

District of Innovation Plan

Amendment Proposal

District of Innovation

House Bill 1842, passed during the 84th Legislative Session, permits Texas public school districts to become Districts of Innovation and to *obtain exemption from certain provisions of the Texas Education Code (TEC)* .



Recommended Amendments

Remove: E. Group Health Benefits for School Employees

Amend: A. Certification Required

Add: Campus Behavior Coordinator

Add: Parental Options for Student Retentions

Add: Student Discipline Suspension Limitation for Students Below 3rd Grade

Add: Removal for Certain Conduct (E-Cigarettes)

Add: Local School Health Advisory Council

Add: Peace Officers



Add: Parental Option for Student Retention

TEC 28.02124:

A parent or guardian may elect for a student to:

- (1) repeat prekindergarten;
- (2) enroll in prekindergarten, if the student would have been eligible to enroll in prekindergarten during the previous school year under Section 29.153(b) and the student has not yet enrolled in kindergarten;
- (3) repeat kindergarten;
- (4) enroll in kindergarten, if the student would have been eligible to enroll in kindergarten in the previous school year and has not yet enrolled in first grade; or
- (5) for grades one through eight, repeat the grade in which the student was enrolled during the previous school year.**



Add: Parental Option for Student Retention

Suggested Innovation: *We believe this should be a collaborative decision between the school and family.*

Celina ISD supports a parent's right to determine grade placement in accordance with TEC 28.02124. Additionally, Celina ISD believes students have their educational and developmental needs best served through strong partnerships with parents. Therefore, prior to a parent exercising their right to retention, Celina ISD seeks to require a campus-based Grade Placement Review (GPR) to facilitate the district in partnering with parents/guardians to make the most appropriate academic placement for students.



Action Item

Recommendation: District administration recommends approval of the amended District of Innovation Plan as approved by Bobcat Council and presented by staff.

