



**EAGLE MOUNTAIN
SAGINAW ISD**

Fostering a Culture of Excellence

District of Innovation

2017-2022

What Is It?

A District of Innovation is a concept passed by the 84th Legislative Session in House Bill 1842, effective immediately, that gives traditional independent school districts most of the flexibilities available to Texas' open enrollment charter schools. To access these flexibilities, a school district must adopt an innovation plan, as set forth in the Texas Education Code chapter 12A.

-TASB Legal Services



What Can It Be Used For?

- Site-Based Decision Making Process (to the extent allowed by state law)
- Uniform School Start Date
- Minimum Minutes of Instruction
- Class Size Ratio
- The 90% Attendance Rule (compulsory attendance still applies)
- Student Discipline Provisions
- Teacher Certification (except as required by federal law)
- Teacher Contracts
- Teacher Benefits
- Teacher Appraisal System

-TASB Legal Services

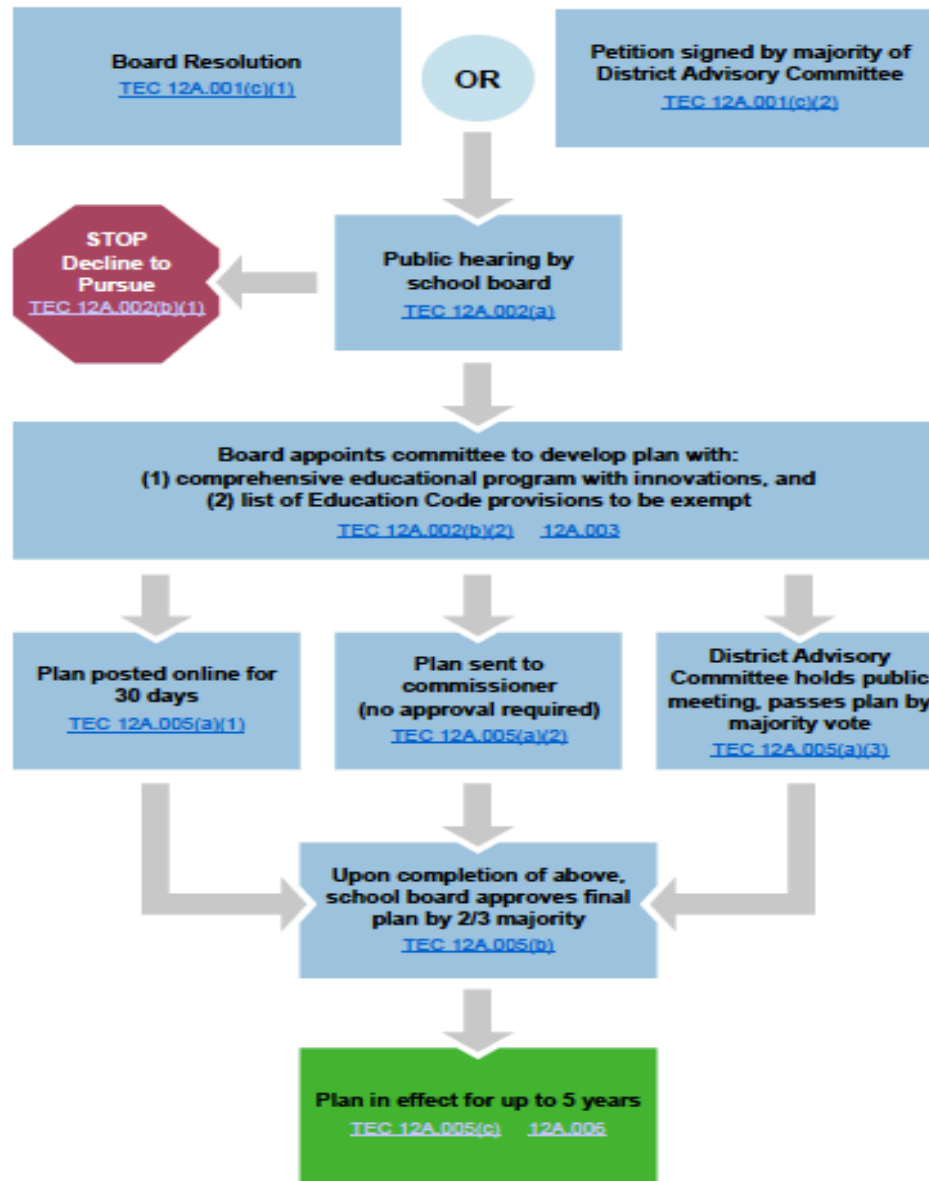


EMS ISD District of Innovation Plan

- Educator Certification Required (TEC 21.003)
- First and Last Day of School (TEC 25.0811) (TEC 25.0812)
- Minimum Minutes of Instruction: (TEC 25.081) (HB 2610)
- 90 Percent Attendance Rule (TEC 25.092)
- Student Discipline Provisions (TEC 37.0012)



**Process to Become a District of Innovation
Texas Education Code (TEC) Chapter 12A**



Final Results of District of Innovation Plan Approved by EMS ISD DPAC January 11, 2017

	Approved	Not Approved
Educator Certification Required	X	
First and Last Day of School	X	
Minimum Minutes of Instruction	X	
90% Attendance Rule	X	
Student Discipline Provisions	X	
	Each topic was approved by 100%	



How Will This Affect Local Policy?

A District of Innovation will need to make changes to its local and legal policies for the district. Texas Association of School Boards will assist us with making sure all policies follow state law and Texas Education Code.



Timeline for Development of Plan

- May 16, 2016: EMS ISD Board of Trustees voted to adopt a Resolution to explore the designation of a District of Innovation
- May 16, 2016: Board of Trustees appointed a District of Innovation Planning Committee to develop a plan
- May 16, 2016: Board of Trustees declared an open public hearing to hear public comment
- September 12, October 3, December 1, 2016: Committee met and drafted a plan to present to the Board of Trustees
- December 5- January 11, 2016: Presentation to all campuses
- December 5 through January 11, 2016: EMS ISD District of Innovation Plan posted on EMSISD Website for a minimum 30 day period.



- December 12, 2016: Dr. Barnes presents the District of Innovation plan to the Board. Board President Newcom notifies the Commissioner of Education Morath of Intent to Adopt District of Innovation plan report.
- January 11, 2017: DPAC met and discussed feedback and suggestions for improvement. Final version was approved with a majority vote.
- January 17, 2017: EMS ISD District of Innovation Public Hearing
- January 17, 2017: Board of Trustees must adopt the proposed District of Innovation plan with two-thirds majority vote.
- January 18, 2017: Upon approval, EMS ISD District of Innovation plan will be filed with the Commissioner of Education.



At this time, we ask that you consider to
adopt the EMS ISD District of
Innovation Plan. For final approval, it
must be passed by a two thirds majority
vote.

