

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #1: First Day of Instruction
(Blue)

Reminds me of providing us more individuality & yet meeting what is required too.

Remind me of school before the entertainment industry got involved.

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #1: First Day of Instruction
(Green)

I wonder why this hasn't been done already?

What about ending the semester a couple of days early and having two days for finishing tests and putting grades in?

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #1: First Day of Instruction
(Yellow)

I love the flexibility for our district to determine the start date for our students & staff.

Love starting earlier – also how it allows Middle School athletics to compete sooner in football.

Earlier start means a reasonable release date! Yeah

As a parent this is better for the student to be more successful.

Starting early in the long run served students for the better. Athletics will be helped as well.

Love Love Love Love this calendar!

Hoorah!

I like being able to start at a time that will better serve our students and school days. I like it being flexible.

I like it!

Dual Credit (start and end). Balance 1st & 2nd semester.

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #2: Minimum Attendance for Class Credit
or Final Grade
(Blue)

Reminds me of "The Breakfast Club"...Saturday detention!

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #2: Minimum Attendance for Class Credit
or Final Grade
(Green)

I wonder how this would affect our DC kids – MCC won't take the exemption. Especially non West ISD teachers.

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #2: Minimum Attendance for Class Credit
or Final Grade
(Pink)

Check with PEIMS on the coding of the extra-curricular. This has been a point of discussion in some districts.

Does that also include students who are seriously ill?

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #2: Minimum Attendance for Class Credit
or Final Grade
(Yellow)

Love that it give students more opportunities to participate in programs without losing credit if passing!

We like this because it allows our kids to stay involved.

Love it for the active kids!

Yes!

Love the exemption for min. attendance.

All for allowing students to do it all – well developed without being penalized.

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #3: Required Certification
(Blue)

Reminds me that this gives us flexibility to do what is best for kids.

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #3: Required Certification
(Green)

Will uncertified positions pay at the same rate as certified? Will there be a financial benefit to districts who hire non-certified positions?

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #3: Required Certification
(Pink)

Are we going to limit it CTE, Science, and Math or provide language to allow other subjects?

If non-certified adults are allowed to teach, will young teachers who haven't passed certifications be allowed to teach also?

Emphasize on communication that this is not about grabbing a person off the corner to teach 2nd grade. ONLY high-need, specifically identified areas.

Would we still offer support in instructional philosophies for people?

Would PLTW training cover the requirements?

What qualifications will we require?

- Years of experience?
- Amount of schooling?
- Etc.

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #3: Required Certification
(Yellow)

High need areas important to be able to get the best. Also important career connections.

As a parent this would give students more opportunities.

I like the option to allow students more choices (as far as electives & hard to fill courses).
Theology would be a great elective to add for our students.

I like that Exemption #3 allows more elective options for our kids.

I like allowing someone who is knowledge & highly experienced to teach classes.

Love the field expert exemption!

I like the idea of being able to bring in elective instructors that have specific experience in a potential class.

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #4: Designation of Campus Behavior Coordinator
(Blue)

Reminds me of the importance of the relationships we build & try to teach our students to build.

Reminds me of school before lawsuits – that's probably why they did this.

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #4: Designation of Campus Behavior Coordinator
(Green)

I wonder.....Child Life Specialist to oversee those elementary children who need extra help.

Behavior Interventionist – could there be someone designated for this role to support principals & counselors.

I wonder if it is feasible to place the entire discipline and behavior on the shoulders of just one person. Team is just more fair – less complaints from students & parents.

I wonder how consistency with all coordinators would look. How would consequences/be incentives consistent be across the board?

I wonder if parents will say the principal or AP needs to be the only person who can make contact & who will call the attorney if questions arise regarding placements, consequences, etc.?

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #4: Designation of Campus Behavior Coordinator
(Pink)

Does Rhonda count as a counselor to make contact?

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #4: Designation of Campus Behavior Coordinator
(Yellow)

It is essential to ensure that just one person isn't the only one who deals with discipline.

I like this because it allows a more personalized approach. Point of contact can be someone who has a closer relationship with the student.

Teamwork makes the dream work! Some kids/parents have better relationships with certain staff members.

I like the idea of the campus behavior to be "shared" and not limited to one person (AP).

More support for the campus Behavior Coordinator plus selecting a person who can best communicate.

I like this exemption – we need team effort rather than just 1 handling it all.

I like the idea of having multiple CBC's.

I think it would make it easier on coordinators and discipline could be handled sooner than later.

Makes better sense to have the staff member with a relationship with the parent make that contact.

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #5 – Planning and Decision Making Process
(Pink)

Is there a process to remove a “troubled” parent from committee?

What about student representative on district/campus advisory?

Parent/Community might ask, “How do I get picked?”

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #5 – Planning and Decision Making Process
(Yellow)

Love the idea of involving more parents & community members in exemption #5.

Having more parents involved will build a stronger relationship.

Love this. More representation of the community parents at various grade levels.

I like how it gives more input of community to better rep. the needs/values/wants of all individuals.

I like how it could connect more parents & community to give more “resources” for students & staff, not just money.

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #6: Seven Hour School Days or Minimum Minutes
of Instruction, School Day
(Pink)

Would this allow us to have half days for playoffs?

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #6: Seven Hour School Days or Minimum Minutes
of Instruction, School Day
(Yellow)

I like how the school day exemption would allow for adjustment in accommodating student's schedules to get what they need.

I like the many opportunities available for early release to have teacher PD, instructional design, etc.

I feel this is almost certainly a reason to become DOI – it and the calendar. All for this one!

I appreciate the flexibility offered in #5 & #6.

This is great, it shows that you are here for the child's education and what happens in the community.

Love the flexibility of exemption #6.

Seat time versus learning time more flexible.

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #7 – Student Discipline While In DAEP
(Blue)

Reminds me that there needs to be a place for exceptions to dealing with difficult students.

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #7 – Student Discipline While In DAEP
(Green)

I like that issues would be handled case by case.

I wonder how #7 will work more in depth with expelling?

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #7 – Student Discipline While In DAEP
(Pink)

If credit recovery is a “homebound like setting” – what about staff safety?

What about lack of supervision if sent home? Do they rob community?

Are we going to “expel” to the street?

What happens to the kid on Free/Reduced Lunch? That may be their only meal.

How would you get credits homebound? Virtual school

Would it apply to WES? Would a committee make this decision? Admin. Only or site based including selected staff?

Would this apply to ALL campuses – including WES?

Would this flexibility better protect all other students?

Would the individual exemption help to better address extreme safety concerns?

Who would make up the committee? For reviewing

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #7 – Student Discipline While In DAEP
(Yellow)

Should be case by case.

I like both #7 & #8.

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #8: Student Transfers
(Blue)

As a teacher #8 will help us in the classroom with problem students.

Hutto has 90% rule exemption with good wording.

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #8: Student Transfers
(Green)

How does that effect accountability if leave - does score hit us?

How does this effect our T-STEM designation when we cannot look at test scores, discipline, etc.?

I wonder about if we revoke a student how that will affect our funding?

Texas Districts of Innovation (DOI)
Possible Exemption #8: Student Transfers
(Pink)

I wonder if it's true that you can break the agreement? I heard this has gotten sticky in some districts.

Who is in the committee for student transfers?

Is there a cut-off for amount of transfers?

Remediation process before revoking?

Will we include the exemption to 90% rule with the transfer policy?

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Possible Exemption #8: Student Transfers
(Yellow)

#8 is much needed.

Lake Dallas ISD – The district will reserve the right to revoke the transfer of a student. Read their DOI.

I like ability to revoke transfers.

I agree & like #7 & #8. Think it would benefit West ISD.