

District of Innovation - Amendment



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LA VERNIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

What is a District of Innovation?

H.B. 1842 (84th Session) in part added Chapter 12A to the Texas Education Code (TEC) to create Districts of Innovation. Districts are eligible for designation if certain performance requirements are met and the district follows certain procedures for adoption as outlined in Statute. The designation provides the district will be exempt from certain section of the TEC that inhibit the goals of the district as outlined in the locally adopted Innovation Plan.

The term of the designation as a district of innovation may not exceed 5 calendar years.

Is La Vernia a District of Innovation?

- Uniform School Start Date
- 90% attendance Rule
- Teacher Certification
- Designation of Campus Behavior Coordinator
- Disciplinary Alternative Education
- Teacher Contract Days

Amendment to Current DOI

(BQA Legal & Local- District Level Planning) (BQB Legal & Local - Campus Level Planning)

(TEC 11.251; 11.252; 11.253)

Campus and District Planning Requirements Current Statute:

District and Campus Planning Committees are required, with details about membership, duties, and function. Likewise, District and Campus Improvement Plans are required, with details about the contents of those plans.

Proposed Flexibility:

The flexibility would remove the prescriptive lists of requirements for District and Campus Improvement Plans and streamline the district and campus planning committee functions and membership requirements. The flexibility would also allow us to align our district and campus planning and goal setting process without local Community-Based Accountability System (CBAS) in ways that are relevant to our local community and Board of Trustees. The district and campuses will continue to operate their committees and meetings, but the focus is on student outcomes and target areas determined by our CBAS.

Texas Education Code Exemptions Added

TEC	Summary
11.251	<p>Outlines the planning and decision-making process for school districts. It mandates that school boards develop, review, and revise district and campus improvement plans annually to enhance student performance. These plans are to be mutually supportive and address various performance objectives, including those for special education students. The code also establishes district and campus-level planning and decision-making committees, comprised of professional staff, parents, and community members, to be involved in establishing educational plans, goals, and programs.</p>
11.252	<p>Outlines the requirements for district-level planning and decision-making within Texas school districts. It mandates that each district have a district improvement plan, which includes a comprehensive needs assessment, performance objectives, and evaluation criteria for strategies aimed at improving student performance. The section also addresses public meetings, communication with the community, and the development of policies like those concerning dating violence.</p>
11.253	<p>Primarily addresses campus planning and site-based decision-making within school districts. It mandates that each school district establish policies and procedures to ensure effective planning and decision-making at the campus level to improve student performance for all students. This includes the creation of campus-level committees and the development of annual campus improvement plans.</p>