



District of Innovation Application Summary

House Bill 37 provides Kentucky public school districts the opportunity to apply to the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) to be designated a District of Innovation for a five year period, and thereby be exempt from certain administrative regulations and statutory provisions, as well as waiving local board policy, in an effort to improve the learning of students. Framework to create innovation in the district was developed using four strategies. Application due May 1.

Innovation Strategy 1 - Creating equal access to highly effective instruction through professional collaboration

- Via technology, share excellent instruction and connect high performing, more experienced teachers and PLCs to less experienced teachers and PLCs
- Move towards a competency based curriculum with a mastery approach

Applicable waiver requests: KRS 169.010 and 702 KAR 7:125 (Pupil Attendance) – redefining what constitutes attendance and seat time

KRS 156.070 - consider different ways for teachers to be compensated for teaching in different settings.

Innovation Strategy 2 – Through partnerships with business and community expand learning opportunities for students to focus on more personalized instruction

- Using apps such as Opporteen and CatSpan to connect teachers, students, parents, mentors and counselors for mentorships, internships. for which students would get credit.

Applicable waiver requests: KRS 158.160 and 704 KAR 3:305 –reconsider course of study and minimum credit requirements for high school graduation.

KRS 169.010 and 702 KAR 7:125 (Pupil Attendance)

Innovation Strategy 3 – Creating Schools of Innovation

- Reconfigure Priority schools through School of Innovation contest w/ community teams
- Create a fifth intervention option for Priority schools
- Changing districtwide magnets to an A5 school status

Applicable waiver requests: - KRS 160.346 (HB 176 2010 RS) – innovative intervention at Priority schools KRS 156.070 & KRS 156.060702 KAR 7:140, Section 6 - reconsider what constitutes a school day to better meet student needs.

Innovation Strategy 4 - Creating a system of support for each student to be successful

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