

What Do we Know About the District of Innovation (DOI) Opportunity?

- HB 1842 was passed during the 84th Texas Legislative Session in Spring, 2015 and provides districts the opportunities to be designated as Districts of Innovation
- Districts of Innovation may be exempted from a number of state statutes
- Districts of Innovation can decide on which flexibilities best suit local needs to increase opportunities for student success

Why District of Innovation in Aledo ISD?

- Local control: We can decide which flexibilities best suit our local needs
- Flexibility: We have the flexibility to implement practices, including exemptions from state mandates

Possible Exemptions

(but not limited to)

The district would have the opportunity to decide, locally, which flexibilities best meet student needs, such as:

- Educator Certification Requirement
- Attendance
- School Calendar
- Length of School Day
- Teacher Appraisal

What is the Process for Becoming a District of Innovation?

- **October 15th** : Process begins with a board of trustees resolution, public hearing to consider approval of innovation plan, Board appoints an Innovation Plan
- **November 13th- December 12th** : Post plan on district website for at least 30 days
- **December 20th** : Board notifies the Commissioner of intent to adopt plan
- **January 9th** : District Committee holds a public meeting to consider and approve the final version with a majority vote
- **February 19th** : Board of Trustees adopts plan with a two-thirds majority vote
- **February 20th**: Notify the Commissioner

How Will We Communicate?

- Public Hearing
- Ongoing meetings with DOI committee
- DOI committee members obtain feedback from campuses and community
- Monthly reports at regular board meetings
- District website and social media updates throughout the process
- Feedback from all stakeholders on the draft plan during the 30 day time window (all feedback is shared with DOI committee and Board of Trustees)

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DISTRICT OF INNOVATION OVERVIEW

The District of Innovation (DOI) concept was passed by the 84th Texas Legislature and gives traditional independent school districts the opportunity to engage in a process to access some operational flexibilities. These flexibilities are pursued in an effort to improve the way that students are served, as determined by local needs, and can include exemptions from some state mandates related to student attendance, decision-making processes, academic calendar, and teacher appraisals, for example. A large number of Texas school districts have made the decision to become Districts of Innovation.

The Aledo ISD administration is interested in discussing with the Board of Trustees pursuit of DOI status for the district in an effort to allow operational flexibilities, as recommended to the Board by a local DOI committee. The Administration believes that more local control and flexibility will permit the district to best serve its students.

State law, at Texas Education Code Chapter 12A, prescribes the process that a school district must use to pursue DOI status. This process includes approval of a resolution and appointment of a DOI committee by the Board of Trustees, a public hearing, the website posting of the draft DOI plan for 30 days prior to approval by the Board, and notice to the Texas Commissioner of Education. In addition, the adoption of a DOI plan by the Board necessitates some revisions to Board policies.