

# District of Innovation

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District Advisory Committee

April 5, 2016

# Definition

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A District of Innovation is a concept passed by the 84<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Exploration Committee

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- Dr. Kimberley Cantu
- Regenia Crane
- Catherine Hudgins
- Dr. Sean Scott
- Karen Wentworth
- David Wright

# Possible Opt-Out

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

# Local Policy

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- Opt-Out of State Law
- Rewrite Policy to fit MISD needs.

# Purpose of Advisory Committee

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- Represent & Support the interest of all MISD Stakeholders
- Explore possible exemptions
- Advise Innovation Plan Development Committee. Re: Appropriate Exemptions for MISD
- Host a Public Meeting about the proposed Innovation Plan & answer questions from the community
- Approve final District of Innovation Plan for Submittal to Board of Trustees
- Cheer wildly upon Board approval

# Plan Development Committee

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A small group charged with taking the exemption recommendations from the District Advisory Committee, marrying the recommendations to the needs of the district as set forth by the Superintendent, and developing an Innovation Plan for MISD.

- Lauren Cady
- Dr. Kimberley Cantu
- Regenia Crane
- Catherine Hudgins
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- Karen Wentworth
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# Process

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# Links to Additional Information

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- [Texas Education Code, Chapter 12A](#)
- [TASB District of Innovation Document](#)
  - [TASB Process Chart](#)
  - [TEA Proposed Rules](#)

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# Cannot Opt-Out

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- Elected Board of Trustees
- Powers and duties of Board, Superintendent, or Principal
- PEIMS
- Criminal History or Nepotism
- Curricular or Graduation Requirements
- Bilingual or Special Education
- Prekindergarten
- Academic Accountability
- Financial Accountability
- Open Meetings Act
- Public Records
- Purchasing under Government Code or conflicts of interest
- Any other State or Federal Law outside the bounds of the Texas Education Agency

-TASB Legal Services

# Opt-Out Example

Class Size Ratio

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Class Size Policy