

Task: better schools

All children and young people are entitled to attend schools which focus on **safety** and **knowledge**. Everyone must be given an equal opportunity to achieve goals, regardless of gender, social/economic conditions or place of residence. The Swedish Schools Inspectorate is responsible for making sure that every school meets these requirements.



Regular supervision – identifying shortcomings

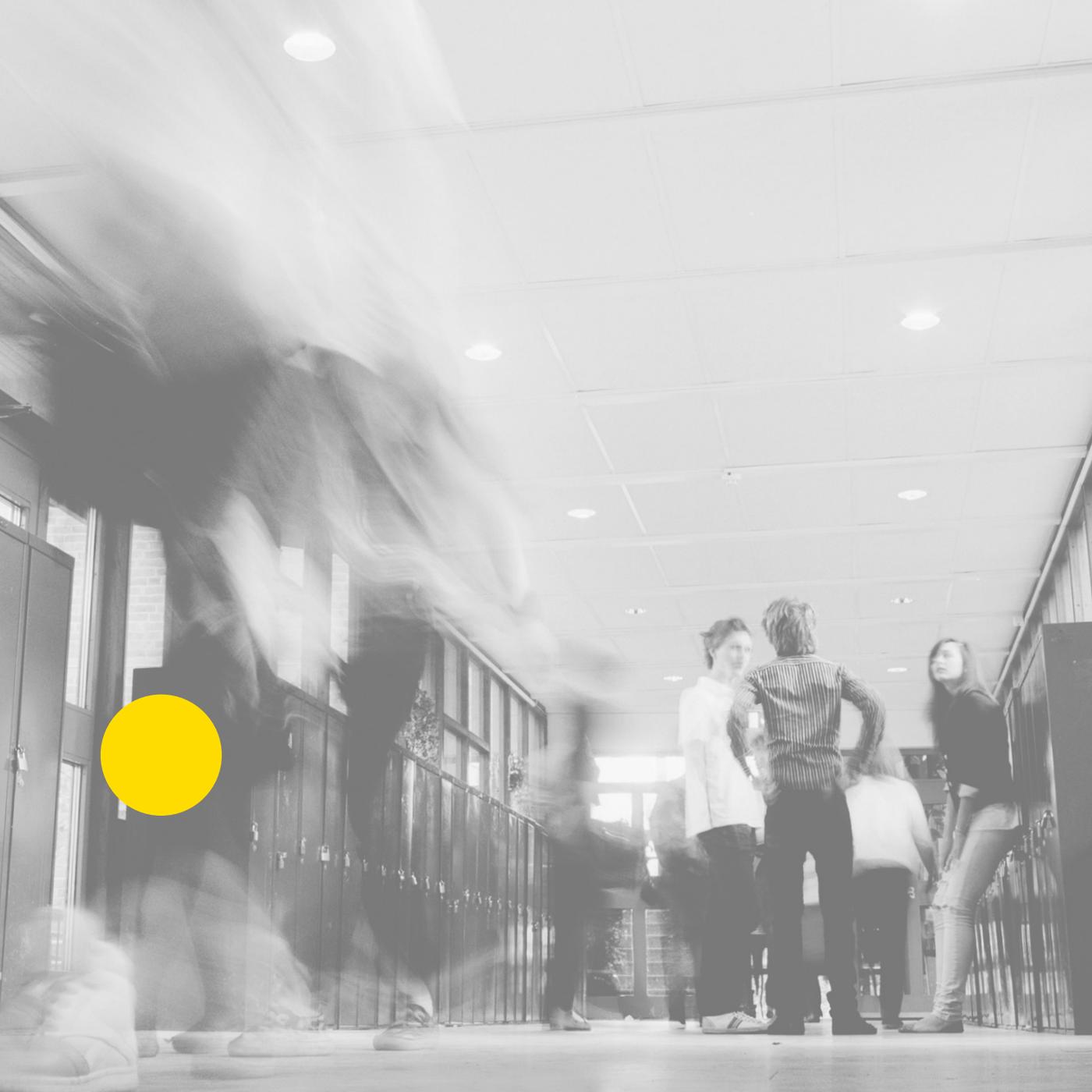
The Swedish Schools Inspectorate **makes sure** that those responsible for schools, i.e. primarily local authorities and those in charge of running independent schools, follow the laws and regulations that apply.

An inspection always results in a **decision**, such as which measures to take or **action required** by the authority/party responsible for the school. For independent schools, inspection could also result in a decision to withdraw the school's license to operate or its right to receive subsidies.

Quality evaluation – with focus on a particular area

When conducting quality evaluations, the Swedish Schools Inspectorate takes a closer look at a particular area. For example, quality evaluations may be conducted for a **particular school subject** such as mathematics or for a more **overall area** such as access to special assistance for students. Analyses of the shortcomings identified in pre-schools and schools are used to determine the areas where quality evaluations are needed. Regular inspections may also identify shortcomings that result in the evaluation of a specific area.





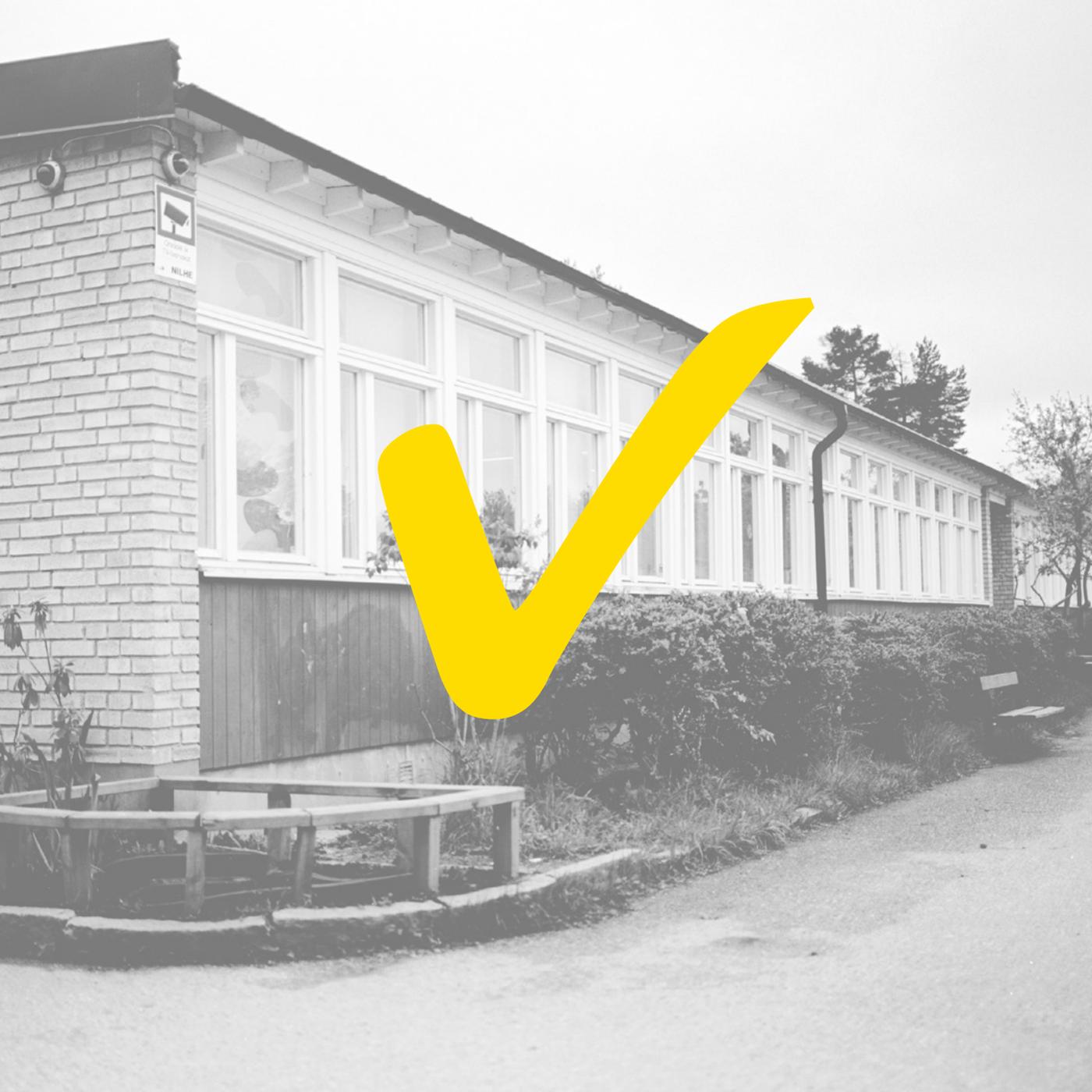
Complaints

It is also possible for students, parents and others to file a complaint about the **shortcomings** in a particular school with the Swedish Schools Inspectorate. Following an **investigation**, the Swedish Schools Inspectorate may criticize the authority/ party in charge of the school and demand **measures** to remedy the situation. We can also on our own initiative investigate a school, pre-school or other organisation as the result of shortcomings that have attracted the attention of the media for example.

The Child and School Student Representative, BEO

BEO is a part of the Swedish Schools Inspectorate though it also functions independently. BEO works to **counteract offences** against children and students by investigating complaints of offensive treatment. It is also possible for BEO to demand that the authority/ party in charge of a school or preschool **pay damages** on behalf of a child or student.





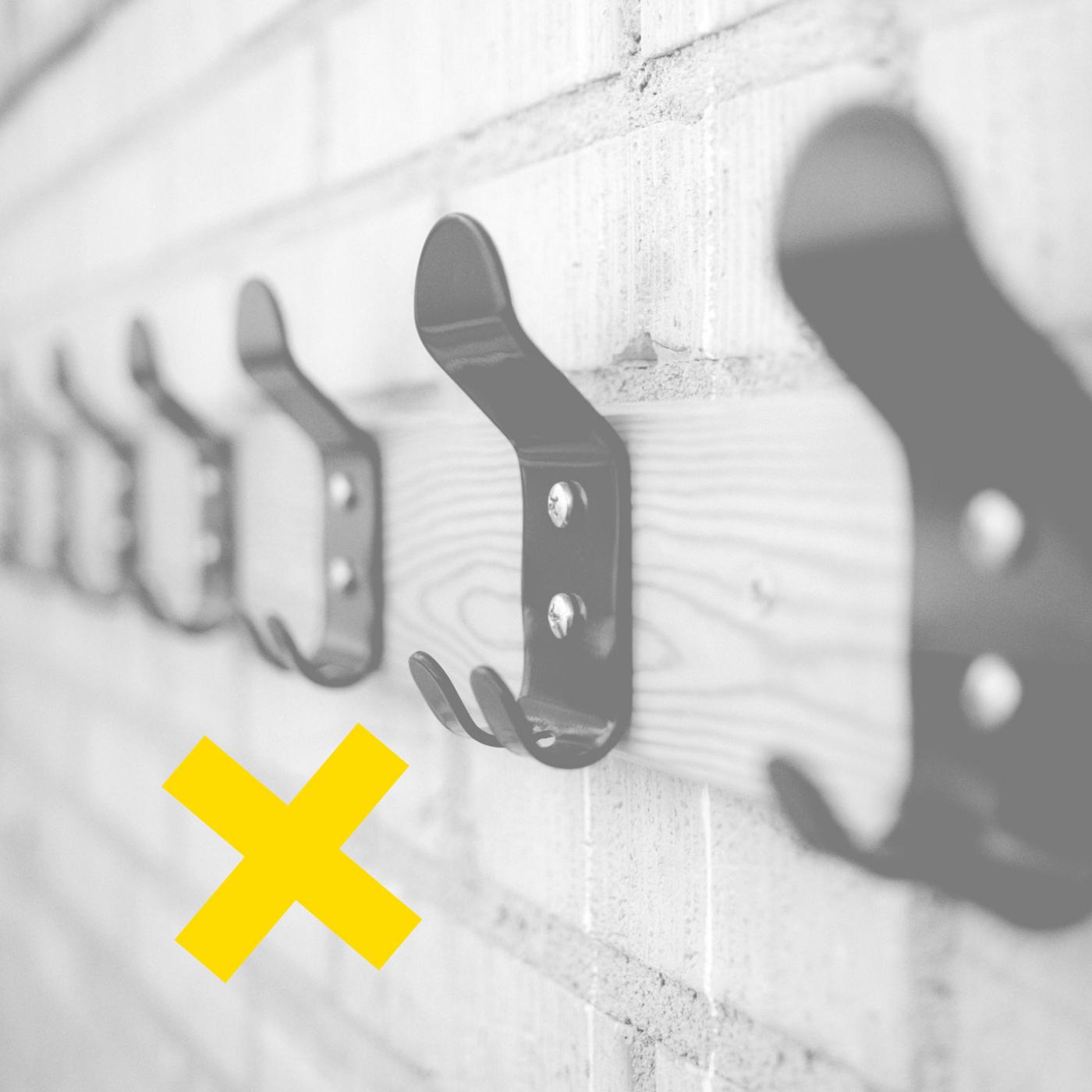
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Approval of licenses

The Swedish Schools Inspectorate is also responsible for granting licenses to operate **independent schools** for students required by law to attend school. In addition, we evaluate applications in terms of entitlement to **subsidies** and national **supervision** for upper secondary schools. Once a license to operate has been granted, the Swedish Schools Inspectorate also follows up by visiting the school soon after it has opened.

Board of Appeal for Education, ÖKN

ÖKN is an **independent national authority** tied to the Swedish Schools Inspectorate. It is possible for ÖKN to **re-evaluate** certain decisions by the authority/party in charge of a school that are of particular importance to individual students. The most common types of issues have to do with the admittance of students to upper secondary schools and municipal adult education (Komvux).





Communication – because schools are important

The operations, results and quality of schools are of great interest to many. For example, these things are considered when the authority/party in charge of a school works to develop the organisation, as well as when students and parents decide on a particular school.

For these reasons, the Swedish Schools Inspectorate actively communicates its decisions and reports in various ways to the authorities/parties in charge of schools, head teachers, teachers, students, parents and other individuals associated with schools.

Organisation

The Swedish Schools Inspectorate has offices in Umeå, Linköping, Gothenburg, Lund and Stockholm. The authority's head office is located in Stockholm. In total, the Swedish Schools Inspectorate has approximately 350 employees.





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