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Current Chapter 37 Innovation/Exemption:

## **Campus Behavior Coordinator (TEC 37.0012)**

- A person at each campus must be designated to serve as the campus behavior coordinator. The person designated may be the principal of the campus or any other campus administrator selected by the principal.

**Current Innovation:** Exemption from this requirement will provide campuses the opportunity to allow campus administrators to fully understand and get to know the students in their caseload rather than sourcing all discipline matters to one employee designated as a campus behavior coordinator. While it is imperative that all employees work together and be informed as to the discipline that is occurring on a campus, it is just as crucial for students to depend on an administrator they know and trust in all facets of their education, including their discipline. Each campus principal should have the freedom to designate more than one campus behavior coordinator to best meet the needs of their students and teachers.

**RECOMMENDED UPDATE:** Remove Exemption



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Current Chapter 37 Innovation/Exemption:

## **Student Discipline Suspension Limitation for Students Below 3rd Grade (TEC 37.005)**

- A student who is enrolled in a grade level below grade three may not be placed in out-of-school suspension.

**Current Innovation:** Regardless of grade-level, when a student's behavior reaches a level of disruption that inhibits the operation of a school and the well-being of its students, immediate action should be taken to maintain the effectiveness and safety of the educational environment. In certain instances, a student may exhibit behaviors that require a campus to develop a plan that provides specific support and resources to ensure a safe and productive learning environment. In these instances, the needs of the student can be best met through a short out-of-school suspension to allow staff time to prepare the plan and acquire the associated resources.

**RECOMMENDED UPDATE:** Remove Exemption



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Current Chapter 37 Innovation/Exemption:

## Removal for Certain Conduct (E-Cigarettes) (TEC 37.006)

- A student **may** (*previously said **shall***) be removed from class and placed in a disciplinary alternative education program if the student possesses, uses, sells, gives, or delivers to another person an e-cigarette

**Current Innovation:** Celina ISD continues to work towards eliminating the use of e-cigarettes and vapes. However, we believe the District could more effectively address these student health concerns through education and collaboration with families. The District believes students possessing e-cigarettes containing nicotine should be best supported by providing additional wellness education while remaining on the campus with appropriate consequences. Students with second and subsequent offenses may be assigned to the DAEP. The district is not requesting exempt provisions under Section 37.006, which requires mandatory removal to DAEP for possessing controlled substances such as marijuana and THC. Additionally, this exemption would not apply to the selling or distribution of any e-cigarettes or vaping products.

**RECOMMENDED UPDATE:** Remove Exemption



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Other Legislative Alignment Updates (Non Chapter 37):

## **Local School Health Advisory Council (TEC 28.004)**

- The local school health advisory council shall meet at least four times each year.

**Current Innovation:** The guidance and feedback from the School Health Advisory Council is valuable to ensuring our community's values are reflected within our district's health curriculum and instruction. Celina ISD is seeking an exemption from the required minimum number of meetings to a locally controlled minimum to be determined on a yearly basis by the SHAC.

**RECOMMENDED UPDATE:** Remove Exemption



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Other Legislative Alignment Updates (Non Chapter 37):

## **Certification Required**

- A person may not be employed as a teacher, teacher intern or teacher trainee, librarian, educational aide, administrator, educational diagnostician, or school counselor by a school district unless the person holds an appropriate certificate or permit issued as provided by Subchapter B

Current Innovation: The district maintains its commitment to hire certified professionals and will continue to seek employees with the necessary certifications for teaching and tutoring/intervention positions where required by state law. However, the flexibility in allowing Celina ISD to make local decisions about teacher certification would provide a better opportunity to offer innovation in course selections for CTE courses as well as hard-to-fill positions and high demand dual credit courses. Additionally, this added flexibility would allow Celina ISD to partner more fully with colleges, universities and other education preparation programs to assist high quality professionals with a passion for teaching.

**RECOMMENDED UPDATE: Maintain through 2029 (Board approved TEA Waiver)**

# DISTRICT OF INNOVATION PLAN - STATUS

Current Plan Term: Began January 31, 2022, and ends January 31, 2027

Bobcat Council will begin the work on a new Innovation Plan early in the 2026-2027 school year.