



District of Innovation

Alvin ISD

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What is a “District of Innovation”?

- A concept passed by the 84th Legislative Session in House Bill 1842
- Provides traditional 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 Texas Education Code Chapter 12A



Which school districts are eligible to be Districts of Innovation?

- A district's most recent academic performance rating must be Met Standard.



Why would a district choose to be a District of Innovation?

A district may want to pursue specific innovations in:

School Calendar	Curriculum
Instruction	Budgeting
Parent or community involvement	Goverance



What legal requirements could a school district avoid by becoming a District of Innovation?

Areas that may be exempt:

- Site-based decision-making
- Uniform school start date
- Minimum minutes of instruction
- 90 percent attendance rule
- Teacher certification
- Teacher appraisal system



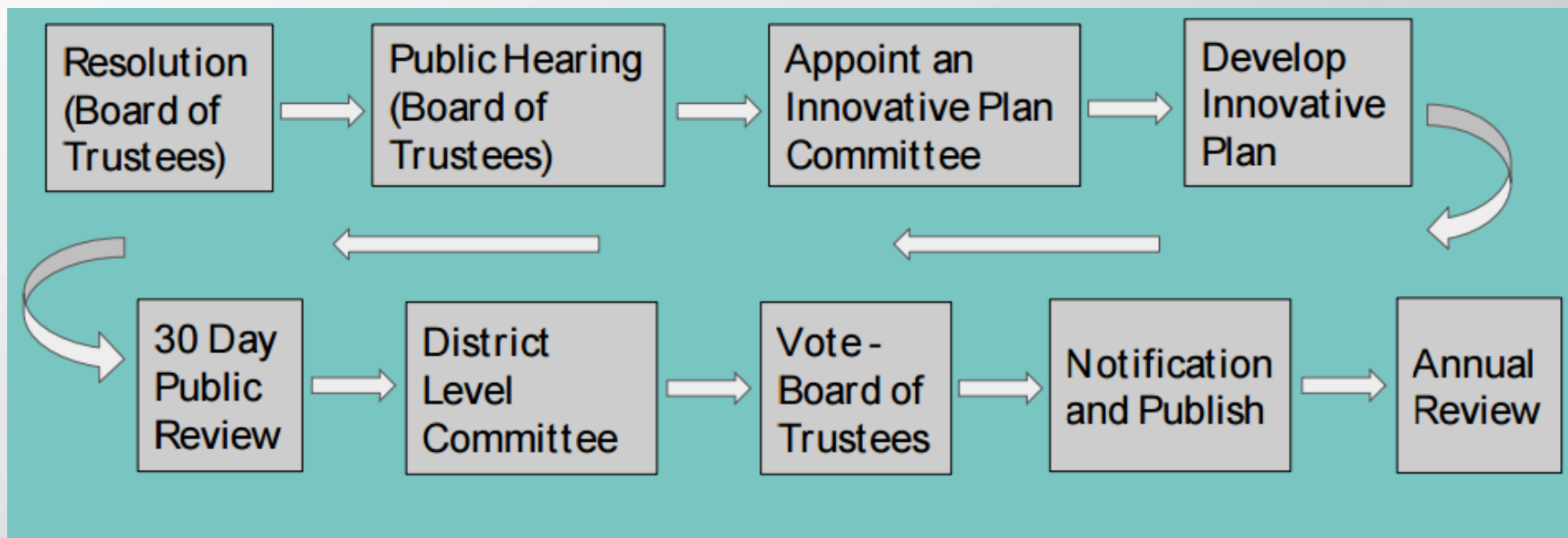
Innovation Plan

The plan must:

- Provide for a comprehensive educational program for the district, which program **may** include:
 - a) Innovative curriculum, instructional methods, and provisions regarding community participation, campus governance, and parental involvement;
 - b) Modifications to the school day or year;
 - c) Provisions regarding the district budget and sustainable program funding;
 - d) Accountability and assessment measures that exceed the requirements of state and federal law; and
 - e) Any other innovations prescribed by the board of trustees; and
- Identify requirements imposed by this code that inhibit the goals of the plan and from which the district should be exempted on adoption of the plan.



What is the process for becoming a District of Innovation?





Questions and Comments