WISD District of Innovation Plan 2017-2022

The following 2 changes to the Texas Educational Code will constitute Whitesboro ISD’s initial District of Innovation Plan, for the length of 5 years. This plan will become effective starting in the 2017-2018 school year. Our plan will be reviewed annually, at any point in which legislation alters our need for DOI and at any point an additional change of the Texas Educational Code becomes a local need as defined by the WISD DOI plan.

1. School Start Date
   (EB LEGAL) (Ed. Code 25.0811)

   **Current Law:**

   SUBCHAPTER C. OPERATION OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

   Sec. 25.0811. FIRST DAY OF INSTRUCTION. (a) Except as provided by this section, a school district may not begin instruction for students for a school year before the fourth Monday in August. A school district may:

   (1) begin instruction for students for a school year before the fourth Monday in August if the district operates a year-round system under Section 25.084;

   **Adopted:**

   Whitesboro ISD’s District of Innovation plan submits the following change regarding Education Code 25.0811 to read as follows:

   Whitesboro ISD will not begin instruction for students for a school year before the third Monday in August.

   **Benefit:**

   a. Students will begin no earlier than the 3rd Monday of August.
   b. This will allow the first and second semesters to be closer in the number of days of instruction.
   c. Allows the maximization of instructional days prior to State Mandated Testing
   d. The goal is to improve the district attendance rate and student success through the flexibility in the calendar.
2. Defined Contractual “Days”

**Current Law**

SUBCHAPTER I. DUTIES AND BENEFITS

Sec. 21.401. MINIMUM SERVICE REQUIRED.

(a) A contract between a school district and an educator must be for a minimum of 10 months' service.

(b) An educator employed under a 10-month contract must provide a minimum of 187 days of service.

**Adopted:**

Whitesboro ISD’s District of Innovation plan submits the following changes to its local policy by exempting Educational Code Chapter 21.401. MINIMUM SERVICE REQUIREMENT and amending that provision to read as follows:

“An educator employed under a 10-month contract must serve the school district for 10 months and up to 187 days of service. This contract includes the required 75,600 student instructional minutes plus district approved professional development days and the locally, board adopted, school calendar, **not to exceed 187 days of service.**”

**Benefit:**

This change allows our teachers to fulfill the requirements of their chapter 21 contract, fulfill the requirements of the locally adopted school calendar and fulfill the requirements of the locally developed Professional Development plan as defined by the adopted school year calendar without adding additional days in order to comply with a “minimum” of 187 days of service.