

Keller ISD

District of Innovation

Renewal




Tuesday, October 12, 2021

What's a District of Innovation?

- ✘ H.B. 1842 from the 84th Texas legislative session amended Chapter 12 of the Texas Education Code (TEC) to create Districts of Innovations. This was roughly 6 years ago. This was a way to give traditional public schools access to the same freedoms that public charter schools have.
- ✘ Districts are eligible for designation if certain performance requirements are met and the district follows certain procedures for adoption as outlined in statute. Keller ISD is eligible!
- ✘ The designation provides the district will be exempt from certain sections of the TEC as outlined in the locally adopted Innovation Plan.



Keller ISD's Plan


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- ✘ We adopted our District of Innovation (DOI) Innovation Plan on January 19, 2017.
 - ✘ As Innovation Plans cannot be for a term of more than five years, it is time for us to go through the process of renewing our Innovation Plan.

Timeline

Date	Action Needed
September 10, 2021	Identify DOI committee members and determine if subcommittees are needed.
October 29, 2021	Deadline for DOI committee to hold a public meeting to consider the proposed plan. Majority votes in favor of the proposed plan.
November 12, 2021	Notify TEA of intent to vote on the adoption of the plan.
November 12, 2021	The proposed plan must be posted to the Keller ISD web page for at least 30 days before the Board votes.
December 13, 2021	Board must approve the proposed plan by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote before January 17, 2022.
December 17, 2021	Must post final, adopted plan to the main Keller ISD web page.
December 17, 2021	Must notify the Education Commissioner of approval of the plan and submit form that identifies exceptions adopted.



Keller ISD's current exemptions

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- ✘ Attendance and Timing
 - 90% Rule
 - Length of School Day
 - Earliest possible school start date
 - Minimum days of attendance
 - ✘ Discipline
 - DAEP exception for on campus learning for some classes
 - Three day limit on suspensions
 - Campus Behavior Coordinators
 - Suspension Limitations for students below 3rd grade
 - ✘ Personnel
 - Planning and preparation periods
 - State certification requirements for teachers and other educators
 - Certified employee contract rights (second probationary year for 5 of 8)
 - ✘ Community
 - Ejection of individuals from facilities

What new innovations are we considering?

Teacher Appraisals - Student Learning Objectives

SLOs are time consuming and not always the most impactful tool in the kit. By allowing SLOs to be optional we can focus on higher impact areas of improvement.

Depository Contracts

State law puts term limitations on depository contracts. By removing those limits the district has the ability to maintain solid working relationships with banks that are working.

Class Size Ratios and Notice

Rather than going through the process of waivers, this exception would allow us to control class sizes in-district. Protections in local policy would include teacher input on decisions and maximum class size through grade 4.





Let's vote!

Thank you!

