

District of Innovation Plan

(August 2018 – July 2023)

The district exercises innovations in the following areas under House Bill 1842 that was passed in the 84th Legislature:

TEC 25.0811 First Day of Instruction

Currently: Students may not begin school before the 4th Monday of August.

Innovation Strategy: Weimar ISD proposes to begin school earlier than the 4th Monday in August.

TEC 25.112 TEC 25.113 Class Size, Notice of Class Size

Currently: Requires districts to maintain a class size of twenty-two students or less for Kindergarten-fourth grade classes. Also requires districts notify parents of waiver filed for class size.

Innovation Strategy: Weimar ISD proposes to occasionally exceed the class size as the population in our rural district is unpredictable and often fluctuates slightly above and below this ratio. During occasions of exceeding the ratio, the district will forgo official parent notification.

TEC 21.003 Teacher Certification

Currently: Requires districts to submit a request to the Texas Education Agency for permission to fill a position with personnel that does not hold corresponding certifications.

Innovation Strategy: Weimar ISD proposes to occasionally hire personnel exempted from certification requirements to fill positions within the District. This will not be applicable to special education or bilingual teachers.

TEC 25.081 Length of School Day

Currently: Requires that each school days must be 420 minutes long in order to count for ADA calculations and funding purposes and to accumulate instructional minutes toward the 75,600 minutes of instruction required for students annually.

Innovation Strategy: Weimar ISD proposes to include early release days throughout the school year when it is determined necessary or beneficial to the district and its stakeholders. To the greatest extent possible, these days will be denoted on the school calendar.

TEC 25.036 Inter-District Transfers

Currently: Requires that the length of the transfer period must be the entirety of one school year.

Innovation Strategy: Weimar ISD proposes to allow the Superintendent to revoke transfer agreements at any time that a student fails to meet attendance requirements, is suspended, or placed in DAEP.