

District to Hold First Public Hearing on District of Innovation on December 14, 2016

United ISD will hold a Public Hearing on District of Innovation Program, which allows for exemptions from certain areas of the Texas Education Code. The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Bill Johnson Student Activity Complex Fine Arts Auditorium located at 5208 Sta. Claudia Lane.

United ISD is considering 5 areas which will be presented to a local committee appointed by the UISD Board of Trustees. Through the District of Innovation program, the scope of considered exemptions will be narrow and limited to key areas for improvement.

The only five areas up for consideration are:

- A uniform start date (calendar);
- Minimum attendance for class credit or final grade;
- Teacher certifications specific to Career and Technical Education Programs and Dual Credit Classes;
- Campus Behavior Coordinator;
- Minimum minutes of Instruction for Pre-Kindergarten and Optional Flexible School Day Program (PASS).

The following is a **proposed** timeline for the District of Innovation process, but is subject to modification as allowed by statute:

11/14/2016	Discuss process of proposing to become a District of Innovation by identifying provisions currently in place that could be exempted on this plan-Review with Leadership Team.
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12/6/2016 Present information to School Board Instructional Committee regarding the intention to become District of Innovation, present resolution, and announce Public Hearing.

12/13/2016 Present District's intent of becoming a District of Innovation to campus and district administrators.

12/14/2016 At Regular Board Meeting: Resolution is presented to Board of Trustees for approval.

****** Should the board approve the resolution, the following timeline will ensue ******

12/14/2016 Hold Public Hearing to determine whether the district should develop an innovation plan. Board of Trustees appoints District Advisory Committee (DAC) to develop plan with:

1. Comprehensive educational program with innovations, and
2. List of Education Code provisions to be exempt.

1/5/2017 First Meeting with DAC. DAC identifies exemptions to include, reviews local district policies affected, and drafts Innovation Plan to present to the Board of Trustees.

1/17/2017 Second Meeting with DAC. DAC continues to identify exemptions to include, reviews local district policies affected, and continues to draft Innovation Plan to present to the Board of Trustees.