

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ALLEN ISD DISTRICT INNOVATION PLAN
ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY BOARD, NOVEMBER 28, 2016

Allen ISD has determined a need to apply for an amendment to our District Innovation Plan to allow an exemption to allow us flexibility to adjust minutes of instruction to assist with personalized learning to better meet student needs. It also has the added benefit of allowing the possibility of an altered length of school day, which may include, for example, a later start/early release time which will accommodate additional professional development/collaboration opportunities for faculty and staff. Exemption sought by this Amendment to our Local Innovation Plan:

Texas Education Code
Chapter 25 – Operation of Schools
Minimum minutes of instruction §25.081(e)
Currently:

House Bill (HB) 2610, passed by the 84th Texas Legislature, amends the Texas Education Code (TEC), §25.081, by striking language requiring 180 days of instruction and replacing this language with language requiring districts and charter schools to add minutes as necessary to compensate for minutes of instruction lost due to school closures caused by disaster, flood, extreme weather condition, fuel curtailment or another calamity. For each school year, each school district must operate so that the district provides for at least 75,600 minutes of instruction, including intermissions and recesses. For the purposes of this Code, a day of instruction is 420 minutes in meeting the 75,600 minutes for the year.

In order to conduct the best innovative program we can for AISD students, staff and the community, AISD may want to vary the length of the school day to provide flexibility in scheduling. The District understands that there may be funding implications to this component of the Innovation Plan.

Proposed Exemption: Minimum Minutes of Instruction (EC LEGAL & EB LEGAL) (Ed. Code 25.081)

- TEC §25.081: For each school year, each school district must operate so that the district provides for at least 75,600 minutes of instruction, including intermissions and recesses, for students.

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DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Dr. Maroba M. Zoeller, Chair
Chief Governmental Relations Officer

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