

STEP 1:

The district's board of trustees adopts a resolution to consider becoming a District of Innovation (DOI), or receives a petition signed by a majority of the members of the district-level planning committee established under TEC §11.251.

STEP 2:

The board holds a public hearing to consider becoming a DOI. At the conclusion of the hearing, the board either:

OPTION A: Declines to pursue the designation and the process stops or

OPTION B: Appoints a committee to develop a local innovation plan in accordance with TEC §12A.003.

STEP 3:

Upon conclusion of the 30-day posting period and after the affirmative vote of the district-level planning committee, the full board may adopt the proposed plan by a two-thirds vote. The plan can be in effect for up to five years, or until changes are approved by the district-level committee and the school board (two-thirds vote).

STEP 4:

The committee then drafts a local innovation plan that must:

PART A: Provide for a district-wide comprehensive educational program, which may include:

1. innovative curriculum, instructional methods, and provisions regarding community participation, campus governance, and parental involvement;
2. modifications to the school day or year;
3. provisions regarding the district budget and sustainable program funding;
4. accountability and assessment measures that exceed the requirements of state and federal law; and
5. any other innovations prescribed by the board of trustees.

PART B: Identify requirements imposed by the TEC that inhibit the goals of the plan from which the district should be exempted; the exemptions sought by the district cannot include statutes that are identified as non-exemptible under TEC 12A.004.

STEP 5:

The final version of the proposed innovation plan must be posted on the district's website for 30 days.

STEP 6:

The district-level planning committee established under TEC 11.251 must consider the final version of the innovation plan in a public meeting and approve it by a majority vote.

STEP 7:

The board must notify the commissioner of its intention to vote on adoption of the proposed innovation plan.