

# Terrell County ISD

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## What is a District of Innovation?

The District of Innovation concept, passed by the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session in [House Bill 1842](#), 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 Texas Education Code, Chapter 12A.

## What exemptions does Terrell County ISD intend to pursue?

### TCISD will apply for exemptions of the following legal requirements:

1. **Teacher Certification (DK Legal and Local):** This exemption would provide TCISD with the flexibility to hire professionals with the skills that fit the needs within the district.
2. **Uniform school start date (EB Legal):** This exemption would provide TCISD with the flexibility needed to address the instructional needs of the students while addressing the professional development needs of the district staff.
3. **Length of School Day (EB Legal):** This exemption would provide TCISD with flexibility with the required 420 minutes of instruction to encompass a day of instruction.

## Summary of Process

- Conduct Public Hearing concerning District of Innovation Resolution.
- TCISD Board consider to Adopt a Resolution
- Decision to decline or appoint a District of Innovation Committee
- Develop Strategic Plan
- Provide Plan for Review (Public/District of Innovation Team/TEA)
- District of Innovation Team votes on Strategic Plan
- TCISD Board votes on Strategic Plan

**SCHOOL BOARD PASSED A RESOLUTION ON 2/15/17 TO PROCEED WITH PLANNING COMMITTEE AND DISTRICT OF INNOVATION PLAN.**

## HB 1842: District of Innovation

- ◆ HB 1842 provides public independent school districts with the opportunity to design a strategic plan according to the needs and resources of our district while maximizing local control.

## District of Innovation Committee Members:

Amanda Magallan:  
Superintendent

Sam Magallan: CBC

Virginia Garza:  
School Counselor

Tanna Lowrance:  
Elementary Teacher

Tami Carrasco:  
Elementary/JH Teacher

Christine Johnson:  
Secondary Teacher

Maje Arthur:  
Special Education Teacher

Mary Alice Rodriguez:  
PEIMS Coordinator

Kristy Billings:  
Parent/Business Office

Letty Arrerondo: Parent

Shelly Cleveland:  
Community Representative