

**Grandview-Hopkins ISD
District of Innovation District Planning Committee Meeting**

May 20, 2024

11:00 a.m.

2024-2029 District of Innovation Plan

Background

House Bill 1842, passed during the 84th Legislative Session, permits Texas public school districts to become Districts of Innovation and to obtain exemption from certain provisions of the Texas Education Code.

Term

The term of the Plan is for five years. The plan will begin with the 2024-25 school year and conclude at the end of the 2028-29 school year unless terminated by the Board of Trustees. The effectiveness of the plan will be monitored and any changes to the plan will be recommended to the board before June 1 of each school year.

District Level District of Innovation Committee

Kent Hargis	Superintendent	_____
Judith Ingle	Teacher	_____
Megan Story	Teacher	_____
Maggie Camden	Teacher	_____
Deborah Davis	Teacher	_____
Kelley Smith	Teacher	_____
Melissa Watson	Teacher	_____
Angel Wheeler	Teacher	_____
JoAnna Kuehler	Administrative Assistant	_____
LuAnn Albus	Instructional Aide	_____
Audrey Stidham	Instructional Aide and Bus Driver	_____

Innovations

1. School Calendar (TEC ~25.0811) (TEC ~25.0812); Board Policies (EB LEGAL) (EB LOCAL)

Currently, section 25.0811 of the Texas Education Code states that a school district may not begin instruction before the fourth Monday in August. Section 25.0812 states that a school district may not schedule the last day of school before May 15.

The Plan allows Grandview-Hopkins ISD flexibility in the school calendar start and end dates. It also allows the District to use the minutes earned within the District to provide additional flexibility in the instructional calendar. This flexibility allows the District to determine locally, on an annual basis, what start and end dates best meet the needs of the district.

Also, because Grandview-Hopkins is a k-6 district that shares students and works to coordinate our instructional calendar with neighboring districts, becoming a District of Innovation will allow flexibility to adopt an instruction calendar that aligns with neighboring districts, all of whom are currently Districts of Innovation.

2. Teacher Contract Days (TEC 21.401b(DCB Legal), DCB Local)

TEC 25.081 changed instructional time for students from 180 days to 75,600 minutes. Current education law in Chapter 21 requires a teacher who is on a 10-month contract to work an equivalent of 187 days.

In an attempt to align teacher work days to the 75,600 minutes required of students, Grandview-Hopkins ISD may reduce the required service days from 187 work days to 182 days with no decrease in pay or effect on salaries.

3. Length of School Day (EC Legal) (TEC 25.082)

A school day, as stated in the Student Attendance and Accounting Handbook 3.8.1, must be at least 420 minutes including recess and intermission.

The plan gives the District the flexibility to reach the annual goal of 75,600 minutes without being limited by the 420 instructional minutes and seven hour day requirement of the statutory provisions listed above. The district may alter the length of an instructional day on a limited basis when it is locally determined as necessary or beneficial to the district. The exemption will give the district local control over scheduling and will give the district flexibility to work non-instructional days into the calendar for staff development and training.

Motion to Approve _____

Second _____

Vote _____