

Conroe ISD District of Innovation Plan

Introduction

HB 1842 was passed during the 84th Texas Legislative Session in spring 2015. This bill provides Texas public school districts the opportunity to be designated as Districts of Innovation. To access these flexibilities a school district must adopt a District of Innovation Plan.

Districts of Innovation provides opportunities for:

- Greater local control;
- Increased flexibility governing education programming; and
- Empowerment to innovate and think differently.

Districts are not exempt from statutes related to curriculum, graduation requirements, nor academic and financial accountability.

Timeline

10/4/2016 Board Information	On October 4, 2016 the Conroe ISD Board of Trustees will be provided an overview and introduction to District of Innovation.
10/18/2016 Adopting Resolution	On October 18, 2016 the Board of Trustees will be asked to approve a resolution to explore the opportunity for Conroe ISD to become a District of Innovation.
10/18/2016 Public Hearing	On October 18, 2016 the Conroe ISD Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing for public input on the District of Innovation opportunity.
10/18/2016 Appoint Committee	On October 18, 2016 the Board of Trustees will appoint the District Level Planning and Decision Making Committee (DLPDMC) to develop a District of Innovation Plan.
10/19/2016 Develop a Plan of Innovation	The DLPDMC will explore and develop a District of Innovation Plan.
10/19/2016 DLPDMC Approves District of Innovation	On October 19, 2016 the DLPDMC will approve a District of Innovation Plan.
10/25/2016 District Plan of Innovation Posted	The Conroe ISD District Plan of Innovation will be posted on the Conroe ISD website for at least 30 days.
12/13/2016 District of Innovation Plan Approved by Board of Trustees	On December 13, 2016 the Board of Trustees will be asked to approve the Conroe ISD District of Innovation Plan. A copy of the approved District of Innovation Plan will be provided to Texas Education Agency for posting on its website.

Flexible Calendar

(TEC 25.0811)

Currently:

Students may not begin school before the 4th Monday of August. Early release and additional staff development days require additional prior approval by Texas Education Agency (TEA).

Proposed:

To allow for a calendar that fits the local needs of our community, we would like to consider a flexible calendar option which may include an early start date.

- Students may begin earlier than the fourth Monday of August. This earlier start date will allow the opportunity for a more balanced first and second semester number of days of instruction.



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