

Wink-Loving ISD



WLISD - The Best in Texas: Building Excellence, Pride, and Tradition!

What is a District of Innovation?

The District of Innovation concept, passed by the 84th Legislative Session in House Bill 1842, gives traditional independent 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.

What exemptions does Wink-Loving ISD intend to pursue?

WLISD will apply for exemptions of the following legal requirements:

1. **Uniform school start date (EB Legal):** This will allow WLISD to provide a calendar that addresses student instruction and focused professional development plan in conjunction with the new instructional minutes rather than instructional days required.
2. **Teacher Certification (DK Legal and Local):** In the event a district cannot locate a certified teacher for a position or a teacher is teaching a subject outside their certification, a district must submit a request to TEA. In order to best serve WLISD students, this will allow decisions on certification to be handled locally.

Summary of Process

- Conduct Public Hearing concerning District of Innovation Resolution.
- WLISD Board consider to Adopt a Resolution
- Decision to decline or appoint a District of Innovation Committee
- Develop Strategic Plan
- Provide Plan for Review (Public/District of Innovation Team/TEA)
- District of Innovation Team votes on Strategic Plan
- WLISD Board votes on Strategic Plan

HD 1842: District of Innovation

- ◆ HB 1842 provides WLISD with the opportunity to design a strategic plan according to the needs and resources of our district while maximizing local control.

District of Innovation Committee Members:

Dewitt Smith: Superintendent

Scotty Carman: HS Principal

Linda Jolly: Elem. Principal

Lance Wineinger: Asst. Principal

Amanda Smith: Elem. Teacher

Tiffany Youngblood: Elem. Teacher

Susan Abbott: JH Teacher

Vonda Warren: HS Teacher

Isela Flores: WLISD Parent

Charity Smith: Business Rep.

Courtney Woody: District Nurse