

DISTRICT OF INNOVATION



OVERVIEW PRESENTATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
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What is a District of Innovation?

A District of Innovation is a concept passed by the 84th Legislative Session in House Bill 1842, that gives traditional school districts most of the flexibilities available to Texas' open enrollment charter schools. To access these flexibilities, a school district must adopt an innovation plan as set forth in Texas Education Code chapter 12A.

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Districts of Innovation

*HB 1842 provides Beeville ISD with the **opportunity** to design a comprehensive education plan according to the **needs and resources** of our district while maximizing **local control**.*

DISTRICTS OF INNOVATION

- Created by House Bill 1842 in the 84th Legislative Session
- Board Policy AF (LEGAL)
- Gives local school districts flexibility
- Greater local control as decision makers over the educational and instructional model for students:
- Districts must adopt an Innovation Plan that includes exemptions from state laws and parts of the Texas Education Code

High Level Overview of the Process

- Board of Trustees passes a resolution to study the concept and the opportunities provided; or petition of District Advisory Committee.
- Board of Trustees “promptly” hold a public hearing and appoints a district level committee to develop a Local Innovation Plan
- Final plan available online for 30 days
- Approved by DAC (majority vote) and board (2/3)
- District must have acceptable rating (not campuses)

COMMISSIONER'S RULES

- Term of designation as District of Innovation may not exceed five (5) years;
- Plan may be amended, rescinded, or renewed if approved by vote of Board and DAC with 2/3 voting requirement;
- Districts must use form developed by the commissioner to indicate major items from which an innovation may exempt itself;

COMMISSIONER'S RULES

- Districts are limited to one Innovation Plan at a time; changes to be handled through amendment process rather than adopting multiple plans;
- District must post the Innovation Plan on the District website for the term of the designation as an innovation district (5 years);
- To rescind plan district is required to notify TEA and provide a date for compliance with TEA provisions to begin no later than the following school year.

Allowable exemptions include (but not limited to):

- Teacher/Principal appraisal system
- Uniform school start date
- Minimum minutes of instruction
- 90% attendance rule
- Class size ratio
- Teacher certification
- Teacher contracts

Prohibited exemptions include (but not limited to):

- District Governance
- Curriculum
- State Assessment System
- State Accountability System
- School Finance
- Federal Requirement
- Other requirements in state law outside of the Education Code

What Exemptions Have Other Districts Requested?

- El Paso
 - 90% Attendance for class credit or final grade
 - First Day of Instruction
 - Teacher Certification for Dual Credit & CTE
 - Teacher and administrator appraisals

What Exemptions Have Other Districts Requested?

- Mabank ISD
 - First Day of Instruction
 - Teacher Certification for Dual Credit & CTE

What Exemptions Have Other Districts Requested?

- Dripping Springs ISD
 - Minimum Minutes of Instruction
 - Class Size Ratio
 - 90% Attendance for class credit or final grade
 - First Day of Instruction
 - Teacher Certification for Dual Credit & CTE
 - Teacher and administrator appraisals

What Exemptions Have Other Districts Requested?

- Victoria ISD
 - Minimum Minutes of Instruction
 - First Day of Instruction
 - Professional Development

What Exemptions Have Other Districts Requested?

- Mansfield ISD
 - First Day of Instruction
 - Teacher Certification for Dual Credit & CTE

What Exemptions Have Other Districts Requested?

- Spring Branch
 - 90% Attendance for class credit or final grade
 - First Day of Instruction
 - Teacher Certification for Dual Credit & CTE
 - Teacher and administrator appraisals

What Exemptions Have Other Districts Requested?

Canton ISD

- School Start Date
- Class Size Ratio
- Teacher & Principal Evaluation
- 90% Attendance for class credit or final grade
- Teacher Certification

TIMELINE FOR BISD BECOMING A DISTRICT OF INNOVATION

- Nov 7.....District of Innovation Institute 2016-Mansfield ISD
- Nov 15.....DOI Overview Presented
- Nov 28.....Board adopts Resolution/holds public hearing &
delegates Superintendent to appoint committee
- Dec 5.....Board Workshop—members of planning committee named
- Jan 4.....Local Innovation Committee meeting to develop plan ideas
- Jan 11.....Board meeting – committee provides plan update;
gets input from Board
- Jan 16.....Committee meets to finalize plan
- Jan 19.....Committee presents Plan to Board; Board
votes to notify Commissioner of intent to adopt
- February Plan posted on District website for 30 days;
- Mar 1 DAC Public Meeting to pass plan by majority vote
- Mar 6 Board votes on plan – 2/3 vote required

Questions

Thank you!