

San Diego ISD Final District of Innovation Plan 2021-2025

HB 1842 was passed during the 84th Texas Legislative Session, and provides Texas public school districts the opportunity to be designated as Districts of Innovation. To access these flexibilities, a school district must adopt an innovation plan, as set forth in Texas Education Code (TEC) Chapter 12A.

The San Diego ISD Board of Trustees appointed the district’s DEIC committee to develop a local innovation plan that seeks to improve the delivery of instructional services for students through the requested exemption of §TEC 25.0811 (First Day of Instruction). **San Diego ISD will only seek exemption of §TEC 25.0811 during the 5-year plan.** The exemption will only include the calendar start date, not an extension to the school day or work week. San Diego ISD Board of Trustees further commits not to amend the District of Innovation Plan during the 5-year term. As a District of Innovation, SDISD is not allowed to utilize other exemptions. Any proposed changes to this plan must go through the entire District of Innovation process as listed in 19 TAC §102.1307.

§TEC 25.0811 states that students may not begin school before the 4th Monday of August. The proposal will allow for a calendar that fits the local needs of the San Diego ISD communities which may include a student start date earlier than the 4th Monday of August. The plan will adhere to 187 working days for teachers and at least 75,600 minutes of operation as required by §TEC 25.081.

Rationale for Flexibility:

- The proposal benefits our students by allowing the District to create a calendar with semesters, which are more balanced in length. Therefore, the students would receive more similar instruction time each semester than beginning the fourth Monday in August would allow.
- Increases instructional days before state assessments at all levels.
- Allows for periodic planning time throughout the school year for staff.

District of Innovation Timeline	
November 20, 2019	Board Resolution TEC 12A.001(c)(1)
January 22, 2020	Board appointed committee to develop plan with: (1)comprehensive educational program with innovations, and (2)list of Education Code provisions to be exempt TEC 12A.002(b)(2) TEC 12A.003
January 31- March 2, 2020	Plan posted online for 30 days TEC 12A.005(a)(1)
February 26, 2020	Public hearing by school board TEC 12A.002(a)
March 3, 2020	District Advisory Committee held public meeting, passed plan by majority vote TEC 12A.005(a)(3)
April 8, 2020	Upon completion of above, school board approved final plan by 2/3 majority TEC 12A.005(b)