



# District of Innovation Renewal

November 13, 2023

# District of Innovation (DOI)

- The District of Innovation concept (House Bill 1842) was approved during the 84th Legislative Session in 2015.
- The designation provides school districts the opportunity to gain *some* flexibility through a variety of available exemptions to the Texas Education Code.
- Districts are eligible for designation if certain performance requirements are met and the district follows certain procedures for adoption.



# District of Innovation Renewal Process

- NISD Board of Trustees approved DOI Plan January 2019.
  - Amendment approved August 2023.
- DOI designation may not exceed five years (January 14, 2024).
- Renewal process began Fall 2023.
- DOI Committee unanimously approved DOI Plan and exemptions November 1, 2023.
- Committee-approved plan posted on district website for review and public feedback November 4, 2023 (30-day posting requirement).





# Existing Innovation Exemptions

- Uniform Start Date
- Minutes of Instruction
- Educator Certification Requirements
- Campus Behavior Coordinator
- Removal of Unwanted Visitors
- Credit by Exam
- Minimum Days of Attendance
- Probational Contracts for Experienced Teachers
- Teacher Mentors
- Mandatory DAEP Placement for E-Cigarettes

# New Innovation Exemptions

- Three-day limit on suspensions
- Transfer of children of peace officers
- Transfer of children of service members



# District of Innovation Next Steps

- Posted on NISD website 30 days prior to approval
- November 13 – NISD Board of Trustees Meeting
  - Presentation of recommended DOI Plan
- December 11 – NISD Board of Trustees Meeting
  - Consider approval of DOI Plan

The screenshot shows the Northwest Independent School District website. The header includes the district logo, navigation links for 'FIND IT FAST', 'OUR SCHOOLS', 'EMPLOYMENT', 'CALENDARS', and 'ENROLL', and a 'MENU' icon. The breadcrumb trail reads 'HOME > ABOUT NISD > DISTRICT OF INNOVATION'. The main heading is 'DISTRICT OF INNOVATION'. Below this is a section titled 'District of Innovation Renewal' with a paragraph of text and two bullet points. A sidebar on the right contains links for 'Leadership', 'Communities We Serve', and 'Contact Information'. A large graphic in the foreground is tilted and features the text 'Northwest ISD District of Innovation Plan' and 'ANTICIPATED DECEMBER 11, 2023 - DECEMBER 11, 2028' with the NISD logo.

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## DISTRICT OF INNOVATION

### District of Innovation Renewal

Northwest ISD is in the process of renewing its District of Innovation (DOI) Plan to provide the district flexibility through allowable exemptions to the Texas Education Code. The Northwest ISD District of Innovation Committee approved the following District of Innovation Plan to include 13 exemptions on November 1, 2023. Pending final approval by the NISD Board of Trustees, this plan would be in effect for December 11, 2023 through December 11, 2029.

- [Review the District of Innovation Plan approved by the DOI Committee November 1, 2023.](#)
- [Provide feedback on the District of Innovation Plan as approved by the committee.](#)

In accordance with [Texas Education Code Chapter 12A](#), NISD will be able to maintain its DOI distinction and the renewed DOI Plan will be in place when approved by the Board of Trustees and the TEA Commissioner is notified. It is anticipated that the Board of Trustees will consider this plan on December 11, 2023.

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Communities We Serve  
Contact Information

Northwest ISD  
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