggers a third independent review. The proposed final score uses the closest pair after arbitration. Equal-distance exceptions must be resolved in the adopted rules. Fact checking and a seven-day appeal window precede issuance.

Fees and decision authority

Fees do not determine scores. Review compensation is fixed per assignment. Operations coordinate the process and cannot alter scores.

Privacy and disclosure

Public records omit student schools, photographs, contact details, and family information. Sharing is optional. Initiated by IIEA, with review separated from consulting and competitions.