

McKinney Independent School District
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To: Board of Trustees
From: Shawn Pratt, Superintendent
Subject: District of Innovation Plan Amendment #5
Date: June 23, 2025

The District proposes exemptions in the following area: **38.003 & 19 T.A.C. 74.28(e)** These sections require “teachers” who screen students with dyslexia and related disorders to be trained in instructional strategies that are qualified in accordance with the Texas Dyslexia Handbook.

The Texas Dyslexia Handbook outlines that only an individual who is certified/licensed in dyslexia; or A classroom teacher who holds a valid certification for kindergarten and grade 1 are allowed to administer the Dyslexia screener.

Due to the allowable DOI exemptions relating to certification, District of Innovation qualified teachers who receive local, district-developed training regarding the administration of the Dyslexia Screener are allowed to administer, not interpret, the results of the screener. This allows the District flexibility in hiring and administering the Dyslexia Screener in a timely manner.

Impact Statement: A District of Innovation (DOI) may adopt a plan that includes exemptions from most of the same state laws that are not applicable to open enrollment charter schools, providing greater local control and increased freedom and flexibility.

It is Recommended: The Board approve the locally developed innovation plan amendment.

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Respectfully Submitted,
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