

**Amendment to the District of Innovation 2021-2022 Plan
Board Approved August 12, 2024**

11. Three-Day Limitation on Suspensions Texas Education Code 37.005/FOB Legal

Rationale:

The current policy states, "A suspension may not exceed three school days." This exemption is desired to change the maximum number of days of suspension allowed.

The law has been interpreted to apply to both in and out-of-school suspensions. This limitation minimizes the options a campus has for discipline without sending a student to DAEP.

The committee discussed how additional days on campus in suspension could help a campus avoid excessive discretionary DAEP placements. Allowing students to stay on campus and close to their normal educators and services is beneficial.

Innovation:

TEC Ch. 12A.003(b)(1)(E) any other innovations prescribed by the board of trustees

Because of the law's three-day limit for suspensions, campus staff is limited in the choices of discipline that can be applied to students for moderately serious offenses. Exemption from this requirement will allow campuses to keep students on campus and closer to their regular teachers during a disciplinary placement rather than always opting to send students to the disciplinary alternative educational placement. Providing a range of options for the campus is a new and innovative way of thinking about discipline and more fully meeting a student's needs while being disciplined.