

What Is It?

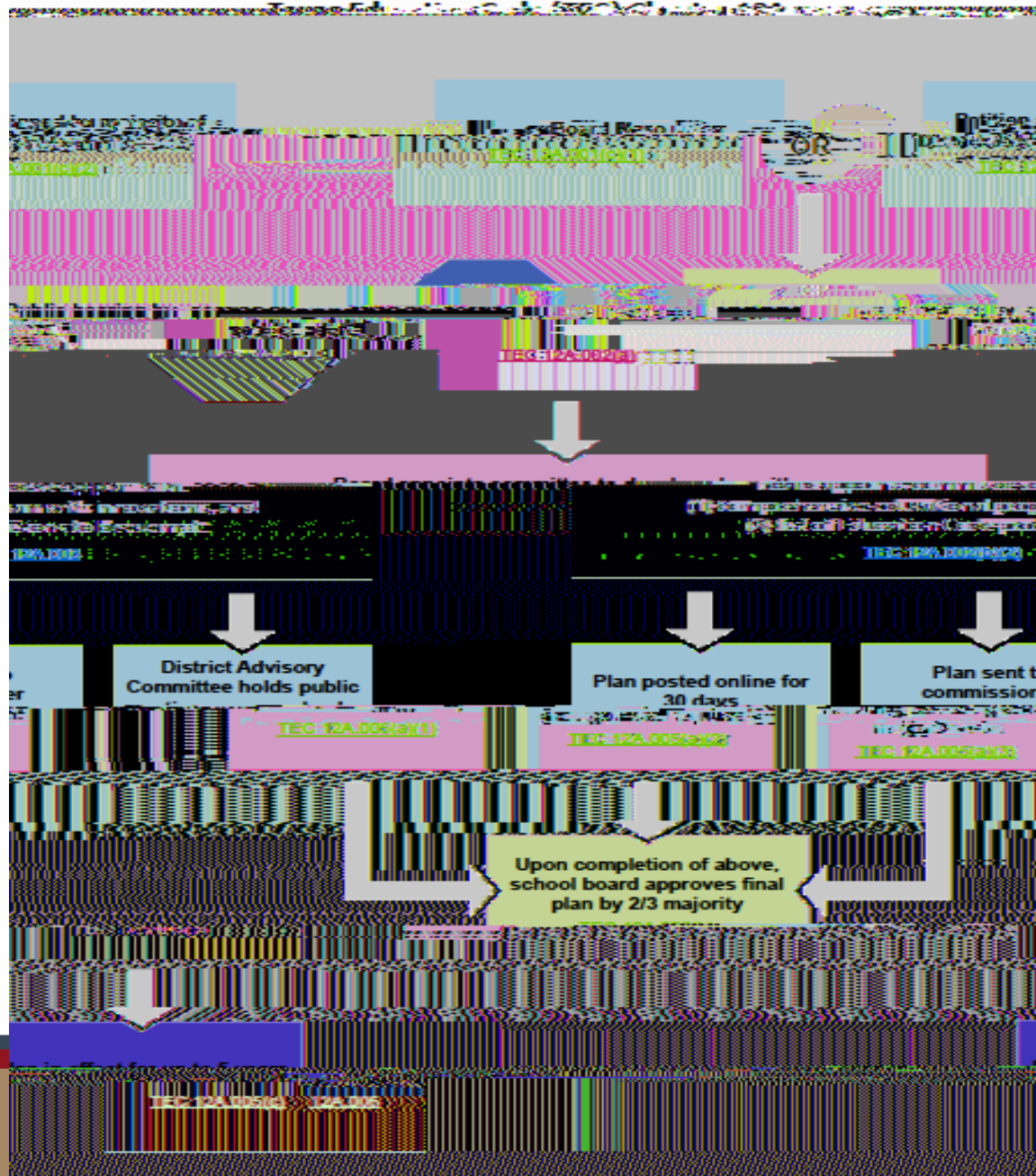
A District of Innovation is a concept passed by the 84th Legislative Session in House Bill 1842, effective immediately, that gives traditional independent school districts most of the flexibilities available to Texas' open enrollment charter schools. To access these flexibilities, a school district must adopt an innovation plan, as set forth in the Texas Education Code chapter 12A.

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What Can It Be Used For?



Process to Become a District of Innovation





Timeline for Development of Plan

- May 16, 2016: EMS ISD Board of Trustees voted to adopt a Resolution to explore the designation of a District of Innovation
- May 16, 2016: Board of Trustees appointed a District of Innovation Planning Committee to develop a plan
- May 16, 2016: Board of Trustees declared an open public hearing to hear public comment
- September 12, October 3, December 1, 2016: Committee met and drafted a plan to present to the Board of Trustees
- December 5- January 11, 2016: Presentation to all campuses
- December 5 through January 11, 2016: EMS ISD District of Innovation Plan posted on EMSISD Website for a minimum 30 day period.

- December 12, 2016: Dr. Barnes presents the District of Innovation plan to the Board. Board President Newcom notifies the Commissioner of Education Morath of Intent to Adopt District of Innovation plan report.
- January 11, 2017: DPAC met and discussed feedback and suggestions for improvement. Final version was approved with a majority vote.
- January 17, 2017: EMS ISD District of Innovation Public Hearing

At this time, we ask that you consider to adopt the EMS ISD District of Innovation Plan. For final approval, it must be passed by a two thirds majority vote.