

Subject: District of Innovation Amendment

MISD Board of Trustees: February 17, 2026

Agenda Item – 9A4

Background Information

The District of Innovation concept was enacted during the 84th Legislative Session in House Bill 1842 and is codified in Texas Education Code Chapter 12A. A District of Innovation designation gives traditional school districts most of the flexibility currently available to Texas open-enrollment charter schools. It gives a district more local control and increases its ability to decide what best suits its needs. Under HB 1842, districts may identify certain requirements imposed by the Texas Education Code "that inhibit the goals of the plan and from which the district should be exempt on adoption of the plan."

Midway ISD became a District of Innovation in 2017 and renewed the plan in 2022. The current plan is in effect until February of 2027 and contains the following exemptions:

- Campus Behavior Coordinator*
- Class Size Waivers
- Ejection of Individuals from Facilities*
- Location of DAEP Services
- Mandatory DAEP Placement for Non-THC E-cigarettes*
- Minimum Attendance for Credit
- Minimum Minutes of Instruction
- Probationary Contracts
- School Calendar
- School Interruptions - Announcements
- Suspension of 3rd Grade and Below*
- Teacher Appraisal System
- Teacher Certification
- Transfer Student Full-Year Requirement

Due to changes in law that came about due to the 89th legislative session, the administration recommends amendments to the current plan. Amendments to DOI plans can be made at any time without requiring the district to repeat the complete adoption process. Additionally, these amendments, included in the board packet, will not change the DOI plan's original term date; the initially adopted term will remain unaltered. The proposed amendments encompass the following areas:

Remove the following exemptions:
Campus Behavior Coordinator
Ejection of Individuals from Facilities
Mandatory DAEP Placement for Non-THC E-cigarettes
Suspension of 3rd Grade and Below

Add the following exemption:
Grievances (related to timeline)

TEA Amendment Procedures:

The District of Innovation Committee (MAST) held a meeting on January 14, 2026, and voted unanimously to send the amended plan to the board for approval. Upon Board of Trustees approval, the district will notify the Texas Education Agency of its intent to amend the plan. The District will update the plan on the district website to reflect the approved amendments.

Fiscal implications

None

Administration Recommendation

Approve the District of Innovation Plan amendments as recommended by the administration and the District of Innovation committee.

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