



**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

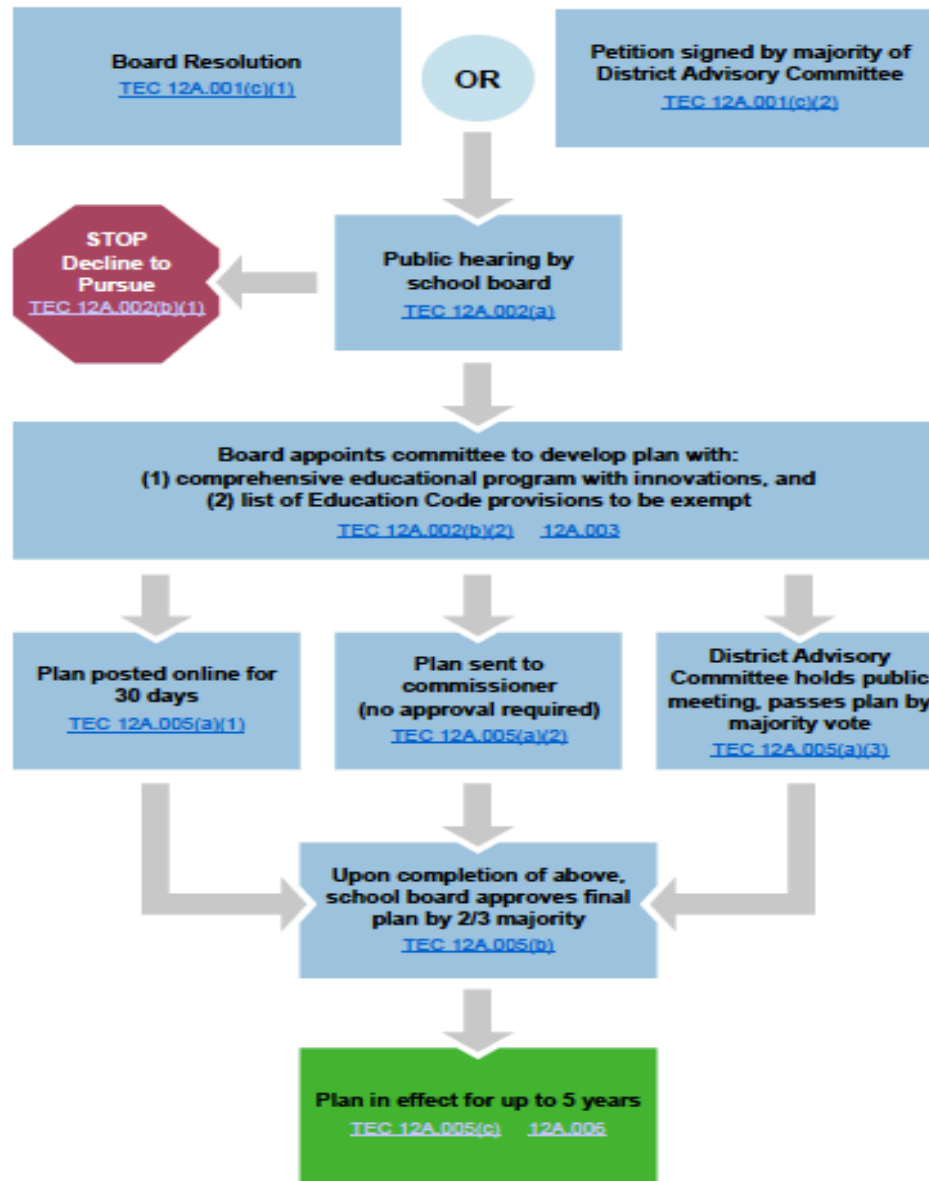


# What Can It NOT Be Used For?

- Elected Board of Trustees
- PEIMS
- Bilingual/ESL/SPED/Prekindergarten
- Curriculum
- Graduation Requirements
- Academic Accountability
- State and Federal Laws not included in Texas Education Code



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



# 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 will meet and discuss feedback and suggestions for improvement. Final version must be approved with a majority vote.

#### Proposed Dates (dates may change)

- 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 If approved, EMS ISD District of Innovation plan will be filed with the Commissioner of Education.



# 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.





# What is EMS ISD proposing for the DOI 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)



We greatly appreciate your participation in this process!

Please review [www.emsisd.com](http://www.emsisd.com)  
District of Innovation webpage and  
if you choose, leave any feedback through  
**Lets Talk.**

