

Action Research

Action Research is a disciplined process of inquiry conducted by and for those taking the action. The primary reason for engaging in action research is to assist the “actor” in improving and/or refining his or her actions.

Action Research Process

1. Selecting a focus
2. Clarifying theories
3. Identifying research questions
4. Collecting data: collect multiple data for triangulation purposes; data can come from grade books, tests, classroom observations, or questionnaires.
5. Analyzing data: What is the story told by these data? Why did the story play itself out this way?
6. Reporting results
7. Taking informed action

Purposes of Action Research

1. Building the reflective practitioner
2. Making progress on school-wide priorities
3. Building professional cultuers