



District of Innovation



Local Innovation Plan

The district of innovation concept was passed into law in 2015 by the 84th Texas Legislature. Texas Education Code Chapter 12A, Districts of Innovation This law allowed traditional independent school districts to access most of the flexibilities available to Texas open enrollment charter schools.

Examples of innovations include:

- Curriculum
- Instruction
- Governance
- Parent and community involvement
- School calendar
- Budgeting
- Exemptions from many Texas Education Code Requirements





Local Innovation Plan

Coppell ISD adopted a Local Innovation Plan in November 2016

Areas of Innovation in CISD's Plan

- Innovative Curriculum
- Instructional Methods
- Governance
- Parental Involvement
- Community Participation

The screenshot shows the Coppel ISD website header with the logo and tagline 'COPPELL ISD you matter'. The navigation bar includes links for Home, CISD, About CISD, Departments, Employment, Parents, Students, and Staff. Social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram are also present. The main content area features a sidebar menu for 'Curriculum & Instruction' with sub-links: Overview, Department Directory, Professional Learning, District of Innovation, Programs and Systems for Instruction, Endorsements, and Enrichment Opportunities. The main content area is titled 'District of innovation' and contains text about H.B. 1842 and the process of becoming a district of innovation. A 'Resources' section on the right lists links for TEA Overview, Texas Education Agency, Timeline, and Exemption Checklist. At the bottom, there is a link to the 'CISD District of Innovation Plan' with a PDF icon.



Innovative Curriculum and Instructional Methods

Teacher Certification

- Under the requirements of HB5, learners declare an endorsement and create personal graduation plans
 - Flexibility in certification for educators teaching in hard-to-fill positions such as health sciences
 - Flexibility in hiring industry professionals to provide instruction in Career and Technology Education courses
- Exemption from TEC 21.055 (d.I)

Contracts

- Flexibility to extend the continuation of probationary contract status at the discretion of administration
- Subchapter A and C, TEC 21.002 and 21.102





Innovative Curriculum and Instructional Methods



Calendar

- Instructional Minutes
 - Additional non-instructional days for educators in order to provide professional learning and give educators the opportunity to work with data to respond to learner needs
 - Flexibility to adjust the instructional calendar to balance first and second semester's instructional days
- Requested exemption from TEC 25.081, TEC 25.0811, TEC 25.0812

Attendance for Class Credit or Final Grade

- “Seat time” for class credit is set forth at 90%
 - Flexibility allows us to provide virtual learning, service learning, and career exploration opportunities
- Requested exemption from TEC 25.092



Governance, Parental Involvement, Community Participation

District-Level Planning and Decision Making

- District Education Improvement Council (DEIC)
 - Coppel ISD utilizes the input from the District Education Improvement Council (DEIC) to make many decisions from the contents of the District Improvement Plan (DIP) to the school calendar
 - Increased parent and community involvement in district-level decisions in order to live out our core value of Collective Engagement
- Requested exemption from TEC 11.252





Process for Renewal of Local Innovation Plans

- The district must convene a committee to review the current plan and all exemptions.
 - Previously a subcommittee of DEIC was utilized for this purpose
- The district-level committee holds a public meeting to consider the final version of the proposed plan and that plan is approved by a majority vote of that committee.
- The final version of the plan has been available on the district's website for at least 30 days
- The board of trustees has notified the commissioner of education of the board's intention to vote on adoption of the proposed plan
- The board of trustees adopts the proposed local innovation plan by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of the board





Proposed CISD Renewal of Local Innovation Plan Timeline

- July 26th - Local Innovation Plan Update presented to the CISD Board of Trustees
- August 31st - DEIC Subcommittee Meeting
- September 9th - DEIC Subcommittee Meeting
- September 23, 2021 - DEIC Meeting (virtual) - Committee Vote
- September 24, 2021 - Posted to the CISD Website
- October 25, 2021 - Public Hearing on Proposed Plan
- October 25, 2021 - Adopted by the CISD Board of Trustees

